STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES
November 27, 2001

I. ROLL CALL: Brigetta Brandt, Corrine Hairston, Jocelyn Martin, Pam Sherry, Erin Molloy and Nicole Acheson were absent.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2001: The Minutes were accepted.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Shane Eldredge*

A. Shane recognized Vice President Arthur Jackson to update SGA on the status of the state budget and how it will affect Westfield State College:

All dialogue contained in the November 27 SGA Minutes is an adaptation an statements may be paraphrased.

1. *Dr. Jackson* - There will be fifty million dollars cut statewide to the state budget. Westfield State College alone will lose $600-800 in funds from the state. One way that we are handling this shortfall is by cutting back on discretionary spending such as travel, new equipment purchases and there is currently a freeze on new hires. You can see that we are already doing cut backs on the administrative end. There will quite possibly be an increase in fees for next fall but it will not be the $1,000 that you are hearing about. If fees go up, it will be by $100 - $200 at the most. Room and board will most likely go up by three to four percent for next fall and that is due to inflation. By December 5 we plan to know the budget for next year. The Governor's office did let us know that they will be funding all of the contracts with higher education through a supplemental budget. These contracts include the MSCA (faculty union), APA (administration union), and AFSME (clerical/maintainers).
2. *Amanda Perrin* - With the new budget cuts, will there be layoffs?
   Dr. Jackson - There will be no layoffs but we may have to keep a freeze on vacant positions until we can get the funds to accommodate them.
3. *Paul Devine* - I heard there was rumor that the Library budget was cut in half?
   Dr. Jackson - $136,000 in funds were cut from the Library but the college will cover that amount from its funds to maintain hours and service for students.
4. *Rhiannon D'Angelo* - Is it true that 300 freshman were accepted for next semester?
   Dr. Jackson - There were 250 students accepted and most are transfer students.
   Rhiannon D'Angelo - Where will they be living?
   Dr. Jackson - Most of them will be commuting. We are not offering most students housing for January. They will have to commute and get a space for the fall. We will probably accept fewer freshman next fall.
5. *Amanda Perrin* - You can't expect freshman who live far away to commute. Is someone on campus going to help students get off campus housing?
6. *Susan LaMontagne* - The college placed an ad in the Springfield and Westfield papers in the fall and this

brought in a lot of listings for students. We put another ad in last week and it has already brought in some listings. We will continue to do this each semester.

7. *Amanda Perrin* - Is there are way to make a perk for living off campus to make it appealing to Juniors and Seniors and make room for freshman?
   Dr. Jackson - This year there was a trial incentive program started for students who live in a twenty mile radius of the college and we only got twelve responses.
8. *Beth Johansson* - You mentioned that the services in the Library won't change. Will this have any impact on the changes in the current hours that students are trying to work out with Mr. Gibson?
9. *Dr. Jackson* - Mr. Gibson conducts surveys to determine student utilization of library hours. The library is closing at a time when there are very few students still using the library. In order to increase the time that the library is open, there needs to be a demand and I'm sure it would be looked at if that were the case.
10. *Jen Plourd* - Do we have enough people withdrawing to make room for the incoming freshman as far as parking goes?
    Dr. Jackson - Yes, parking will be available because we lose about 150 students a semester due to many different factors.
11. *Meg Canning* - If we are gong to have all this traffic, is there any consideration given to having more bridges in town?
    Dr. Jackson - Yes, there will be two new bridges. One going towards the Mass Pike and the other on Route 20. We expect construction to start in the spring.
12. *Meg Canning* - We are working on getting the Sunday night hours changed in the library. Is this useless due to the budget cuts?
    Dr. Jackson - Bring a proposal to me and we will entertain it.
13. *Sarah Muollo* - Is there any thought to breaking down forced triples?
    Dr. Jackson - That is our first goal. We want to break down the forces triples and get students out of the lounges. We are trying to eliminate this for the spring semester.
14. *Amanda Perrin* - Is there any consideration given to expanding the commuter lot?
    Dr. Jackson - We are considering expanding South Lot for commuters.
15. *Jenn Prior* - Do you think bringing more students on campus will change the atmosphere of the campus?
    Dr. Jackson - We will only increase our population by 150 students. There is no substantial plan to expand the campus more than this.
16. *Beth Johansson* - Will the budget cuts affect plans for the Field House?
    Dr. Jackson - No, that is already set but we do have to raise about two million dollars to complete the project.
17. *Meg Canning* - Can you talk about the break-in's at

South Lot?
Chief Scannell - There were eleven cars involved. We have very good leads on this case.

