

STUDENT GOVERNMENT MINUTES

September 14, 1993

- I. ROLL CALL: Danielle Dube and Christina Meriano sent alternates. Andrea Wynn and Angela Nydam were absent.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7, 1993: The Minutes were accepted.
- III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Ted Christ*
 - A. A letter was sent to faculty, staff and administration regarding the positions available as Advisors to SGA. Thus far we have received five responses and will be scheduling interviews for these individuals. We have not, however, received responses from members of the faculty. I have placed copies of the letter written for Advisor positions in all Senator mailboxes and I urge you to pass it along to a member of the faculty who you feel might be interested in becoming an Advisor. We do encourage participation from all areas of the college community and hope that members of the faculty will respond as well.
 - B. SGA will be forming a Cable Committee to research the pros and cons of both individual resident billing and bulk billing. The Committee will present this information to the resident students and then solicit their opinion. At this time the Committee will present its findings to the SGA to make a final decision. The formation of this Committee will be as follows:
 - Todd Audyatis/Vice President of Student Life as Chair
 - One Representative from each Residence Hall
 - Curt Robie/Facilities and Operations
 - Bob Mailloux/Media Services
 - Bob Culkeen/Media Services
 - C. Ted presented SGA with seven constitutional amendment changes which he wanted the Legislature to review and consider implementing into the current constitution in order for a more consistent document to exist before the first full SGA Meeting on September 28. After much debate it was decided that these amendments be submitted for review to the Rules and Regulations Committee after its formation which will be at the first full SGA Meeting.
 - D. A proposal will be submitted to the Campus Sign Advisory Committee within the next two weeks for an informational sign which would be placed outside of the Campus Center. This sign would hopefully be another way in which students could become aware of on campus programming and services, etc.
 - E. We have had three students submit their names as representatives from WSC interested in attending the "Decisions 94: The Domestic and Foreign Policy Issues of our Time" Conference to be held on October 22-24 in Indianapolis. It is not too late to submit your name for consideration as a representative at this Conference. It is a great opportunity and SGA will be sponsoring four students who want to attend.
 - F. Please remember that there will be a CCGS Leadership Education Workshop held at WSC on September 18. It will be from 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. in Wilson Auditoriums A, B and C. This is a great opportunity to meet student leaders from other area schools! Please try to attend.

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The President's Report was accepted.

IV. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE: Todd Audyatis

A. All fire and security doors in the Freshman Residence Halls will be locked from 10:00 p.m. - 10:00 a.m. There are two polar extremes to this issue:

1. Students want to be able to travel freely through the hallways as they please.
2. Students want their constitutional right to privacy. There has been a significant response from both students and parents alike supporting this viewpoint.

Procedurally, the R.A.'s will be walking through the building at 10:00 p.m. and will close all the doors in their path. If during the course of the night they find a door open, one of the following sanctions will be implemented:

1. first offense - verbal warning
2. second offense - written warning
3. third offense - \$25.00 fine.

The doors are held open by a electromagnet and will remain open until pulled on or the fire alarm goes off. If the door is open and no one sees it, it is not a violation. Please be aware that Jon Conlogue will entertain any and all suggestions regarding this matter.

1. *Nicole Lenny* - Is it possible to change the hours the door are locked to the schedule observed during quiet hours?
Todd Audyatis - Both Jon Conlogue and I are willing to listen to any suggestions students have.

B. We have two conflicting concerns regarding the sign in policy. Both sides of this issue have the students interest in mind. When speaking to Jon about this, this matter is still very much open to debate. We have agreed to utilize the Residential Life Advisory Board as a tool of compromise. I would like a few motivated and concerned students to volunteer to sit on this Board. The Student Life Advisory Council will also be investigating this issue.

C. ACC (the telephone company used by WSC) will be supplying the college with a telephone directory of all student names and numbers on campus who are under their service. Jon Conlogue and I discussed the privacy and security issues and agreed that a memo should go out to inform students of the new service. This would allow students who don't want their names published to opt out of the program. The alphabetical listing would then be printed and made available to students. A supplement to the directory would include faculty, staff and administrator's on campus numbers for student use. This program will take sometime and results will, most likely, not be available this month.

D. Human Relations Advisory Committee: *Laura MacWhinnie*

1. The "Celebrate Unity Community Day" was very successful. Thank you for all those who participated in the games.
2. On September 28 at 8:00 p.m. Bill Cosby will be giving a lecture at the Mullen Center at UMASS on "Multiculturalism and

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Diversity." We are offering free tickets and free transportation. Buses will be leaving WSC at 6:30 p.m.

a. *Ted Christ* - Who were the tickets submitted to?

Kathi Bradford - 65 tickets were given to students.

Please call Kathi Bradford at Extension 5404 to put your name on the waiting list.

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

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

A. Applications are available for the NACA Conference to be held on November 11-14 in Danvers. We will be sponsoring seven students to attend this conference.

