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- I. ROLL CALL: Carlos Santana, Nikki Puglise, Jen Dennis, Shane Woodson and Janice Murphy were absent. Chris Sault, Eve Descant and Danielle Dube sent alternates. Derek Dufresne was excused.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 1993: The Minutes were approved with the following correction and clarification:
 - A. Section I: Melissa Reilly, who was marked absent at the beginning Roll Call, was present.
 - B. Section III Letter E Numbers 2, 3, 4 and 5: All dialogue from Laura MacWhinnie was paraphrased.
- III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Ted Christ*
 - A. Cable Committee: *Ted Christ*
 1. There is no word yet on the Federal Cable Regulations expected sometime in November. However, we are still looking into costs for bulk billing and will keep you updated on this.
 - B. Conference Selection Committee: No Report
 - C. Constitution Committee: *Ted Christ*
 1. The Constitution Committee met on October 28 and the following was initiated as changes in our SGA Constitution:
 - a. To add the Commuter Council Chair to SGA making this representation equal to that of the four classes.
 - b. To change the Third World Organization Seat to a Minority Representative Seat so as to ensure that Minorities on campus have representation on SGA.
 - c. Removed the Board of Governors' Representatives except for one exofficio voting member who will most likely be the Chair of BOG.
 2. Ted recognized Todd Audyatis, a representative of this Committee, to further elaborate on the powers of the Legislature:
 - a. *Erik Whynot* - A couple of weeks ago when Ted told us that SGA would be allocating \$200.00 to support an Alcohol Survey on campus, I questioned what other powers the Executive Council had with decisions like this and I am curious about what other powers come under their jurisdiction. In the Constitution it states that the Finance Committee is the only Committee that has the power to allocate money to clubs. What other decisions are deemed justified as executive decisions?
Todd Audyatis - Executive decisions pretty much encompass anything which they find or deem necessary to complete their executive tasks. This is something that should be brought up in a committee. We're doing a large structural change as far as seats and committees within the Student Government Association. We do have representatives from the legislature at our meetings. The more input the better - the more minds the better our Constitution will be. This is

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a tremendous opportunity to have some input that is going to last with the student body for years to come. Hopefully, we will be able to build a solid constitution that will work effectively. To do this we are going to need some input; some fresh ideas. Perhaps it is a bit rash for me to expect you to come up with some revolutionary ideas. I understand that. You have not had much of an opportunity to consider doing this yet but our meetings are on Thursday afternoons. These are things that you need to think about and should be of concern to you. It's the very reason you are down here. If you get more responsibilities and become more active, you will be more effective. I'm giving you that opportunity. I want to empower the legislature and that first step is to get your input!

- b. *Tim Souza* - The Legislature has a lot of power right now, we just don't use it. The Executive Council has the initiative to use their power and don't argue about it. That's the problem right there. It's not what powers you give us, it's what powers we use.

Todd Audyatis - So you're saying it's more a personnel problem than a structural problem?

Tim Souza - I'm not saying it's personnel. I am saying we've got to start using these powers.

- c. *Dan Szenda* - I think what Todd's saying is that you'd like more people to not just serve on the Committee but people to come to the Committee, find out what's going on and give input. I don't know if anyone from the Board of Governors' were there when you spoke about changing the Board of Governors' representation, but I think that they should be in on the discussion. Are you asking for more input from this body right now or are you asking for more people to come to these meetings and take a genuine interest in what's going on and realize that this is something that is going to stick and last for years to come.

Todd Audyatis - That is a good point. What we have been doing as a Committee is calling down the people who will be directly affected by these decisions. *Laura MacWhinnie* did come down last week with a few suggestions. I did approach *Maria Garcia* with the topic of the Third World seat and I felt, to keep consistent with that policy, that since we are dealing with the Legislature at large, I would come to the Legislature at large. Again, perhaps my expectations were a bit too ambitious considering I did just give you my presentation tonight. What I would like to do now is let you know that I am available to discuss this and I would appreciate it if everyone would give this some thought. This is a big task and I would

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appreciate your help.

- d. *Dave Gallagher* - Just to point out, your power is defined in Robert's Rules, the Constitution and the Bylaws. It would serve you well to know these documents. It's important to know that there are things left off of your parliamentary guide that you have the right to do. As far as what Tim said, if you didn't like the fact that the Executive Council allocated \$200.00, you should have requested a vote or done a number of other things.

Tim Souza - I just want to make a point regarding the \$200.00. I suggested it and you said that it was ridiculous.

- e. *Dave Kroon* - It seems to me that when you get outside of the realm of student money being allocated to student clubs (with certain exceptions) outside of our area, the body as a whole (be it executive or otherwise) does not have a lot of actual forward power. What we really are is an informational body in many respects. More than anything else, what we produce is paper. I think that definitely should be addressed.

Todd Audyatis - Exactly, and one of the questions we are dealing with is that this does tend to be a referral body. You should be making decisions and making forward movement and progress.

Ted Christ - Feel free to drop any suggestions in my box.

- f. *Todd Dorman* - Pertaining to the Board of Governors' representation, why has it been removed? What is the process behind it?

Ted Christ - It hasn't been as of yet. In the new proposed constitution, it's not going to exist. We've discussed BOG representation with Laura. We discussed it in the Constitution Committee last year. We came to the conclusion that BOG is representing a building and not necessarily people or constituents. That was the reasoning behind it.