18. *Paul Devine* - Is there any progress in the elevator projects for Bates and Ely?
Dr. Jackson - Ely is next in line and then Bates. However, the college has to pay about $600,000 for each elevator. These projects may have to be put on hold for another year based on the budget cut backs.
Paul Devine - There isn't accessibility to the TV station for students with special needs.
Barbara Hand - There is a freight elevator. As horrible as it is, it will get them up there until we get an elevator.
Amanda Perrin - Shouldn't doing things like this take priority because of the ADA? I'm surprised the college hasn't been sued.
Shane Eldredge - As long as it is in the five year plan, is isn't illegal.
Dr. Jackson - The campus has recognized this and we are doing what we can with the money we have. We can only do so much with our budget. These projects are on the master plan.

It was moved by Paul Devine and seconded to table discussion on this issue until New Business. The motion was accepted.

B. Paul Devine is the newest member of the Rules and Regulations Committee.
C. The Executive Council is currently organizing a Welcome Back social for students and faculty. This has been tentatively scheduled for January 31. The goal is to become better acquainted with our professors. Any feedback or suggestions are encouraged.
D. We are making a slight change to the way our meetings are conducted. We had asked that students only ask questions about the material in our respective reports. I want everyone to know that you can ask anything within reason. We are here to give information so please speak up.
E. There will be a "Wednesdays at Westfield" this week. Tour guides are needed. If you can do this, please go to the Scanlon Lobby at 10:00 a.m.

The President's Report was closed.

IV. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: *Jonathan Harris*
A. The Student Advisory Council Meeting has been postponed until Thursday, December 6. The meeting will be held at Salem State College.
B. The next Board of Trustees' Meeting will be held on December 12 with committee meetings on December 5.
C. The Curriculum Committee still needs two students and the Student Affairs Committee needs three students.

The Board of Trustees' Report was closed.

V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE: *Brent Fisher*
A. Student Life Committee: No Report
B. Multicultural: No Report

C. Food Services Committee: *Tom Amos*
   1. Table tents are on tables in the Dining Commons to promote new items/upon request items.
   2. Everything Bagels are now available in the Dining Commons.
   3. The Food Services Committee will meet on December 3 at 4:30 p.m. in the Dining Commons. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to attend a meeting.

D. Health Committee: *Bob McDonald*
   1. Flu Vaccinations will be available at the following locations:

      Wal-Mart
      November 29
      9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
      CVS
      December 8
      10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
      The cost is either $15.00 or $16.00.

   2. December 1 is "World Aids Day."
   3. There will be a Blood Drive on Monday, December 10 from 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Scanlon Banquet Hall. The target donation is 105 units. You can sign up in the Dining Commons beginning early next week. Each person donating blood will receive a free t-shirt.
   4. The month of December is "National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Month."
   5. The Health Committee will be participating in the Health Fair during "Women's Awareness Week" in March.
   6. The mailing for Daffodil Days will be done over the Christmas break. We will need SGA members to help stuff envelopes and distribute flowers in March.

E. Neighborhood Association Committee: *Amanda Perrin*
   1. We met our goal and raised $600.00 for the Salvation Army. We were able to purchase food for 22 turkey dinners at the Big Y as well as buy two $25.00 gift certificates and one $20.00 gift certificate. I would like to thank all who donated and especially those who helped me count change (Carrie Bissonnette, Jen Plourd, Meg Canning, Beth Johansson and Katelin Kennedy) and a big thank you to Barbara Hand for helping me push carts and deliver the food to the Salvation Army. (I would also like to thank Public Safety for their very generous donation brought down to SGA.)
   2. We want to do the "Ringing of the Bells" for the Salvation Army if there is student interest.

F. Parking Control Board: No Report

G. Alcohol Review Board: *Brent Fisher*
   1. The Alcohol Review Board met and accepted two proposals. One for the Winter White Stag on December 7 (sponsored by the Class of 2003) and one for a Senior Night on December 14 (sponsored by the Class of 2002). Both of these proposals will be given to Vice President Jackson for his approval.

H. Substance Advisory Committee: *Brent Fisher*
   1. The Substance Advisory Committee will meet on November

28 at noon to discuss the 5/5/50 policy.

I. The Residence Halls will close for the semester break on Friday, December 21.

J. I will talk to Residential Life about the hot water problem in the apartments. It seems as though the water is scalding hot all the time and these apartments can't get any cold water. I will have more for you on that next week.