B. This Week:

Tuesday, September 14

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

Wednesday, September 15

Club Fair 12:00 noon Campus Green

Comedy Night with Ronny Romm 8:00 p.m. Ely Main Lounge

Thursday, September 16

Pizza Night 5:00 p.m. Owl's Nest ALL YOU CAN EAT!!!

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

Friday, September 17

Italian Festival 4:00 p.m. Dining Commons

T.G.I.F. at 6:00 p.m. "Bud Night" Owl's Nest

Saturday, September 18

CCGS Student Leadership Education Conference 9:00 a.m. Wilson Auditorium

C. CAB meets in Wednesdays 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 \$500.00 to the Cheerleading Club to pay for their coach.

a. *Paul Marquez* - Is that the only money they will need for the semester.

Jen Salmon - It is the standard fee for a coach.

b. *Chris Sault* - They are having a car wash this weekend.

Jen Salmon - That's a fundraiser. They need to make money for uniforms and other equipment as well.

The Motion was accepted.

2. Finance Committee meets on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the SGA Room.

B. The Workshop to instruct SGA Clubs and Organizations on guidelines that need to be followed to receive funding is tentatively scheduled Monday, September 27 in the Private Dining Room. I am waiting for confirmation from Conference Services and then plans will be finalized.

C. I am pleased to announce that Westfield State College has been

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accepted as a member of the National Student Exchange Program. This is a fantastic opportunity for the students at WSC and we owe thanks to Daryl Hendery and Nanci Salvidio for their hard work in getting Westfield accepted into this program.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

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

- A. Hello! Please fill out the sheets for office half hours, election volunteers and for an SGA name and address list and return them to us as soon as possible.

The Secretary's Report was accepted.

VIII. BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S: Dan Szenda

A. All College Committee: Amy Corcoran

1. ACC met briefly on September 13 and elected Professor Linda Nober as Chair for the 1993/94 academic year. We also decided on a second/fourth Tuesday meeting schedule at 3:45 p.m. Our first official meeting will be held on September 28 at 3:45 p.m. in the President's Board Room. If you have any questions or concerns you would like us to address, please see me. Also, Thursdays at noon is the deadline for submissions for the ACC agenda. These submissions should be directed to Dr. Martin.
- B. The Board of Trustee's had their first meeting of the academic year on September 13 at 5:45 in the Scanlon Living Room:
 1. The Finance Committee discussed the Common Fund as an investment opportunity for the College. This fund would be used as an alternative to holding College assets in local banks. This fund has membership from large and small public and private Colleges and will greatly increase the rate of return on the college's investments.
 2. The Personnel Committee accepted:
 - Two Temporary Faculty Appointments
 - Athletic Coaching Adjustments
 - Faculty Salary Adjustment (as specified by Faculty Union)
 - Faculty Professional Leave of Absence without pay
 3. All items accepted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees over the summer were personnel related except for the acceptance of the Rape/Sexual Assault Policy and the Student Refund Policy.
 4. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Monday, October 4.
- C. I will be bringing a petition to the City Clerk this week to get voter registration at WSC that will allow students to vote in the mayoral race as well as vote for City Councilor for our Ward. Just to let you know, Bob Culkeen from Media Services, is running for City Councilor for Ward 4 which incorporates WSC.
- D. I am working with Mark St. Jean to iron out logistics for a

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televised debate for mayoral candidates tentatively scheduled for late October.

- E. SAC (Student Advisory Council to the Higher Education Coordinating Council) will be meeting with the new Chancellor during the first week in October at the HECC headquarters in Boston.
- F. Anyone interested in helping out with the SGA Network or in the mayoral debate, please see me at any time during the next few weeks.

The Board of Trustee's Report was accepted.

X. BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S REPORT: *Laura MacWhinnie*

- A. During the week, we will be putting up posters notifying the college community that there are still seats available on Board of Governors.
- B. Board of Governors will meet on Monday, September 20 at 4:30 p.m. in E232.

The Board of Governor's Report was accepted.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

XII. COMMUTER COUNCIL AND CLASSES:

A. Commuter Council: *Todd Dorman*

- 1. Todd Dorman moved that SGA accept Maria Garcia as a Representative to Senate from the Commuter Council. The Motion was accepted.
- 2. Todd Dorman moved that SGA accept Paul Marquez as a Representative to Senate from the Commuter Council. The Motion was accepted.
- 3. I am currently discussing the possibility of getting some of the Davis parking for the commuters.
 - a. *Paul Marquez* - Have the 219 spots in the Davis Lot been allocated yet?
George Sicaras - There were 219 more spaces allocated around Davis. We may look into allocating some to Commuters.
 - b. *Jen Dennis* - Why did they take away the first row of Commuter parking in the Ely Lot? Last year it was Commuter parking and now its Faculty/Staff.
George Sicaras - Last year anyone could park there. There are now 35 extra spots where the vans are parked.
- 4. Commuter Council will be requesting a larger line item allocation in the 1994/95 Trust Fund Budget.
 - a. *Dan Szenda* - Todd, to address the allocation; if the Council can propose a need for more money for next year, something may be done.
- 5. Commuter Council meets on Tuesday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. in the SGA Conference Room.

