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- I. ROLL CALL: Brian Person, Kristen Grover, Paul Marquez, Chris Hurley and Maureen Galvin were absent. Alex Kennedy, Derek Dufresne and Janice Murphy were excused. Chris Sault, Tom Burke and Scott Ross sent an alternate.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 1993: The Minutes were approved.
- III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Ted Christ*
- A. Ted recognized Barbara Swords (Ward 4 City Councilor) and Bob Culkeen (seeking election to that seat), to discuss their candidacy for this position. Westfield State College is represented in this Ward. (There will be a shuttle van available on October 13 which will go to City Hall for students who would like to register to vote in the upcoming November 2 elections.)
- B. Ted recognized Kerry Smith from MASSPIRG who spoke to SGA regarding MASSPIRG issues and projects for the semester such as the Student Rights Campaign, the endangered species campaign and research on recycling. There will be a General Interest Meeting on October 21 at 7:00 p.m. Please look for details and the meeting place (which will be announced). The MASSPIRG Office is located in Ely 234. Kerry Smith was at Senate on September 21 but felt it was necessary to address Senate now that there is a full assembly.
- C. I spoke to Mark Ayer, President of the SGA at STCC, and we would like to begin plans to have the Presidents and Vice Presidents from the five colleges affiliated with CCGS (Cooperating Colleges of Greater Springfield) meet on a monthly basis to discuss issues and concerns with our respective organizations.
- D. There are still student representatives needed for the following Committees:
- Academic Policies Committee
Registration Advisory Committee
Substance Advisory Committee
Bookstore Operations Advisory Committee
- Please see me after Senate if you are interested.
- E. The Cable Advisory Committee will have its first meeting on October 13 at 4:00 p.m. in the SGA President's Office. At this time we will be discussing goals, a timeline for this committee and methods to achieve these objectives.
- F. I am looking for a Senator to help me research and propose a method for Faculty Evaluations for student, faculty and administrative use which will be published by students. Josh Weisman, Chair of Academic Policies at UMASS has begun to help on this project and will be forwarding information within the next two weeks.
- G. The following students were selected by the Conference Selection Committee to attend the Annual Leadership Conference sponsored by the Center for the Study of the Presidency in Indianapolis on October 22 - 24:

Dave Gallagher
Tricia Rocco
Tim Souza
Shelly Ryan

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- H. The Constitution Review Committee met on October 13 and received material to review. The next Constitution Review Committee meeting will be on October 20 in the SGA President's Office.
- I. Ted Christ moved that SGA accept the election results from the elections held on October 5 and 6 for the Class of 1995 and 1997:

CLASS OF 1995

Representative to Senate - *Meredyth Leahy*

Representative to Senate - *Steve Pratt*

CLASS OF 1997

Representative to Senate - *Derek Dufresne*

Representative to Senate - *Bryan Walsh*

Representative to Senate - *Lisa Reilly*

The Motion was accepted.

The President's Report was accepted.

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

- A. The Student Life Advisory Committee met on October 6 at 6:00 p.m. At that time we decided on a meeting schedule and voiced concerns over issues which are relevant to student life on campus.
- B. I met with Jon Conlogue regarding the sign in policy, the Dickinson and Davis Fire Doors, the telephone directory and redefining the Health and Safety policy:
 - 1. *Bryan Walsh* - Was there any progress on the fire door situation?
Steve Dailey - He has different ideas from the Halls. We would like to iron it out with the Hall Presidents and Class Presidents in order to have one plan for both.
- C. SLAC will meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in Ely 232.
- D. All members of the Health Committee please meet with Kristin McQuestion after Senate.

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

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

A. This Week:

Tuesday

Billiard Tournament 7:00 p.m. Owl's Nest

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

Wednesday

Theme Talk 3:30 p.m. Scanlon Living Room

Professor Sossaman discusses "NAM Today"

Thursday

Pizza Night \$2.00 All You Can Eat!!!

Octoberfest (sponsored by the Class of 1994) Owl's Nest

Friday

T.G.I.F. with Dave Andrews 6:00 p.m. Owl's Nest

Saturday

"Apple Picking Trip" to Granville 1:00 p.m. FREE!!!

- B. Please remember that Alcohol Awareness Week is October 18 - 22.

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A list of scheduled events can be found on the back of the Campus Activities for October.

- C. If you don't have a Committee yet, consider being on SAAC! There are still seats available.
- D. 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. There were no proposals considered for consideration this week.
- 2. Finance Committee meets on Mondays at 5:55 p.m. in the SGA Room.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

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

- A. I would like to meet with members of the Publicity Committee after Senate in order to establish a meeting schedule.
- B. The first SGA Newsletter is finished and will be copied and distributed to the student body this week.
- C. I need to see all newly elected Senators from the Class of 1995 and 1997 in order to have you sign up for Committee requirements, office half hours and our SGA directory.