K. The student phone books are out.

L. There will be pizza and soda at the last SGA Meeting for the fall semester. The last meeting will be held on December 11. We will have the pizza delivered for 5:00 p.m. in the Student Art Gallery.

The Vice President's Report-Student Life was closed.

VI. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Angela LaPierre*

A. The next Coffeehouse will be held on Wednesday, December 5 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ely Main Lounge. CAB is looking to make it a benefit Coffeehouse (we are still looking for a cause) and possibly having Pictures with Santa.

B. The Weekend Programming Committee is sponsoring a trip to New York City on Saturday, December 8. The buses will leave from in front of Scanlon Hall at 7:00 a.m. and will be leaving New York City at 9:00 p.m. This cost to students is only $5.00.

C. Habitat for Humanity will be going around the residence halls tonight collecting money for their organization.

D. CAB will once again be sponsoring "Study Breaks" on the nights of Monday, December 17, Tuesday, December 18 and Wednesday, December 19. There will be coffee and donuts in the Ely Main Lounge beginning at 8:00 p.m.

E. CAB meets on Wednesdays at 4:45 p.m. in the SGA Room. The Weekend Programming Committee meets in the SGA Room at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The Vice President's Report-Programming was accepted.

VII. FINANCE REPORT: No Report

VIII. SECRETARY'S REPORT: *Kathryn Gelinas/Katelin Kennedy*

A. Just a reminder that each Senator has only four absences for the entire year. One missed role call is a half absence. Also, please try to keep up with your half hours.

B. If you volunteer as a Tour Guide for "Wednesdays at Westfield," it counts as a half hour.

The Secretary's Report was closed.

IX. BOARD OF GOVERNORS' REPORT: No Report

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Rules and Regulations Committee: *Gary Muddiman*

1. The Rules and Regulations Committee will meet after the SGA Meeting.

XI. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:

A. Commuter Council: *Sarah Miller*

1. The Commuter Council will have Dunkin Munchkins and cider for commuters on November 28 from 8:00 - 10:30 a.m. at the Taco Bell Lounge.
2. The Commuter Council will have cookies and egg nog for commuters on Tuesday, December 11 at our last meeting before break.
3. The Commuter Council meets on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. in Ely 147.

B. Senior Class: *Meg Canning*
1. There are two sign up sheets going around right now. One for the last Wednesday at Westfield and the other for the Boys and Girls Club on Friday. Please sign up if interested.
2. Our Pilgrim Candle Fund Raiser went very well. We raised more than $570.00 for our class. Thank you to everyone who bought candles for the holidays.
3. The next Senior Night will be held on December 14 from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. in the Third World Room.
4. The Class of 2002 will meet on November 29 at 5:00 p.m. in the SGA Room.

C. Junior Class: No Report

D. Sophomore Class: *Erin McKenna*
1. The Class of 2004 is doing a "Westfield State College Monopoly Game" fund raiser. All the details are not worked out yet but we should have things finalized soon.
2. We are working on a project to help a camp for kids with HIV/AIDS. They have a wish list of items that they need to send the kids to camp.
3. We are looking into a ski trip for next semester.
4. We are working on our web site.
5. The Class of 2004 will meet on December 4 at 4:30 p.m. in the Dickinson Commons Room.

E. Freshman Class: *Nicki Becker*
1. Our Movie/Pizza Night was postponed until December 16 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ely Lower Lounge. We will order ten pizzas and charge students $1.00 to attend.
2. The Class of 2005 will sponsor a "Charity Tree" in the Ely Main Lobby. We will begin selling Christmas Balls at the Service Window for $1.00 on December 10. All proceeds will go to the "All I Want For Christmas" charity sponsored by Channel 40.
3. Plans are underway for a "Singled Out" event for next semester. The details on how the game will be played are being worked out. This date is tentatively scheduled for February 13.
4. The Class of 2005 will meet on December 3 at 5:00 p.m. in the SGA Room.

F. Apartment Complex: *Steve Penney*
1. The Car Smash fund raiser has been canceled for this semester.
2. The Apartment Complex Council will offer gift wrapping services as a fund raiser for the holidays.
3. We will be selling Candy Cane Grams next week.
4. The Apartment Complex Council will meet on November 27 at 9:00 p.m.

G. Courtney Hall: *Jonathan Witowski*
1. Courtney Hall will sponsor "Pictures with Santa" in

the Main Lounge on December 5 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The cost will be $1.00 per picture.