- 3. The Constitution Committee will meet on November 4 at 4:00 p.m. in the SGA Room. At this meeting we will be discussing the functions, qualifications, election procedures, vacancies and duties of the Legislature.

C. I spoke to the Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee at UMASS. I should be receiving information of this process soon and hopefully we can begin work on creating this procedure. I will be meeting with Dr. Suzanne Davis, Chapter President of the Faculty Union, on November 3 to discuss this issue.

D. I have contacted Sue Tyrie, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, to ask that they place on their agenda the prospect of creating a comprehensive booklet for students at WSC which would incorporate information they receive through various handbooks regarding academic affairs, judicial affairs, residential life and public

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make. As far as readdresses go, we are going to be a little stricter with these. If you have a question, you stand up and ask it and you sit down. If someone does not answer, that is the only time you have the right to readdress. When you get up here to give a report, it is your floor when you are giving the report. If someone is asking a question, debating or discussing amongst the floor, you don't possess the floor any longer. You yield to the floor and now it is out to whoever has the floor. You don't have the right to interrupt anyone. You don't have the right to make motions at the spur of the moment or call the question whenever you like. You yield the floor and you go on the list just like everyone else does unless someone asks you a question directly, in which case, you answer the question and then you no longer have the floor again. When people do come up here to give a report, it means that the Legislature has given them the right to speak on that specific topic. You can't speak on any other subject except what is in your report.

- G. I need one student representative for the Parking Appeals Board and one student representative for the Registration Advisory Committee. Please see me if interested.

The President's Report was accepted.

IV. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE: Steve Dailey

A. Student Life Advisory Committee: Steve Dailey

1. I met with Jon Conlogue on October 29 regarding changes to the current Sign In Policy. He suggested that he speak to the R.A.'s and R.D.'s about this policy and see what suggestions they may have. Dr. Conlogue also stated that he has not had adequate time to review the policy.
2. I am suggesting that all students read the leaflet from ACC Long Distance which was handed out at the beginning of the semester. It addresses the questions of dialing information and using calling cards. Also, our contract with ACC Long Distance is for eleven years. Questions regarding the quality of ACC will be put onto the Residential Life Quality of Life Survey for November.
3. I am still waiting for more responses in order to act on the fire door situation at Dickinson and Davis Hall. Craig Colby and Cynthia Pucillo can elaborate on this issue and I hope to be working with Residential Life on this within the next two weeks.
4. SLAC meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in Ely 232.

B. Student Life Committee: Steve Dailey

1. The Student Life Committee met on November 1 and I was briefed by the respective Committee Chairs on their meetings. We also addressed the concerns of Dickinson Hall residents regarding Health Services to our Health Service Committee Chair, Kristin McQueston:
 - a. Tim Souza - What is the concern with Health Services?

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safety. We feel that by having this information consolidated, it would be easier for students to access what they need from all areas of the college community. Worcester State has a booklet like this and we thought the concept was great.

- E. Maureen McCartney, Director of Career Services, and Vice President Mazza approached the Executive Council regarding a fee increase they feel necessary to improve Career Services. Presently, there is a \$2.50 per semester fee for this area. It is proposed that this fee be increased to \$10.00 per semester which would generate an additional \$60,000.00 per year which would be used to increase their staffing to meet greater demands of this department. I met with Maureen on October 29 and it was decided that she would collect information and make a presentation to SGA in approximately three weeks. We must keep in mind that other fee increases have been proposed:

1. *Todd Dorman* - Do you remember any specific fees which would be increased?

Ted Christ - Dr. Applbaum did mention that he would consider turning the Owl's Nest into a health and wellness center. That project would involve a \$30.00 per semester fee. I believe that there may also be two other fees which could potentially be increased.

2. *Maegen Moore* - If they move the Owl's Nest, will there be another on campus bar?

Ted Christ - It's a possibility that they may move the equipment that they need to have a bar into the Commuter Cafe. It hasn't gone anywhere beyond a discussion between Dr. Applbaum and Andy Johnson.

3. *Kevin Cross* - Underclassmen should continuously keep pressure on Dr. Applbaum to keep the Owl's Nest open or make sure that there is a bar on campus.

Ted Christ - That was one of the first things we brought up after we discussed that.

4. *Tom Stewart* - The perfect place for a campus pub is in the old Dining Commons in Scanlon. You already have it set up with a kitchen, that the plumbing is already there. If you put bathrooms inside in the back, you wouldn't disturb the front desk of the residence hall. You may have a problem however, with the quiet hours in the residence hall.

5. *Laura MacWhinnie* - I just wanted to let you know that if you are interested in this issue, the Owl's Nest being removed or taken off campus, BOG also deals with that proposal so you can come to our meetings. You can help us prepare our proposal.

Dave Gallagher - Long Range Planning is dealing with that as well.

- F. If you feel it necessary, I can have Attorney Jim Angell or Attorney Rockne Palmer speak before an SGA Meeting to further explain or clarify certain parliamentary procedures, More specifically, I am speaking about a few changes we are going to

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Steve Dailey - The concern that was brought to me was one of identical results. Results of people being diagnosed with the same thing. I had a few people speak to me about going to their own doctors at home and having their doctor take them off the medication they were already on. I think this is a very serious issue because if something happens, it's going to make the school look bad. I don't know if this has been addressed in previous years, but I definitely want to address this now.

