STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES
October 31, 2006

I. ROLL CALL: Ashley Sulham, Felipe Vasquez, Kristen Gilson and Jane Torgenson were absent. Amber LeBlanc, Tiffany Puliafico Steve Maher and Angela Evans were excused. Kayla Armstrong sent an alternate.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCOTBER 24, 2006: The Minutes were accepted.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Mike Mazeika*

A. Mike Mazeika recognized Dean Susan LaMontagne to discuss continuing the "Who's Who Among American College Students" recognition award at Westfield State College.

Dialogue contained in the SGA Minutes is an adaptation and statements may be paraphrased.

1. Dean LaMontagne – I wanted to speak to you tonight about the Who's Who award given to students each year during the spring semester. This is an award that is done nationwide. It is run by a company that encourages colleges nationwide to recognize students for this award. You get a certificate and the company contacts you and encourages you to buy their book – which your name is in. May faculty have issues with the award and they got together a couple of years ago and decided to not support the Who's Who award at Westfield State College. We have thought about replacing it with a Westfield State award instead – something that we would develop (with students on a committee) come up with criteria given to 25 to 30 students per year recognizing excellence in leadership or presidential excellence award for academics, leadership and community service. I am not favoring anything at this point. It all depends on what students want.
2. Mike Primeau – The biggest issue with the faculty and staff pulling out of the award was due to the fact that it became viewed as a money maker for the company. The students last year voted to keep it after discussion. You do not have to buy the book from the company, but it is strongly encouraged.
3. Danielle White – I think we should start a new recognition award on campus. I think that the faculty would be more supportive of that.
4. Christine Jackson – What is the college's involvement in the Who's Who program?
   Dean LaMontagne – The college is asked to run the entire thing. The college pitches it to students who meet the criteria established by the program. The college then selects who the recipients are and sends the list to Who's Who for their approval. When the approval comes back to the college, we are asked for their home address and personal information where a mailing is sent out to their homes. The school then puts on the award's ceremony. Who's Who supplies the name and the format certificate.
5. John Petty – I like the campus award idea. We changed to the same type of thing at my high school and it

went over very well.

6. Mike Primeau – My concern is that it would step on the toes of the SGA Blue Key Award.
   Dean LaMontagne – This would be a Student Affairs program and in that respect the faculty and administration would be recognizing students where the Blue Key Committee is students recognizing students. The other thin is that there are many awards given during the spring semester. I would like to make this a fall award to make it stand out against the spring awards.
7. Danielle White – Is the Who's Who award based on academics?
   Dean LaMontagne – It is based on academics, leadership and community involvement.

B. Mike Mazeika recognized Mr. Craig Goodridge from Sodexho Services. Mr. Goodridge works with the Food Services Committee to ensure that students who have meal plans are pleased with the quality, quantity and selection of food offered at food service venues on campus. Please feel free to call Mr. Goodridge at any time if you have questions about food services.
   1. Mike Mazeika – Is there a food service venue going into New Hall?
      Mr. Goodridge – We have thought about doing a convenience store to replace The Owl's Nest that disappeared when Jazzman's opened in Ely. There was also a concern about doing a pizza facility on campus because there is not one on campus now. When the building was designed, there was a kitchenette area with an open service area put in. The concern with that was that only people in the residence hall (due to the security issue) would be the only people to have access to the venue. We thought it would be easier to put the facility in a place where all people had access to it.

C. A new poster policy is in effect in the residence halls. The policy is as follows:

Make a Flyer
Get the Flyer stamped at Residential Life
Make copies in SGA
Bring the copies back to Residential Life
Residential Life puts the Flyers in RA Mailboxes
RA's will hang up the Flyer in their respective sections

This policy does not include academic buildings. You still need to follow college poster/flyer regulations and not post in areas such as on glass or painted surfaces.
   1. Alyssa McKeon – What should the club or organization do if their posters do not get put up?
      Jon Berman – The RA's need to check their mailboxes at least every two days and the posters should go up then.
      Dr. Jackson – I will discuss this policy with Dr. Conlogue. You may want to table discussion for a future meeting and hopefully, we can develop a better system.

D. We have one open All College seat which we plan to have filled soon. If you are interested or know someone who

is, please see me.