The Secretary's Report was accepted.

VIII. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: Dan Szenda

A. All College Committee: Amy Corcoran

- 1. In December of 1992 Jim Stakenas sent a proposal to ACC requesting the development of a Policies and Procedures Manual which basically puts all procedures that are currently in use into one packet. ACC sent this to the Academic Policies Committee who, consequently, took a look at the wording and format of policies. It came back to ACC and we have passed the "Packet." If you would like to see this Manual, please see me.
- 2. We also discussed the Transfer Grade Policy which now states that we accept anything over a "D" but was changed to anything over a "C-"; however, there was much discussion regarding the Commonwealth Transfer Compact. We are getting clarification about this.
- 3. An Honors Course Proposal entitled, "The Great Outdoors: Reading and Writing about the Environment" was sent from the Biology Department and the English Department. This proposal was accepted.
- 4. We approved a change of title for the courses, "Inheritance and Development" and "Biology of Organisms." They will now

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be referred to as "Biology I" and "Biology II." There will be no change in curriculum.

5. We then discussed the term of office of the Honor's Committee which we thought (assumed) was an ad hoc Committee of ACC. However, in some paperwork that we received it is stated that it may be part of the Curriculum Committee. Due to the moratorium of the Curriculum Committee while they work on the Core, nothing will be acted on until this is done. We are hoping to clear this up at our next meeting.
6. The All College Committee will meet on October 26 at 3:45 p.m. in the President's Board Room.

B. Academic Policies Committee: No Report

C. Curriculum Committee: David Kroon

1. The Committee was asked to consider the issue of "double-dipping" of credits (in light of the core revision).
 - a. Ted Christ - Can you explain double-dipping?
Dave Kroon - Double-dipping is when one course fulfills two requirements. You are still given credits for one class but it fulfills two core classes.
This could possibly be a way to reduce the number of hours needed to fulfill the core.
2. We also discussed the issue of resources as they relate to potential core revisions and reviewed an education's viewpoint as well as a practical viewpoint.
3. The total number of hours required for graduation should not increase. Currently, the number of hours will be [attempted to be] collapsed down.
4. The Curriculum Committee will meet on October 21 at 3:35 p.m. in Wilson 115A.

D. Long Range Planning: No Report

E. Concerning the questions from last week about the track, it has been NCAA approved and there were no problems with the track at that time. The "W" will be painted, it is just a matter of where the administration would like to put it. If anyone has any problems with the track, I will bring them to Curt Robie's attention. Dr. Robie has asked that students who are using the facility refrain from chewing gum, seeds or using tobacco products at the facility. It is causing a lot of trouble as you might imagine it would.

F. Jen Salmon and I will be meeting with Curt Robie and Nick Wojtowicz regarding the status of the Astroturf Trust Fund.

G. The Student Advisory Council (SAC) to the Higher Education Coordinating Council (HECC) met on October 7 at Worcester State College. During this meeting we discussed a few very important issues:

1. FUNDING - Every year this is an issue. The concept of matching funds for new projects and deferred maintenance came up as key issues. We also discussed the possibility of challenging the lack of compliance with the law surrounding the percentage of the total cost of attendance to a Public Higher Educational Institution and how that relates to fees.

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The legal process by which it would be challenged would require financial contributions.

2. We will be having a special SAC meeting in Boston in order to meet the newly appointed Chancellor of Education, Stanley Koplik.
- H. There will be a voter registration drive for students on October 13 from 1:00 - 8:00 p.m. There will be a shuttle van going from WSC to City Hall in Westfield in order that students may register to vote in the upcoming elections on November 2. Please get the word out.
- I. I need six volunteers to help out at the Mayoral Debate on October 27 in Dever Auditorium. You would have to greet people at the door and help screen questions for the candidates.
- J. Ted Christ asked Dan to provide SGA with a description of the responsibilities involved with the position of Student Trustee. Amy Corcoran suggested that Dan prepare an information sheet and distribute it to SGA next week.

The Board of Trustees' Report was accepted.