2. The Student Life Committee will meet on November 15 at 4:30 p.m. in Ely 232.

C. Parking Control Board: No Report

D. Alcohol Review Board: *Johanna MacAllister*

1. We have sent a request for approval to Vice President Mazza for the presence of three Class of 1994 Officers, who are underage, to be present for Class events involving alcohol. This request would also be for the Class of 1995 as sponsors of the Winter White Stag.
2. ARB also received a request for alcohol for an off campus organization. The Westfield area Mental Health Board of Directors will be sponsoring a banquet accompanied with beer and wine. We did not receive this proposed event request in ample time to respond during our weekly meeting, therefore, the request went right to Vice President Mazza. All arrangements for event facilities, Public Safety, Food Services and Legal Beverage Services had been taken care of and the event was approved.

E. Health Committee: *Kristin McQueston*

1. On November 8 there will be an HIV/AIDS Presentation in Courtney Main Lounge.
2. On November 10 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. there will be a lecture on smokeless tobacco in Courtney.
3. November 13 is the Great American Smokeout!
4. We are also planning to prepare a questionnaire to send out to all students asking them about Health Services and programs they may like to see on campus.
5. *Ted Christ* - Last year the Health Committee looked into having AIDS testing on campus. Could you please look into this?
6. *Johanna MacAllister* - Last year when I chaired this Committee, the issue with the quality of Health Services came up. I want to suggest that you seek out students who have had problems and have them submit written complaints.

F. Food Services: *Kim Shea*

1. I posted a letter on the Napkin Board inviting students to our Meetings.
2. The Whole Food Service Program Surveys are still be completed but cereal did win in the question of whether students wanted cereal or juice available at all Meetings.
3. We are still planning our trips to area schools to see their Food Service Programs.

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4. The Food Services Committee will meet on November 4 at 5:00 p.m. in the Private Dining Room.

G. Neighborhood Association Committee: *Melissa Reilly*

1. NAC is distributing the Owl to the Big Y and Foodmart Supermarkets for residents to pick up if interested. There will be approximately 500 copies left in each store.
2. Our letter to the neighbors regarding service provided such as babysitting and yard work is being approved by Daryl Hendery. The reason that Daryl is reviewing this letter is that NAC wants to extend a Referral Service to the neighbors in which whether they need yard work, babysitting or shoveling, they could call NAC and we would find a student to work for them. Fees are to be negotiated between the student and the neighbor. Daryl Hendery is helping me with the legalities of providing this service. We hope to have this letter sent to neighbors by the end of the week.
3. On November 21, NAC will be going to the Westfield Soup Kitchen to help serve dinner. We are doing this for a Thanksgiving project.
4. NAC has reserved the Scanlon Living Room for our Holiday Social with the neighbors. This event is scheduled for December 8 at 5:30 p.m..
5. The Neighborhood Association Committee will meet on November 3 at 4:00 p.m. in the SGA Room.

H. Student Affairs Committee: *Mark Bousquet*

1. The Student Affairs Committee will meet on November 3 at 3:30 p.m. in Ely 232.

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

V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Yvette Edwards*

A. Substance Abuse Awareness Committee: *Jim Godfrey*

1. SAAC will be sponsoring an "Up All Night" event on November 10. There will be movies, soda and snacks.
2. Plans are underway for our first Sober Saturday. We could possibly have this scheduled in December.
3. We are also planning other events including a speaker, a 70's Dance and a Sport's Night.
4. SAAC meets on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the SGA Room.

B. This Week:

Tuesday

PLEASE REMIND YOUR CONSTITUENTS THAT DR. APPLBAUM IS IN ELY 232 EVERY TUESDAY TO MEET WITH STUDENT!!!

Club 21 8:00 p.m. Owl's Nest

Thursday

Pizza Night at 5:00 p.m. in The Owl's Nest \$2.00 for All You Can Eat!!!

Club 21 Owl's Nest 8:00 p.m.

Friday

T.G.I.F. 6:00 p.m. with Just George \$3.00

"Grandmother's Garden" and "Chuck" Ely Main Lounge 9:00 p.m. FREE!!!

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Saturday

Battle of the Bands 6:00 p.m. Ely Main Lounge

(We will have three bands for you!!!)

- B. CAB meets on Wednesday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. in the Third World Room.

The Vice President's Report - Programming was accepted.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jen Salmon/Erin Griffith

A. Finance Committee: Jen Salmon

1. Jen Salmon moved that SGA allocate \$273.85 to the Accounting Club for their annual Practitioners Dinner to be held on December 9:
 - a. Amy Corcoran - How did the Finance Committee vote on this?
Jen Salmon - Unanimous.
 - b. Amy Corcoran - Why are there only going to be fifty people attending?
Jill Iacono - In the past two years that we have had it, that's how many people we've gotten.
 - c. Ted Christ - How will advertising and sign ups be done to provide an opportunity for everyone on campus to go?
Jill Iacono - The student in charge of Public Relations is going to hang up signs and posters all over campus.
The Motion was accepted.
2. The Finance Committee meets on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the SGA Room.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

VII. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Kelly O'Neill/Michelle Costa

- A. Election Committee: No Report
- B. Publicity Committee: No Report
- C. The November Newsletter is underway. It will be out within the week.
- D. Attendance still is not being submitted. Until now, we have been overlooking it and not counting absences for those who have been submitting attendance. This is because we feel it would not be fair for some people to receive half absences while we have no way of knowing who else should. From now on, if attendance is not submitted from a certain Committee, we will give everyone on the Committee a half absence:
 1. Mark Bousquet - What if the Committees aren't meeting?
Kelly O'Neill - Write that down on your report.
 2. Tim Souza - It seems kind of ridiculous to give everyone on a Committee a half absence if it's the Chair's fault they did not hand in a list.
Kelly O'Neill - Then make sure your Chair is taking attendance.