B. Senior Class: *Johanna MacAllister*

- 1. Convocation is scheduled for Thursday, September 23 at

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4:00 p.m. in Dever Auditorium. I asked Dean Martin if there was anyway we could wear caps and gowns during the procession but it seems as though there is not enough time for that, therefore, we are asking that Seniors wear their "Sunday best." We submitted the names of three faculty speakers to Dean Martin today (Professor Raposa, Professor Healy and Professor Duval).

2. Our first "Countdown '94" was a success. Over 170 students came down to the "Owl's Nest." We made \$302.00 for the Class of 1994!
3. Who's New Yearbooks are in and can be picked up at the Teller Window with Student I.D.'s (these were prepaid). We made \$929.00 for the Class of 1994!
4. The Senior Class will meet on September 21 at 6:30 p.m. in E237.

C. Junior Class: *Chris Sault*

1. The Car Wash was a success. We made over \$200.00. The Cheerleading Club is having their car wash this weekend so we won't be having one two weeks in a row.
2. We also discussed T-shirts for the Freshman Class with Vice President Garvey.
3. We are planning on selling hotdogs, hot chocolate and coozies during College Weekend.
4. Send-A-Pal-A-Pumpkin will be on sale soon.
5. We are also considering raking leaves in the Westfield area as a fundraiser.
6. Plans are underway for a Freshman Class Officer Luncheon.

D. Sophomore Class: *Mary Kate Keough*

1. The Class of 1996 met on September 8. We discussed ideas for fundraisers and we also discussed ideas for a Class Advisor.

The Commuter Council and Class Reports were accepted.

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Dan Szenda moved to open New Business. The Motion was accepted.
Dan Szenda moved to Close the Doors. The Motion was accepted.
Karen McManus moved to Open the Doors. The Motion was accepted.
- B. *Laura MacWhinnie* - Can we have a breakdown of each lot designation and the number of stickers per lot sold?
George Sicaras - There were 252 decals sold for Main Lot, 70 for Lammers and 150 for Davis.
Maegen Moore - Do they ticket in the Commuter Lot?
George Sicaras - No. Not unless it is a no parking zone.
Paul Marquez - Today is the last day to buy a decal. What happens to a person who doesn't have \$45.00 to buy one?
George Sicaras - They should have planned ahead.
Maria Garcia - You're taking an elitist standpoint.

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George Sicaras - I know of only one hardship case and it is being taken care of.

Todd Audyatis - Can you clarify what you would do in a hardship case?

George Sicaras - For people receiving some sort of Massachusetts assistance such as welfare or foodstamps, they can get assistance from the State.

Todd Audyatis - Is there are procedure for those who didn't meet the deadline due to a hardship case?

George Sicaras - No, there isn't. Today is the closing day and all decals are sold except for South Lot which will be on sale until they are exhausted.

Laura MacWhinnie will go down to Public Safety to further discuss the parking issue.

- C. Bob Stone moved that SGA hold elections for a temporary Chair until a new Constitution is ratified. Karen McManus moved to Call the Question. The Motion to Call the Question was not accepted.

1. *Dan Szenda* - I think we are better off discussing this when we have a full Senate
2. *Amy Corcoran* - Point of Information: New Senator Orientation is on September 25.
3. *Todd Dorman* - All a Chairperson does is direct traffic so the meeting runs smoothly.
4. *Todd Audyatis* - I have to disagree with having a Chair. It is not so much a problem with Executive Council but with Legislation as a whole not knowing parliamentary procedure.
5. *Bob Stone* - I did say until a new constitution was ratified.
6. *Ted Christ* - I was planning on holding elections where there is a full Senate.

The Main Motion stood on the floor to elect a temporary Chair until a new constitution is ratified. The Motion was not accepted.

Amy Corcoran moved to close New Business. The Motion was accepted.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. *Tom Stewart* - CCGS is on September 18. If anyone was as confused as I was tonight, I advise you to come and learn about Robert's Rules of Order.
- B. *Jen Salmon* - Finance Committee will meet on September 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the SGA Room.
- C. *Dan Szenda* - Anyone interested in seeing faculty appointments, please see me.
- D. *Karen McManus* - There is a Prelaw Club General Interest Meeting scheduled.
- E. *Ted Christ* - Constitution Committee: please see me after Senate.

- XV. **ROLL CALL:** Danielle Dube and Christina Meriano sent alternates. Andrea Wynn and Angela Nydam were absent.

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XVI. ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 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
Adrene Adams
Sue Basque
Pat Rix
Maureen McCartney
Paul Bogan
Tom Stewart
Dorothy Phelps
Edna Wilander
Kelly Rose
Chris Mungeon