IX. BOARD OF GOVERNORS' REPORT: Laura MacWhinnie

- A. Laura MacWhinnie moved that SGA accept the resignation of Brian Person as a Representative to SGA from the Board of Governors. The Motion was accepted with four abstentions: Dave Gallagher, Kristen Brassil, Christina Bianca and Yvette Edwards.
- B. The Campus Center Staff accepted a proposal prepared by Jen Dennis that WSKB be played in the Campus Center.
- C. The Board of Governors will meet on October 18 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 will be reviewing submissions from PSI CHI, The Owl, The Pre-Law Club, MTG and SGA Constitutional Admendments.
 2. The Rules and Regulations Committee meets on Thursday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. in the SGA President's Office.
- C. Exchange Committee: Mark Bousquet
 1. There will be National Exchange General Interest Meeting on October 14 at 4:00 p.m. in the SGA Room. There will be exchange students at this meeting to speak about their experiences. Applications will be available at the meeting as well. During the spring semester, Westfield State College will be participating in an exchange program with four other schools: Arkansas Tech University, Delta State University in Mississippi, East Central University in Oklahoma and the University of Wisconsin at Platteville.
 2. In the fall of 1994, Westfield State College will be joining

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the National Student Exchange Program which will increase participation to 112 Colleges and Universities in 46 states and three United States territories including Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

3. The Exchange Committee needs members. It would be great to see this Committee become more active considering all the changes which will take place next year! Please see me after Senate if you are interested.

D. Athletic Council: No Report

The Committee Report's were accepted.

XI. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Affirmative Action Advisory Committee: No Report

B. Bookstore Advisory Committee: *Jen Dennis*

1. Dr. Applbaum met with representatives of Barnes & Noble to discuss their business at WSC. Barnes & Noble would like to stay at WSC very much and acknowledged that the bookstore at Westfield State is a poor one. They proposed the following to WSC:
 - a. \$100,000 to renovate the store and upgrade operations;
 - b. A Special Projects Fund of \$500,000 to be shared between the eight schools which currently with Barnes & Noble;
 - c. The Contract, if renewed, would be extend from July 1, 1996 - June 30, 2003; and
 - d. Construction would begin as soon as the contract is signed.
2. If we did consider running our bookstore similar to the one at Holyoke Community College, it would not include store renovations. Monies from the first year would pay for start up costs. Our main concern would be whether we would make more money over seven years from HCC or from the offer Barnes & Noble is making us? If so, would or could that money go into renovating the Bookstore? We are arranging meetings with both Barnes & Noble and HCC to discuss this further:
 - a. *Dave Kroon* - If you could do so, point out that the students don't need cosmetic changes.
 - b. *Kevin Cross* - The Bookstore robs us blind. The biggest thing to do is change that.
 - c. *Amy Corcoran* - If we don't decide to take the contract, will that affect the other seven colleges?
Jen Dennis - If the other seven colleges want it, we can get out of the contract or they could say that we have two more years.
3. If you have any questions which you feel I should present to the Committee or Barnes & Noble and HCC, please leave them with me or with the Student Government Secretary.
4. The Bookstore Advisory Committee will meet on November 1 at 3:30 p.m. in a room to be announced.

C. Campus Sign Advisory Committee: No Report

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- D. Computer Advisory Committee: No Report
- E. Food Services Advisory Committee: *Kim Shea*
 - 1. We have developed a questionnaire which will be distributed to all students, faculty, staff and administration to get input from them regarding what services, hours, etc., they want to see. We are also looking into an option of having WSC run its own Food Service Program. A representative from Holy Cross will be coming to WSC to speak to us about the pros and cons of this option. We are also reviewing Request for Proposals (RFP) from other schools and their Food Service Programs in order to get a better idea of how we want WSC's food service to run during the next few years.
 - 2. We have a very strict meeting schedule (once a week) and we will be suggesting our choice for a food service company to Dr. Applbaum in March or April of next year. Therefore, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact a member of the Food Services Advisory Committee at any time. Committee members are listed on the back of the questionnaires.
- F. Human Relations Advisory Committee: No Report
- G. Registration Advisory Committee: No Report
- H. Substance Advisory Committee: No Report
- I. Student Retention Advisory Committee: No Report

The Advisory Committee Reports were accepted.

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

- A. Commuter Council: *Todd Dorman*
 - 1. Commuter Council will be rewriting our constitution in order to update it incorporating our current goals. We will be administering a survey to have our constituents give us a more definite direction on this. We also will be contacting other schools which have outstanding relations with their commuters, i.e. UNH.
 - 2. The Commuter Council has taken strong opposition to the practice that has been started by George Sicaras to allow students with Davis decals to park in the Commuter Lot:
 - a. *Amy Corcoran* - Have you talked to George about this? Are you sure that this is correct?
Todd Dorman - We will be contacting him. We know from the Parking Appeals Board that they overturned tickets for those who have Davis Lot decals.
 - 3. The Commuter Council meets on Tuesday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. in the SGA Conference Room.
- B. Third World: *Maria Garcia*
 - 1. Lin Dawson will speak on Diversity in the Third World Room on October 18 at 3:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.
 - 2. Our General Interest Meeting went very well.
 - 3. The Third World Organization will meet on October 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Third World Room.
- C. Senior Class: *Johanna MacAllister*

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1. The next '94 Countdown will be held on October 14 "Octoberfest" in the Owl's Nest from 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. Free food and prizes!!!
2. We need to create a stronger Yearbook Committee. I have gotten word that if no Committee is formed, the yearbook will be pulled altogether in order to use the money for Commencement. Obviously, we will do everything in our power to prevent this and it would be alot easier with a Committee to fall back on.
3. The Class of 1994 will meet on October 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Ely 147. At this time we will be discussing the Yearbook, class trips and a graduation speaker. *Reminder:* our Class Meetings are open if anyone would like to stop by and see what we are doing!