The Secretary's Report was accepted.

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VIII. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: Dan Szenda

A. All College Committee: Amy Corcoran

1. ACC will be meeting on November 9 at 3:45 p.m. in the President's Board Room. At that time we will be discussing the Long Range Planning Space Reallocation Proposal as well as other several other topics which were brought up in my report of October 26. ACC meetings are open! Please feel free to attend.

B. Academic Policies Committee: No Report

C. Curriculum Committee: Dave Kroon

1. The Curriculum Committee discussed and then voted on the upper level portion of the Core:
 - a. The requirements for course eligibility (in the upper level portion of the Core) were put forth and accepted.
 - b. The implementation of the course selections was accepted as a modified form of the menu option. Two courses (per student) shall be from a list of designated courses and one course (per student) shall be any 200 or 300 level course (outside the student's major department).
2. Please note that all changes up to this point are tentative and could yet be changed or removed.
3. The Progress Report on Core Revision is now available in the SGA Room.
4. The Curriculum Committee will meet on November 4 at 3:35 p.m. in Wilson 412.

D. Long Range Planning Committee: Dave Gallagher

1. With respect to the Ely Renovations Project, Secretary of Education, Piedad Robertson, is recommending to HECC that WSC receive \$14 million. Of this \$14 million, \$10.5 million will go to deferred maintenance and \$3.5 million will go to the Ely Building. A letter was sent by Dr. Abar to all concerned parties asking for their input before we begin modifications:
 - a. *Ted Christ* - I would like to point out that SGA is included in those modifications and that we will be losing our space in that proposal.
 - b. *Dan Szenda* - We may need as much support as possible to get this budget through.
 - c. *Dave Gallagher* - Deferred maintenance is any main project that the college needed done during the past ten years; i.e., sidewalk repairs.
2. The Long Range Planning Committee will meet on November 10 at 3:30 p.m. in Ely 307.

E. I would like to thank all of you who came to the Mayoral Debate and to thank you for supporting this SGA cosponsored event. I hope that in the future more Students and Senators attend these types of events.

F. The Student Advisory Council to the Higher Education Coordinating Council met on October 28 at the HECC Headquarters in Boston. At

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this Meeting we had an opportunity to meet the Chancellor of Public Higher Education, Dr. Stanley Koplik. Alex Kennedy and I were in attendance from WSC. Some issues discussed at this SAC meeting include campus deferred maintenance, campus positives and negatives (pools of excellence), the future of tuition retention and the percentage of tuition and fees as it relates to the total cost of attendance at a public institution of higher education .

1. *Ted Christ* - Have all the schools been given this opportunity? From what I understand only Westfield State and maybe one or two other schools had been given lump sums of money like this in which they were not asked to match funding.
Dan Szenda - There are two different requests. The request that involves just deferred maintenance is because the Council is trying to make the Legislature as keenly aware as possible about the problems with maintenance. This needs to be addressed within a short period of time because in cases like Westfield, we have situations such as roofs caving in and smoke stacks which are a danger to the city. Those are needs which have to be addressed first. On top of that, there are new projects planned. A new building on campus would fall under a new category. At the Administration and Finance Meeting which I attended, we described other ways in which those projects would be funded. They spoke about accomplishing this through student fees. We have two SAC Meetings before the Budget is taken to a vote. On December 3 we have a meeting at Mass College of Art with the Secretary of Education. (Chancellor Koplik will have submitted his recommendation for the budget by November 30.)
 2. *Amy Corcoran* - Can you cut it down as to what it specifically means to Westfield State College?
Dan Szenda - We are probably going to get the \$14.5 million pending legislative approval. We probably won't be getting a new building.
 3. *Dave Kroon* - What do you know about the official ways they compute the tentative fees that make up the total bill. When I spoke to President Applbaum, he said there are two ways to compute that percentage.
Dan Szenda - First of all, fees can only be added, deleted, increased or decreased by the President with the approval of the Board of Trustees. If you combine the tuition and the special purpose fee, that will make up the operating costs while the other fees have different managers of their Trust Funds.
- G. SAC will be meeting on November 28 at STCC and on December 3 at Mass Art. As stated, Secretary of Education, Piedad Robertson, will be in attendance at the meeting on December 3. I encourage as many students as possible from WSC to attend.
- H. As stated, I was at the Administration and Finance Meeting on November 1 at the HECC Headquarters in Boston and some of the issues I will be reporting to SAC on are the following: the budget

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process, strengths and weaknesses of formula funding and mission incentives.

- I. Ted and I met with Vice President Garvey regarding fundraising. We are attempting to come up with a more mutually acceptable policy.

The Board of Trustees' Report was accepted.