E. We would like to take a picture of SGA for the web page. We are planning to do this next week so make sure you wear something nice.

F. SGA will do the annual Fall Clean-Up at the Cancer House of Hope on Saturday, November 4. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. in front of the Campus Center front steps. Please let us know if you plan on participating in this. This clean-up will count for four units.

G. Please sign up for a committee and please make sure that your information is correct for the contact sheet

The President's Report was closed.

IV. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: *Bruce Jackson*

A. All College Committee: No Report

B. Academic Policies Committee: No Report

C. Curriculum Committee: No Report

D. Student Affairs Committee: No Report

E. The Board of Trustees met on October 18 and the following items were on the agenda:

1. The Board voted to accept the 2006 Annual Report as prepared by Price Waterhouse Cooper LLP.
2. We also voted to accept the annual report, as presented by the state auditors office. There were no significant findings. It did recommend a few places to try and improve and all of those areas have already implemented correctional plans. We have a healthy budget for the second straight year. We have been able to use some of the budget to secure funds for the college's portion of the Ely Renovation Project.
    a. Dan Cooper – What were the auditors looking for in their search?
    Bruce Jackson – The state auditor came in this year to look at payroll practices. They pick different parts of the financial operation each year. They looked to see if employees were being paid on time and that their personal information was being protected.
3. The Board voted to create a new 48 credit graduate program – Master of Arts in Psychology: Applied Behavioral Analysis.
4. The Board approved Emeritus status to Professor George Psychas (Geography and Regional Planning) and Maureen Bardwell (Mathematics). In order to be considered for emeritus status, a professor must
    a. Be a tenured faculty or librarian and retired.
    b. Have served a minimum of ten years at the college.
    c. Can not be currently employed at another college or university.
    d. Must have demonstrated excellence in one of the following areas: teaching, advising, scholarship or service to the college and community.
5. Dr. Rasool also gave an update on the Strategic Plan and mentioned that the committee is still

deciding on which values to pursue. She is very pleased to have this program fully funded for another year.

6. President Maloney sang the praises of SGA telling the entire board of the professional atmosphere and high level of work and intelligent questions he was presented with when he was our guest this semester. He also reported that we have received a 6.7% increase in applications this year; the Division of Graduate and Continuing Education has also seen a large increase in student enrollment – 11% this summer and 6% during the fall.
7. The college will now produce the show "As School's Match Wits." This is a time honored program where area high school students compete in an educationally based trivia game.
8. The next scheduled meeting of the Presidential Search Committee is November 17.
9. The Board of Trustees will meet on December 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Presidential Board Room.

The Board of Trustees' Report was closed.

V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE: No Report

A. Student Life Report: No Report

B. Multicultural Reports: *Jennifer Espinosa*

1. LAFE and the Third World Organization will host a Date Auction on November 2 in the Ely Main Lounge. All proceeds will benefit the Women's Homeless Shelter in Springfield.
2. The Third World Organization will host a Diversity Dinner in the Third World Room on November 9 at 5:00 p.m. There will be different kinds of food and entertainment will be provided by the Step Team, a band and more. We will also be having a speaker to talk about diversity on campus.
3. LAFE will meet on November 6 at 4:30 p.m. in the LAFE Office. The Third World Organization will meet on November 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the Third World Office.

C. Food Services Committee: No Report

D. Health Committee: No Report

E. Neighborhood Association Committee: No Report

F. Parking Control Board: Jennifer Espinosa

1. The Board decided to look into improving parking conditions for students, faculty and staff at a number of locations.
   a. Pat Logan – What are some of the places slated for improvement.
      Chief Scannell – The back of 333 and the Lammers Hall parking areas.
2. We suspended the revocation of three people's parking privileges. Since this time, two of those students have lost parking privileges.
3. The Parking Control Board will meet on November 17 at 3:00 p.m. in Public Safety.

G. Alcohol Review Board: No Report

The Vice President's Report was closed.

VI. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Lissa Piscopo*

A. Brown Bag Bingo on October 29 went very well. We had 150 students attend.
B. The next Coffeehouse is on November 1 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ely Main Lounge. Come and support your friends.
C. November 1 is the deadline for Say What Karaoke sign-ups. We have a strong list of performers including some Senators. The preliminaries will be held on November 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ely Main Lounge. The finals are on November 8 at 8:00 p.m. in Dever Auditorium.
D. Eleven CAB members and I will be going to NACA on November 2-5 in Marlborough, MA. We hope to come back with great programming ideas.

