

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AGENDA**  
**April 25th, 2023**

I. ROLL CALL: Timothy Allen, Isabella Catao, Haley Kane, Maggie Roberts, Eric Hardy, Ethan Haynes, Loic Black, Scott Doan, and Nick Palumbo were absent.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: April 18, 2023

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: **Aaron Lessing**

Hi everyone, this is our second to last meeting, so we have one more to go!

First, congratulations to all that won their elections. I am really excited for you all and know that next year will be great! We do need to accept the election results so, therefore. I move to accept the Spring 2023 election results for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Some updates:

Next Monday is our Senate Banquet, I hope to see you all there. It begins at 5 PM and I believe it's business casual for dressing up. Next Tuesday is our last meeting, I have invited President Thompson to come down, but it will not be a dress code meeting. We will also have food for everyone as we have superlatives that everyone gets that might take a little while, it will be fun so please be here!

I met with President Thompson on Friday, I mentioned the need for new software for choosing housing and she is looking into it. We also discussed that Bates will be getting renovated next and that they are going to be putting an elevator in Dower for ADA compliance. She also mentioned the provost search committee that you should've gotten an email for, so please look out for that!

I want to thank everyone that has been going to the VP of SEED student forums and I encourage you all to go to the two remaining ones!

I also want to thank you for your engagement with Senator Velis last week and for those that attended the mental health forum with him yesterday as well, it went very well!

A. Presidents Council: No Report

B. Items not listed on Agenda: No Report

IV. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: **Chloë Sanfaçon**

A. All University Committee: No Report

B. Student Advisory Council: No Report

V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE: **Jack Guindon**

A. Student Affairs Committee: No Report

B. Food Services Committee: Adam Carpenter

Happy second to last food services report of the semester or as those without my temporarily inflated sense of confidence, second to last SGA meeting of the spring year. I have two big topics that I want to talk about today. The first of these is hours for the DC and late night for next year in debate to be changed. The idea that we are currently floating is that we would move dinner in the DC back to the time frame of 5-9pm as opposed to 4-8pm. This will mean that there is a longer transition time between meals from 2-5 where there will be a reduced transition time menu in the DC. The other change that would occur with this is that late night hours would be from 9pm to midnight. The drawback of this is that I was told that it is likely to be only dining dollars and owl bucks to be accepted at bistro late night. To quickly aside, the bistro is set to be the location for late night next year as that was what was shown in the results of the poll that was sent out by dining. Now back to what I was saying, the rationale for this decision was a few things with the first of which being that I believed that it was a way to help out student athletes with being able to get a hot

meal after a practice and when I went to SAAC they said that they would appreciate if the DC was open until at least 9. The other aspect of this that I saw was that this was a way of extending the time that late night was open because of my personal belief that on a college campus 11pm is not late night. In order to be genuine and present both sides of the issue there are two drawbacks to this in my opinion even though about ½ of it came from me as an idea. The first of these things is obviously that late night would not accept a meal swipe next year. This could serve to be problematic, and I think that it is worth noting that it was not a part of the initial proposal that I brought up. The second of these things is something that I started to think about during the writing of this report being that I think that this could be worse for people with night classes as they will not have the full menu available to get a meal before class but that might be a more personal thing as someone who has had a lot of night classes. I'm excited to hear your thoughts on the matter. The second area of focus is that I want to talk about is about this committee. Bill proposed that a way for this committee to focus would be to make a three overarching goals for the DC next year to have something that we are able to monitor the progress that we make as a committee and in my opinion serves as a way to hold both dining and our committee accountable. As a committee we sort of set two of the objectives for next year which are to finally address the allergen information and ingredient lists and to make the food in the dining hall more diverse and to for the food to represent the people who go there. We are looking for a third focus for the year for a systematic idea from you so please let me know.

- i. Dan Currier: I would certainly recommend that a survey be sent out because if we are to make a guided decision on the will of the students. I would not want to make a decision on this until I heard from the majority of the students because there are pros and cons to this on both sides. I would want to hear what the students say not just from a small portion of them.
- ii. Adam Carpenter: I agree. My one concern on a survey, is timelines because per union stuff we need to give staff a schedule in advance really before the academic year starts and we are kind of running low on time. Obviously, it would have been more ideal for us to have had this discussion a while ago, but I will try to compile a survey quickly if possible.
- iii. Aaron Lessing: I think for a big idea definitely exploring housing insecure students and even athlete being able to eat on campus over Winter break and even over the summer. I know that Bill is looking into that to see if something can be done in terms of progress on that.
- iv. Adam Carpenter: Yeah, that is definitely a good idea. My one concern about that as a key focus is that it's more of a behind the scenes thing where I don't know too much about what is going on about it at the moment and I don't know how in the open it is. But it's a good idea that I will consider.

- C. Substance Advisory Committee: No Report
- D. Student Athletic Advisory Board: No Report
- E. Veteran Affairs Report: No Report
- F. Enrollment Management Committee: No Report

VI. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: **Emily Fluet**

- A. Academic Policies Committee: No Report
- B. Curriculum Committee: Sarah Harrington

This past Friday, April 21, University Curriculum Committee met. SCORE Committee reported SCORE gave an update/progress report, asked for endorsement of the model, area descriptions, and learning outcomes as ready to pilot. There was a consideration of latest GenEd Model and we voted to endorse along with a few minor changes. This took up the entirety of the meeting.