IX. BOARD OF GOVERNORS' REPORT: Laura MacWhinnie

- A. Five proposals were submitted to The Board of Governors. All have been approved and will be sent to Daryl Hendery. These proposals are as follows and implementation is contingent on approval by the Campus Center Staff:
 1. That smoking urns be installed by the pay phones.
 2. Recommendation for enhanced training for Campus Center Employees (and more information placed at the Information Desk).
 3. Cleaning Chart for feedback (analyze chart with time of complaints. Our goal is to figure out a better schedule to address criticism of bathroom conditions).
 4. Letter of Invitation to Faculty and Administration included with a pamphlet.
 5. Use part of an already designated area to display "WSC Achiever of the Month" recipients.
- B. Ted Christ - Have you or will you be contacted about the change in the Owl's Nest?
Laura MacWhinnie - We will be informed by Long Range Planning through Daryl Hendery. Since it is under our jurisdiction, we have been working on the outcome of the Owl's Nest.
- C. Laura MacWhinnie moved that SGA accept the resignation of Jen Dennis from SGA. The Motion was accepted.
- D. The Board of Governors will meet on November 15 at 4:30 p.m. in Ely 232.

The Board of Governors' report was accepted.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Bookstore Committee: No Report
- B. Rules and Regulations Committee: Dave Gallagher
 1. The Rules and Regulations Committee met on October 28 and on November 1. We accepted revisions to The Owl Constitution, MTG Constitution and we are still discussing the Psi Chi Honor Society.
 2. Dave Gallagher moved that SGA accept the resignation of Tim Souza as a Representative to the Rules and Regulations Committee from the Class of 1995. The Motion was accepted.
 3. Dave Gallagher moved to open nominations for this seat. The Motion was accepted. The following students from the Class of 1995 were nominated for this position:
 - Erik Whynot - did not accept the nomination
 - Meredyth Leahy - did not accept the nomination

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Dave Kroon - did not accept the nomination
Ted Christ moved to table the Motion to open nominations for this seat. The Motion to table was accepted.

4. Ted Christ moved that SGA accept the proposed change to Article IV Section 2 Subsection D Number 2 of the Student Government Association Constitution. The Motion was accepted.
5. Ted Christ moved that SGA accept the proposed change to Article IV Section 2 Subsection F Number 6 of the Student Government Constitution:

- a. *Laura MacWhinnie* - Will you be meeting twice a week or twice a month?

Ted Christ - Twice a month.

The Motion was accepted with one abstention.

6. Ted Christ moved that SGA accept the proposed change to Article V Section 3 Subsection C of the Student Government Association Constitution:

- a. *Kevin Cross* - I still think that we should only have to serve on one Committee. It is very time consuming.

Ted Christ - In order for us to function, we need Senators to serve on committees. Since the Constitution was made, we have so many more Committees and we have become a much more efficient and better run organization. If we expect to maintain this level of efficiency, we need Senators that are willing to put in more than an hour per week outside of these meetings. If we want to call ourselves Senators, we have to put in the time commitment. That is one of the biggest problem that the student body has.

Todd Dorman - We are here primarily to receive an education. When you put on additional requirements, we are willing to put in the time, we are willing to work hard but to demand this out of us may not be possible and you may lose very capable Senators by placing restrictions on them. Do you want to lose good people or keep good people.

Mark Bousquet - I agree with Ted on this. As a Chairperson of a Committee, it took me a month and a half before I was able to get members on my Committee. I think that you should have at least two committees.

Carlos Santana - As I said last week; quality not quantity. Open committee seats to students who are not Senators.

Dave Kroon - I agree that Senators *should* sit on two Committees but I don't think you should *make* Senators sit on two committees. If you force someone to be on a Committee, they may go to meetings but not do anything to contribute to that committee.

Tim Souza - It seems that we have committees for everything. I consider myself to be a dedicated

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Senator but I would hate to think that I couldn't be on Senate if I only have one committee.

Karen McManus - Keep in mind that a lot of us are involved in other things on campus. That's a good way to speak to our constituents. If we do things other than Senate, we can find out what the students of this college want.

Tricia Rocco - I can sympathize that people have time constraints. What if everyone only served on one committee? People are picking up the slack and it shouldn't be that way.

Johanna MacAllister - Advisory Committees are mostly made up of committee members that are required to be on them. There is life outside of Senate. It's not just the one hour, it's the time you put into it outside of the committee.

Lori Potter - You have to remember that our first purpose here is that we are students and our school work comes first.

Yvette Edwards - I counted about two people per committee. Without an adequate amount of people, these committees will not be effective.

Erik Whynot moved to call the question. The motion to call the question was accepted. The main motion stood on the floor that SGA accept the proposed change to Article V Section 3 Subsection C of the Student Government Association Constitution. The motion was not accepted with four abstentions: Donna Hensel, Dave Kroon, Dave Gallagher and Jen Jeffry.

7. Ted Christ moved that SGA accept the proposed change to Article V Section 3 Subsection H of the Student Government Association Constitution. The Motion was accepted.
8. Ted Christ moved that SGA accept the proposed change to Article VI Subsection O of the Student Government Association Constitution. The Motion was accepted with two abstentions.: Amy Corcoran and Dan Szenda.
9. Ted Christ announced that proposed Amendments # 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 have been accepted.
10. The Rules and Regulations Committee will meet on November 18 at 4:30 p.m. in the SGA Meeting Room.

C. Exchange Committee: *Mark Bousquet*

1. I would like to see members of the Exchange Committee after Senate.

D. Athletic Council: *Alex Kennedy*

1. The Athletic Council met and discussed the budget for next year as well as plans to get all the team captains together to discuss problems and their teams are having or may have had.
2. The Athletic Council will meet again on December 15.