2. The Courtney Hall Council will meet on December 2 at 8:00 p.m. in Courtney Hall.

H. Davis Hall: No Report

I. Dickinson Hall: *Kelly Fay*

1. Our trip to the Lee Outlets has been canceled due to a lack of interest.
2. During the week on finals, our officers will be baking cookies for the residents in our hall. We will also be sponsoring a night of Study Breaks.
3. On December 3, Dickinson Hall will begin collecting toy gifts for Toys for Tots.
4. The Dickinson Hall Council will meet on November 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the Dickinson Hall Council Office.

J. Lammers Hall: *Magaly Santana*

1. We are looking for a driver for the Falcons Game on December 9. This person needs to be over 21 and will receive a complimentary ticket.
2. Lammers Hall will have a Lounge Decorating Contest for the holidays. There will be one winner per tower. The winners will have a pizza party. The deadline to sign up for this contest is December 4. The lounges will be judged on December 5 at 8:30 p.m.
3. We are planning to do a long sleeved t-shirt sale (Lammers Hall 2001-2002). There will be a contest for the logo and the winner will get a free shirt and a $25.00 gift certificate to Applebee's. The deadline will be February 6, 2002.
4. We will be doing a survey soon to find out what type of community service our residents would like to do.
5. Lammers Hall Council will meet on November 29 at 5:00 p.m. in the Lammers Lounge.

K. Scanlon Hall: No Report

The Commuter Council, Class and Hall Report was closed.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No Unfinished Business

XIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. It was moved and seconded to open New Business. The motion was accepted. Paul Devine explained that he requested that discussion on the elevators in Bates and Ely be tabled until he could have someone come to a meeting to address this issue. He is forming a group called "Common Ground" to bring awareness to people with disabilities.

B. Vice President Jackson announced that the committee on the "Week Celebrating Women" would like to work with CAB to insure that programming for this week does not conflict with CAB programming. It was moved and seconded to close New Business. The motion was accepted.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. *Amanda Perrin* - 175 days until Graduation!

B. *Jenn Prior* - The Winter White Stag is on December 7.

Tickets are on sale at the Service Window.

C. *Paul Devine* - The TV Club is selling Holiday Grams for $1.00.

D. *Mike Higgins* - "Sex and Chocolate" workshop tonight in the Davis Commons Room at 7:30 p.m.

E. *Magaly Santana* - LAFE is sponsoring their Date Auction tonight in the Ely Main Lounge.

XV. ROLL CALL: Brigetta Brandt, Kristen Swenson, Mike Steuterman, Corrine Hairston, Jocelyn Martin, Jill Fabrucci, Pam Sherry, Erin Molloy and Nicole Acheson were absent. Lindsay Callahan was excused.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Gelinas

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Executive Secretary

You know Pedro and A-Rod, Jeter and Gonzo as some of baseball's best Latino stars. But do you know literary heavy hitters Gustavo, Rosalia, Ruben, Alfonsina, Gabriela and Frederico? Now that the World Series is over, we can stay in touch with other superstar *amigos*!

Come join us as we discover together the varied poetic voices of world Hispanic cultures. Help plan...

A NIGHT OF LATINO POETRY READINGS

"Un perfume como una acida espada de cuiruelas en un camino – A perfume like an acid plum/sword on the road"

– *Juventud (Youth)* by Pablo Neruda

STEP ONE: An informal, un-meeting to semi-organize a get-together:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 7-8 PM

At JESTER'S COFFEE HOUSE AND DELI
124 Elm Street, Downtown Westfield

STEP TWO: A Performance evening of readings from Latino poets, famous and undiscovered:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH,

7-8 pm Coffee; 8-9 pm Readings; 9-9:30 pm Discussion
At JESTER'S

INTERESTED AND WANT TO HELP?
INTERESTED AND WANT TO READ SOME POETRY?
INTERESTED BUT DON'T HAVE TIME RIGHT NOW?
INTERESTED AND WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP AT A LATER DATE?
NOT INTERESTED? (Too bad; maybe next time.)

Contact Professor John Catalini at x5525
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PROPOSAL FORM

Requesting Club: Martial Arts Club

Contact Name: Martin Lee

Phone Number: Extension 7908

Date Submitted: December 5, 2001

Total Funds Requested: $250.00

Description and Outline of Funds Requested:

The funds requested are towards the instructor's payment for the Fall 2001 Semester. Martin has been teaching the martial arts club for the last four semesters. They meet three times a week for two hours each class.

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Expected Date of Review: December 10, 2001

Actual Date of Review: December 11, 2001

Finance Committee Allocation: $250.00

SGA Allocation: _____ Votes: 5/0/1

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