The Vice President's Report-Programming Report was closed.

VII. FINANCE REPORT: *Pat Logan/Alyssa McKeon*

A. Fund Raising Request Report: No Report
B. Finance Committee: *Alyssa McKeon*
   1. It was moved by Alyssa McKeon and seconded that SGA allocate $1,449.20 to the Business Club to help with expenses for their annual Network Dinner on November 14. The motion was accepted.
   2. It was moved by Alyssa McKeon and seconded that SGA allocate $1,700.94 to the Rock Climbing Club for supplies club equipment. The motion was accepted.
   3. It was moved by Alyssa McKeon and seconded that SGA allocate $1,750.00 to the Christian Fellowship Club for registration, lodging and travel expenses for participation in the 2007 Passion Conference in Atlanta, GA on January 1-4, 2007. The motion was accepted.
   4. The Finance Committee meets on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. in the SGA Conference Room.

The Finance Committee Report was closed.

VIII. SECRETARY'S REPORT: No Report

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS: No Reports

X. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:

A. Commuter Council: *Dan Cooper*
   1. The Commuter Council Breakfast is scheduled for November 1 from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. in Wilson Hall Lounge area.
   2. Don't forget to donate your old winter coats to the Commuter Council Clothing Drive. You can bring your coats to the Information Desk in the Campus Center.
   3. The Commuter Council has agreed to sponsor a Movie Night in the Campus Center Main Lounge on December 15 at 10:00 p.m. The movies will be Superman and Superman Returns.
   4. The Commuter Council will meet on November 2 at 3:45 p.m. in Ely 147.

B. Senior Class: No Report
C. Junior Class: No Report
D. Sophomore Class: No Report
E. Freshman Class: No Report
F. Apartment Complex Council: *Amanda Grant*
    1. It was moved by Amanda Grant and seconded to accept Megan Santos as the permanent designee for Kayla Armstrong.
    2. The Apartment Complex Council will meet on November 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Dickinson Commons Room.
G. Courtney Hall: No Report
H. Davis Hall: Danielle Rice
    1. The Halloween Party with New Hall was a success. The Bright Wings were great and everyone liked the show. The costume contest was a success as well as the musical chair's game.
    2. The Hall Assassin's game started on October 26 and is a big hit. We are thinking about playing the game again next semester.
    3. At our next meeting, we will be discussing possibly buying new games for the front desk or for the common room.
    4. The Davis Hall Council will meet on November 1 at 5:30 p.m. in the RD's Office.
I. Dickinson Hall: *Eileen McCray*
    1. We had 100 residents attend our Halloween Party on October 30. We had festive snacks, decorations and games. The party ended with the Patriots' Game and we can not wait to host our next party.
    2. The Dickinson Hall Council will meet on November 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Dickinson Hall Commons Room.
J. Lammers Hall: No Report
K. New Hall: No Report
L. Scanlon Hall: *Marianne Goodwin*
    1. Our Halloween Bash on October 30 went really well. We had a good number of students come for games, a costume contest and cookie decorating.
    2. The Scanlon Hall Council will meet on November 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Scanlon Main Lounge.

The Commuter Council and Hall Reports were closed.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No Unfinished Business

XII. NEW BUSINESS: No New Business

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
A. Chief Scannell - There have been three larcenies during the past week at the college. All from people not locking their doors. Please make sure to lock your doors at night.
B. Alyssa McKeon – MTG's fall production of "Into The Woods" is on November 2-5 in Dever Auditorium. Ticket prices are $2.00 for students, $4.00 for alumni and staff of the college and $6.00 for the general public.
C. John Lucus – There are 199 days until Graduation.

XIV. ROLL CALL: Ashley Sulham, Kristin Mazeika, Kristen Gilson, Takia Jordan, Robyn Adams and Kaitlin Welsh were absent. Amber LeBlanc,

tiffany Puliafico, Steve Maher and Angela Evans were excused.

XV. ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maggie Rabs

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Executive Secretary