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The Committee Reports were accepted.

XI. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Affirmative Action Advisory Committee: No Report
- B. Bookstore Operations Advisory Committee: No Report
- C. Campus Sign Advisory Committee: No Report
- D. Computer Advisory Committee: No Report
- E. Food Services Advisory Committee: No Report
- F. Human Relations Advisory Committee: *Laura MacWhinnie*
 - 1. I just wanted to say that Scott Nelson did a good job of reporting on the presentation by the Womponog Nation for *The Owl*. You should all read it. It's a very interesting article.
- G. Registration Advisory Committee: *Steve Pratt*
 - 1. The Registration Advisory Committee met for the first time today. We discussed several options to the registration process as well as reviewed the current process. We discussed the use of additional technology with our present registration process. The technologies discussed included on-line registration, use of light pens and bar codes to expedite lines and reduce the need for paper.
 - 2. The format of our recommendations and our Committee calendar were also discussed.
 - 3. There will be a demonstration of a possible alternative process for registration by Periphonics. This demonstration will take place on November 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the Academic Affairs Conference Room:
 - a. *Ted Christ* - I have always heard that this system was too expensive for our school. Is this something we are seriously looking at?
 - b. *Steve Pratt* - We are seriously considering it.
 - 4. The Registration Advisory Committee will meet on November 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the Parenzo Board Room.
- H. Substance Advisory Committee: *Tricia Rocco*
 - 1. We received our information packets on the Alcohol and Drug Policy and will begin to review it for our next meeting.
 - 2. We also went over the issues agenda for the year.
 - 3. SAC will meet on November 16 at 3:30 p.m. in a room TBA.

The Advisory Committee Reports were accepted.

XII. COMMUTER COUNCIL, THIRD WORLD, CLASSES AND HALLS:

- A. Commuter Council: *Todd Dorman*
 - 1. Plans for our Spaghetti Luncheon to be held on November 18 have been finalized.
 - 2. Constitution revisions are being retyped and will be going to the Council for approval.
 - 3. The Commuter Council will be taking the Ropes Course on November 14.
 - 4. Commuter Council meets on Tuesday afternoons at 4:00 p.m.

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in the SGA Conference Room.

B. Third World Organization: Maria Garcia

1. Our Halloween Party went well!
2. Our Win, Lose or Draw Contest is tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the Third World Room. This event is FREE!!!
3. The Third World Organization will meet on November 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Third World Room.

D. Junior Class: Steve Pratt

1. We are discussing final plans for the Winter White Stag. Tickets will hopefully be available within two weeks. We will be ordering an embossing stamp that will hopefully deter anyone from printing false tickets.
2. Meetings are being planned with Vice President Garvey, Vice President Mazza and Dr. Applbaum.
3. We are currently deciding on a more convenient meeting schedule for our Class.

E. Sophomore Class: Angie Nydam

1. The Class Officers met on November 1 and discussed the final format for the telephone directory, sponsors for this directory as well as the scratch ticket raffle. We're making great progress on the directory and will hopefully be sending an original to the printer by November 8.
 - a. *Ted Christ* - You did a good job getting this out and publicized.
Amy Corcoran - I know that there was some question concerning people who did not want their names listed. Did you verify this request with them?
Angie Nydam - That was discussed and we decided that at our next meeting we would call everyone who does not want to be published and verify that this request actually did come from them.
2. The Class of 1996 will meet on November 8 at 5:00 p.m. in the SGA Room.

F. Freshman Class: Eve Descant

1. The Class of 1997 will be selling refreshments at the November 20 performance of the Music & More Series.
2. We will be selling shakers/pom poms at Basketball Games.
3. A car smash is possible as a fundraiser. Gary's Towing will provide us with a mangled car and for \$1.00 you get three whacks to help mangle the car some more.
4. There will be a Class Meeting for all members of the Class of 1997 to attend on November 7 in either the Dickinson or Davis Commons Room.
5. The Freshman Class will be selling soda and lemonade at the Winter White Stag.
6. The Class of 1997 will meet on November 9 at 3:30 p.m. in the Ely Campus Center.

C. Senior Class: Johanna MacAllister

1. Our Spring Break Meeting is scheduled for November 3 at 6:30 p.m. in Wilson Auditorium A. The Company we are working

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with is now offering us money or a free trip for every twenty people that sign up through our Class instead of anyone else.

2. Dr. Martin was unable to attend our last Class Meeting. Hopefully he will be able to make it to our next meeting. In his absence we came up with some names of possible graduation speakers.
3. Our next Countdown '94 is scheduled for November 10 from 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. in the Owl's Nest. Admission is \$2.00 and there will be a live band for entertainment.
4. The Class of 1994 will meet on November 3 at 6:15 p.m. in Wilson Auditorium A.

G. Apartment Complex: *Jim Godfrey*

1. No one participated in the Hall Dues Collection Contest, therefore, the pizza party was cancelled.
2. We are considering other ways in which to collect dues. We do need to collect these dues in order to offer Apartment Complex events without charging Residents extra money. We need to be able to purchase cups which will be placed in Senior Week Packets, as a gift from Hall Council, for the traditional "cup time" during Senior Week. We are also required to leave a stipend of \$200.00 in the Hall Council Account for the incoming Council:

a. *Ted Christ* - If Apartment Complex dues are paid, you should utilize those funds and spend to zero.