C. Special Committee on Reforming General Education (SCORE):  
Chris Lannan

Hi everyone! This will be my last SCORE report this year, so y'all can finally stop hearing me geek out over our new common core and what fun classes will be offered to incoming classes, starting with the 2028 freshman class. Just an announcement. The last SCORE committee meeting is coming up and if there is anything that you want me to bring up to Lynn, Megan and Elizabeth about what we have discussed all year, please let me know. Finally, I want to officially congratulate Sarah Harrington on winning the vice president of academic life position and everyone who won their respective positions. Sarah, I wish you all the best and I know you will do great things. Again, thank you all for putting up with me week after week and here's to a wonderful 2023 fall semester. Should you have any comments or feedback, please let me know. Thank you and have a great night.

D. New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) Self-Study Committee: No Report

E. Campus Academic Master Plan (CAMP): No Report

F. Parking Control Board: No Report

G. Parking Appeals Board: No report

VI. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT EQUITY: **Rodney Duteau**

Hello Everybody, I only have two small reports to do today. The first one is that earlier today, myself, Joseph, a few JEDI fellows, and one person from the BSU exec had the opportunity of attending the Board of Trustees meeting to discuss how we feel unsafe as students of color on campus. A lot of the people in the room seemed really receptive and want to take action to make our campus a better place moving forward. The second thing that I would like to report is that they are making plans to add a small gazebo to the meditation garden next to the building.

A. Diversity and Inclusion Committee: No Report

VII. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-FINANCE: **Daniel Currier**

A. Finance Committee: Daniel Currier

Good evening.

The Finance Committee met yesterday to review one finance proposal submitted on behalf of Circle K. In accordance with the SGA Finance Bylaws, the Finance Committee has rendered an advisory opinion on the finance proposals. The sole power to accept, deny, table, or amend lies with the Legislature. Tonight, you will have the final say on this proposal. I will detail the finance proposal in full and will make a motion based on the Finance Committee's recommendation. I encourage you to ask questions and provide comments after I make the motion

Tonight, we will discuss Finance Proposal S23-005, which was submitted on behalf of Circle K, which has a balance of \$4,000 in their club account. Circle K has requested \$600 to cover the costs associated with registration for two officers of Circle K to attend the Circle K International Convention slated to be held from June 21, 2023 through June 24, 2023 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This conference, which has been supported by SGA in previous years, is an opportunity for Circle K members at Westfield State University to network with their

counterparts from other universities domestically and abroad. In accordance with the current SGA Finance Bylaws, Circle K is requesting that SGA cover 100% of these costs.

Upon discussion, the Finance Committee believed the amount requested was reasonable and that Circle K should be allocated the full amount requested. By a vote of 4-0, the Finance Committee endorsed the proposal.

**Therefore, I move to approve Finance Proposal S23-005 and to allocate \$600 to Circle K. Motion carried**

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be this Monday, May 1, 2023 at 3:30pm in Ely 020 (SGA Conference Room). We will be discussing the preliminary FY24 budget. I am continuing to have meetings this week and will work on the budget packet this weekend. SGA will vote on the preliminary budget on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 prior to anti-SGA. Should you have any questions, please let me know.

- B. Foundation Report: No Report
- C. ITSAC Report: No Report

VIII. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - PUBLICITY: **Elizabeth Mercer**

Every year we have what's called Anti-SGA meeting which has a slideshow of funny pics and videos so if you have any pics that you want to be in it, send them to me at phone number which is listed in your senate binder.

A. Neighborhood Advisory Board: Elizabeth Mercer  
Tonight, is the pizza party that the Neighborhood Advisory Board is hosting. The people attending will enjoy pizza, drinks and get to watch the rehearsal of the play Antigone.

- B. Community Relations/Fundraising Report: No Report
- C. Owl Ball Committee: No Report
- D. Blue Key Committee: Elizabeth Mercer

Last week, the Blue Key Committee met, and we selected 4 award recipients, and they will be announced at our SGA banquet.

IX. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT: **Adam Carpenter**

X. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: **Liam Connor**

A. Rules and Regulations Committee: Liam Connor  
Liam Gave a Presentation about the Finance Bylaws

Motion to amend Article IV, Section 9, Subsection B, Clause 3 by striking the current language in Subclause A and inserting the following: "The maximum funding for conference registration is \$2,000."

**Motion Carries**

Motion to amend Article IV, Section 9, Subsection B, Clause 6 by renaming the clause as "Equipment" and striking the current language in Subclause A and inserting the following: "There shall be no maximum funding for equipment provided that the equipment purchased is within the scope of the club's mission."

**Motion Carries**

Motion to amend Article IV, Section 9, Subsection B, Clause 6, Subclause B, Item 3 by inserting the following prior to the current language: "Maintenance stipends may be provided to clubs and organizations up to \$1,000."

**Motion Carries**

Motion to approve the finance bylaws as amended.

**Motion Carries**

B. Constitutional Review Committee: No Report

XI. COMMUTER COUNCIL AND CLASS COUNCIL REPORTS:

- A. Commuter Council: No Report
- B. Senior Class: No Report
- C. Junior Class: No Report
- D. Sophomore Class: No Report
- E. First Year Class: No Report
- F. Apartment Complex: No Report
- G. Courtney Hall: No Report
- H. Davis Hall: No Report
- I. Dickinson Hall: No Report
- J. Lammers Hall: No Report
- K. New Hall: No Report
- L. University Hall: No Report

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No Unfinished Business

XIII. NEW BUSINESS: (Requires majority vote to be opened)

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Elizabeth Mercer: If you guys didn't put your sizes for the SGA merchandise, please see me after the meeting.

Matt Dellea: The Dean of Students office is seeking volunteers to meet with the JED foundation about mental health tomorrow from 3-5. If you are able to be there for any portion of that time, please see Shannon and I at the end of the meeting.

Mikayla Evans: 24 Days until Commencement

XV. ROLL CALL: Timothy Allen, Haley Kane, Eric Hardy, Loic Black, Scott Doan, and Nick Palumbo were absent.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 until Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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