D. Junior Class: No Report

E. Sophomore Class: No Report

F. Freshman Class: No Report

G. Apartment Complex: *Jim Godfrey*

1. The Apartment Complex will be sponsoring a Halloween Party in the Owl's Nest on October 28. We will be encouraging students to wear costumes and there will be a \$25.00 gift Certificate to the Hu Ke Lau for the best costume. We will be having a \$3.00 cover to help raise money.
2. Mark Bousquet has been appointed as the third representative to SGA from the Apartment Complex Council.
3. In order to have residents pay their dues, we will be having a contest between towers (AB vs. CD) and the team with the most dues collected will get a pizza party. The contest will run from October 12 - 15.
4. We are considering doing events with other resident halls with students over 21, i.e., T.G.I.F. paid dues one price/ unpaid another.
5. We will also try to have an event with Dickinson residents in order for them to interact with upperclassmen.
6. Plans are underway for Apartment Complex residents to attend a Whalers/Bruins Game on November 17. If this event is not bought out by residents, we will open ticket sales to the rest of the residence halls. I will be calling for group rates.
7. Apartment Complex Council meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in Apartment 3B2.

H. Courtney Hall: No Report

I. Davis Hall: *Craig Colby*

1. Davis Hall had an informal meeting last night. We gave the R.A.'s \$100.00 last night to have a "Mocktail Party" in the Davis Commons Room on October 18 (Alcohol Awareness Week).
2. We also discussed the minimal damage done in Davis and who will be charged for what and where it happens.
3. Davis Hall will have cable in the Commons soon!
4. Davis Hall Council will meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in

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Davis Commons.

J. Dickinson Hall Council: Cynthia Pucillo

1. For Halloween we are considering having trick or treat bags or a lounge decorating contest with some sort of prize for the best lounge. The decision will be finalized at the next meeting.
2. We also discussed having a Dating Game for our Hall.
3. We hope to have a third Representative to Senate from Dickinson soon.
4. Dickinson Hall Council will meet on October 18 at 9:30 p.m. in the Hall Council Office.

K. Lammers Hall: No Report

L. Scanlon Hall: Karen Guistina

1. We are having our Ice Cream Social in the Scanlon Living Room tonight at 7:30 p.m.
2. We discussed plans for a volleyball game with Courtney Hall.
3. Scanlon Hall Council will meet on October 18 at 9:00 p.m. in the Scanlon Mailroom.

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

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Tim Souza moved that SGA open New Business. The Motion was accepted. Tim expressed his disappointment to the Legislature regarding the fact that the Rules and Regulations Committee could not be more accommodating to his schedule when agreeing on a meeting time. Kevin Cross moved to close New Business. The Motion was accepted.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Kelly O'Neill - Committee Chairs please start recording attendance for meetings and recording them on your Report Sheets.
- B. Laura MacWhinnie - On October 28 the Wompanog Nation will be performing at 7:00 p.m.
- C. Yvette Edwards - Please see me after Senate if you are interested in being on SAAC.
- D. Steve Dailey - I need to speak to all members of SLC after Senate.
- E. Kim Shea - Food Services will meet at 5:00 p.m. in the Private Dining Room.
- F. Melissa Reilly - NAC will meet at 4:00 p.m. on October 13.
- G. Eve Descant - The Freshman Class will meet on October 13 at 4:00 p.m.
- H. Dave Gallagher - Rules and Regulations will meet on October 14 at 4:00 p.m. in the SGA President's Office.
- I. Erin Griffith - I need to see members of the Public Relations Committee after Senate.

XVI. ROLL CALL: Kristen Grover, Paul Marquez, Kristen Legor and Maureen

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Galvin were absent. Alex Kennedy and Janice Murphy were excused.
Chris Sault, Tom Burke and Scott Ross sent alternates.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly M. O'Neill
Secretary

Michelle A. Costa
Assistant Secretary

KMO/MAC/bh

cc: Peter Mazza
Peg Civello
Daryl Hendery
Jon Conlogue
George Sicaras
Andy Johnson
Kathi Bradford
Dr. Hanrahan
Tom Stewart
Chris Mongeon
Adrene Adams
Sue Basque
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