Jim Godfrey - Approximately one half of our money was left over from last year. It's not all dues.

Kathi Bradford - In the Apartments, the tradition was established ten years ago to leave a small amount of money so that there would be funds available for the next year.

3. The Apartments will be sponsoring a Hayride on November 10 for Apartment Complex residents only. This will cost \$5.00 if you have paid dues and \$6.00 if dues have not been paid. We will be leaving campus at 5:30 and the Hayride will begin at 6:00 p.m.
4. Plans are going well for our Bruins/Whaler's Game game.

H. Courtney Hall: *Erik Whynot*

1. We are looking into getting a handicap accessible bus for the Patriot's Game. One of our handicapped students expressed an interest in attending this game so we are trying to see if we can accommodate him.
2. We decided to look into buying a Hoover Vacuum from Sears and weight room equipment.
3. Courtney Hall Council is still collecting hall dues.
4. The Courtney Hall Council will meet on November 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hall Council Room.

I. Davis Hall: *Craig Colby*

1. We should be getting our microwave and vacuums soon!
2. Davis Hall Council will meet on November 3 at 8:00 p.m. in the Davis Commons Room.

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J. Dickinson Hall: Cynthia Pucillo

1. We have set up a Movie/Munchie Night for November 18 at 9:00 p.m. We are currently having residents sign up for it.
2. Dickinson Hall Council is still waiting for approval from Vice President Garvey about our Candy Cane Sale.
3. We currently have 110 surveys for the section doors and are still doing our best to encourage students to complete this survey.
4. Dickinson Hall Council will meet on November 8 at 9:00 p.m. in the Dickinson Hall Council Room.

K. Lammers Hall: Scott Ross

1. We announced the winners of our section Halloween Decorating Contest. The winners have been invited to a pizza party to be held on November 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lammers's T.V. Room.
2. Our Table Tennis Tournament will be held on November 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lammers Laundry Room. A prize will be awarded to the winner; the value of the prize will depend on the number of participants.
3. Lammers Hall Council will meet on November 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lammers's T.V. Room.

L. Scanlon Hall: No Report

The Commuter Council, Third World, Class and Hall Reports were accepted.

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Laura MacWhinnie moved to open New Business. The motion was accepted. Laura extended a public apology to the students in Lammers who are being harassed because of the "rebel flags."
1. Kevin Jose - I just wanted to say that I wish you would go out and understand something before you make a judgement. I know you're out for unity, but I figured you would go and actually find out about the reasoning before you made a statement. You hurt me and many people by making your comments.
Laura MacWhinnie - What did I do incorrectly? What my position is on this is that a dominant culture has a different viewpoint of that flag. When people see that flag in a window, they don't understand your individual meaning for that flag. By doing that, you were upsetting people.
Andy Johnson - I was quiet last week because I was angry. When a flag like that is hung up, it is a symbol. My issue is that a College Community is allowing a symbol like that to be displayed for everyone to see. It makes a clear statement to me about Westfield State College. What I wanted

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to see personally was for Senate to write a letter to the College Community.

Kerri McQueston - A big reason why we did not respond to this issue last week was because it was the first time many of us had heard about it.

Erik Whynot - Last Tuesday I sat and listened to it all and took to heart all that was said and I personally wanted to know the motives of those two individuals. The next day Karen Guistina and I went to Lammers Hall and went to each room to try to get in touch with the individuals just to find out what their motives were and to say that as a general opinion the SGA took up this issue and it is very controversial and to bring this to the attention of those individuals but, unfortunately, they were not there.

Dave Gallagher - I realize this is a sensitive issue. I realize that the stars and bars is offensive to African Americans and anyone else who realize what it symbolizes. I ask that if Senate takes a stand on that issue, that they also address some of the flags hanging in the Dining Commons. There are flags hanging in there that represent to some people 100 years of oppression. I think if we exclude every other flag, we are defeating the purpose. I think if we are going to take sensitivity into consideration for one flag, we are going to have to reexamine every issue. At this time I would like to move that Senate write a Letter of Concern about the flags that were up in Lammers and also about the flags in the Dining Commons which expresses our concern over this issue.

Andy Johnson - Point of Information - Every flag that is hanging in the Dining Commons is a flag that represents a country. The stars and bars does not represent a country.

Dave Gallagher - I realize that, but historically at that time it did represent a movement for another country and that country happened to symbolize slavery and racism. I think it's important to address the fact that some of those flags hanging in the Dining Commons symbolize something also. I think that we should be sensitive to every issue and not just one.

Ted Christ - The motion on the floor is that SGA send a Letter of Concern to the campus community about symbols that might represent any kind of hate.

Yvette Edwards - When Andy approached me on purchasing the flags in the Cafe, I was for it because each of those flags represents at least one student on this campus. I don't think that those flags that Dave mentioned in his motion should even be mentioned.

Corey Bracket - I think that those flags represent pride to a lot of people.

Kevin Cross - If we need to go through every little thing that

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may offend people, we are opening up a very large can of worms. If we do this, we have to do this right.

Kerri McQueston - I move to amend the motion that the letter only go out on the flags in Lammers and not the flags in the Cafe.

Ted Christ - This is focused on hate symbols. I am not going to refer to any flags or symbols when I write this. (Kerri McQueston withdrew her amendment.)

Tom Stewart - The flags that you are seeing in the Cafeteria are flags represented in Chris Mongeon's programming through Sodexo.

Laura MacWhinnie - Point of Information - The hurt came. I believe in affirmative action. They're dealing with a program right now to address these symbols. I would support the flags in the Cafe being removed.

Erik Whynot - I move to amend the motion by replacing the words hate symbols with hate speech. (Erik Whynot withdrew his amendment.)

Kristen Legor - I personally don't want my name on any letter that says something like that. Whether we realize it or not, this is all coming down to freedom of speech.

Ted Christ - I can assure you that I'll bring that topic up and promise people that we are not infringing on their right. We're just trying to make them aware.

Kristen Legor - I have a real problem with what Andy said, "We support the First Amendment, but..." There is no but to the First Amendment.

Dave Gallagher - We're saying recognize what may or may not be offensive before you hang a flag. Realize that it will affect and symbolize certain things to certain people. We're not trotting on anyone's First Amendment rights. Realize what these symbols mean.

Lori Potter - Point of Information - There are several exceptions to the First Amendment and hate speech is one of them.

Laura Moscato - We are a college community and we should stick together. If something is offensive to a group or individual, I think we should back them up entirely.

The Motion was accepted with four abstentions: Steve Pratt, Donna Hensel, Kevin Barnard and Michelle Costa.

- B. Dan Szenda asked Andy Johnson if there was a possibility of reimplementing the Democracy Wall on the side of Andy's office in order for people to have an opportunity to write how they may be feeling on issues such as these. Andy recommended that the Board of Governors look into this possibility.
- C. Bryan Walsh spoke in regards to possibly holding a series of lectures on racism.
- D. Karen McManus moved to close New Business. The Motion was accepted.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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- A. *Tricia Rocco* - Can I see the Public Relations Committee and all Hall Presidents after SGA.
- B. *Dan Szenda* - The Owl's Nest Utilization And Promotion Committee will be meeting.
- C. *Yvette Edwards* - Can I see all the Hall Council Presidents.
- D. *Kristin McQueston* - Can I see the Dickinson Hall President after SGA.
- E. *Kevin Barnard* - If you want an event to appear in *The Owl*, please have it to us by Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.
- F. *Kevin Cross* - Everyone read *The Owl*.
- G. *Mark Bousquet* - Can I see members of the Exchange Committee after SGA.
- H. *Yvette Edwards* - All activities I listed under my report - bring them back to your constituents.
- I. *Ted Christ* - All Hall Council Presidents should be making SGA Minutes available to your constituents. Please post them!!!
- J. *Melissa Reilly* - I would like to see NAC members after the Meeting.

XVI. ROLL CALL: Tim Souza, Christine Brassil, Derek Dufresne, Jim Godfrey, and Christina Bianco were absent. Danielle Dube, Christ Sault, Meredyth Leahy and Eve Descant sent alternates.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT; The Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly M. O'Neill
Secretary

Michelle A .Costa
Assistant Secretary

KMO/MAC/bh

cc: Peter Mazza	Pat Rix
Peg Civello	Paul Bogan
Daryl Hendery	Dorothy Phelps
Jon Conlogue	Edna Wilander
George Sicaras	Kelly Rose
Andy Johnson	William Freeman
Kathi Bradford	
Dr. Hanrahan	
Tom Stewart	
Chris Mongeon	
Adrene Adams	
Sue Basque	
Maureen McCartney	

Current Powers of the Legislature

- A. They are responsible for the voting on all motions proposed at all its (legislative) meetings. A majority of the votes cast shall determine if a motion passes or fails.
- B. May call special meetings of the SGA with passing votes from twenty-five (25%) percent of the Legislative Council.
- C. Shall elect one of its members to serve as Parliamentarian.
- D. May recognize student organizations by two-thirds vote.
- E. May revoke a student organization's constitution by a two-thirds vote.
- F. The Legislature may direct the Executive Council, or any Officer of the Executive Council, to take any action deemed necessary and proper for the proper governance of students and the proper conduct of their business.
- G. Shall approve all executive appointments of legislative committee chairpersons by two-thirds vote.
- H. Shall approve all Presidential appointments to vacancies of both Executive and Legislative Councils by two-thirds vote.
- I. May reinstate the removed representative by a three-fourths vote.
- J. Shall elect four members of the legislature to serve as members of the Rules and Regulations Board.
- K. Shall be voting member of legislative committees.
- L. May recall any member of the Executive Council by a three-fourths vote.

Proposal

The Accounting Club is sponsoring a Practitioners Dinner for the students of Westfield. This dinner will give the students an opportunity to talk with accountants currently practicing in the local area. This dinner will also include a talk on Forensic Accounting by Professor Kathleen Pellegrino. The dinner will be held on December 9, 1993 at 5:30 pm in the Scanlon Banquet Hall, and catered by Seilers. Any student at Westfield State College who wishes to attend has that opportunity. Going by the past two years of this event, we are estimating that 50 people will be attending, included in that figure are the 15-20 practitioners who will be attending. The estimated cost of this dinner will be:

50 meals @ 9.95 =	497.50
Appetizers =	19.00
Sodas =	31.20

Total Cost =	\$547.70

We request that Senate pay for 1/2 the total cost or \$273.85

Thank You,



Jill Iacono
Treasurer, Westfield State College
Accounting Club