

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AGENDA
October 18th, 2022

- I. ROLL CALL: Crystal Mills and Eric Hardy were absent
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: October 11th, 2022: Minutes were approved.
- III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: **Aaron Lessing**

A. Cornhole For A Cause: **Lt. Bernie St. George**

Good evening. I see familiar faces and a lot of new faces for those people I haven't had the pleasure of meeting my name is Bernie. I am a Lieutenant with the Police Department here, I usually work second shift 3 to 11. I thank you very much for having me today I really appreciate it. I'm here to talk about a cornhole tournament that we've done this is this will be our third one. The first one I think was in 2018 and then COVID came ruined everybody's day and then we came back with it again last year. You guys were a huge supporter last year, I really appreciated everything you did with teams come out and give us some financial support I truly appreciate it. The event is a cornhole tournament. It's being held this year in November 1st in University hall in the lobby. We're a little bit bigger and better this year so we've got a food truck, at least one food truck coming. We're going to have like a photo station so people could take photos. We can have raffles, music, and possibly some trivia and we're hoping to get a really good turn out last year with your health and generosity we did about \$1500 for the American Cancer Society hopefully this year we're shooting for \$2000. All the proceeds for this do go to the American Cancer Society for their Real Men Wear Pink campaign. It usually runs the month of October but we're extending that into the 1st of November this year and we want to do it on Tuesday night. Hopefully students will be able to come on board and take part. This cause is very near and dear to me, my oldest daughter was diagnosed with breast cancer last year so you may know because you were here and I mentioned it with surgery and treatment thank God she's now cancer free but that came on the backs of people before us. But that comes on the back of the people before us who made all that treatment and all that research and things possible. Obviously discuss this among yourselves but I'd really appreciate any and all support that you could provide to us and the event. Even if you can't play or don't want to play, just come on out and support it and hang around for a little while. It's a very good time and it is open to folks outside of the university as well so we do have some people that come in and we have a reigning champion that I really like to see somebody beat. That would be our own Captain Foyle and his son Colin the two years we held it they kicked butt. So if somebody please come out and beat them because their heads are like this it would really be great. I really appreciate it and once again thank you for your past support and I hope to see you out there on the floor.

- i. *Katie Egan: How much is it to register a team?*
- ii. *Lt. St. George: It is 25 dollars a team. If you can't do a team and are just an individual, it's 12.50 and we'll pair you up with somebody that night.*
- iii. *Tim Allen: Can non-students register to play?*
- iv. *Lt. St. George: Absolutely, the more the merrier.*
- v. *Visitor question: When do you have to register?*
- vi. *Lt. St. George: You can register right up until the night of the event or you can use the QR code that Laura was kind enough to create to register.*
- vii. *Aaron Lessing point of information: I just want to mention that SGA donated 5 teams last year that were raffled off to students. I'm going to work with Laura to do that again this year so students can go play some cornhole and hopefully beat Captain Foyle.*
- viii. *Lt. St. George: Please do. To be quite frank, his son carried the team.*
- ix. *Chloe Sanfacon: What time did you say it was?*
- x. *Lt. St. George: The doors open at 5:30 for registration and the competition begins at 6. And if you wear pink you get entered in a raffle for a door prize so if you do come, please wear pink.*

B. Vice President of JEDI: **Dr. LaRue Pierce**

Greetings everyone I see I had to come behind Cornhole. Alright again my name is LaRue Pierce, I serve as the inaugural vice president for justice equity diversity division that you know I've been really excited about building the foundation. For the last three months I've been here three months so one of the things that I want to make you aware of and encourage each of you to read is some of the documents that led to the creation of this position. We bought in a lot of consultants throughout the years due to some incidents that occurred on campus and so my job and responsibility is to develop EDI trainings for faculty staff and students, bring in speakers to

who will talk about issues with principles of justice and equity diversity and inclusion. The first events that I want to make you aware of is that next week we will do what's called a 21-day equity challenge and we invite everyone in this room to attend that day and that's it's October 27th Thursday and that's going to be from 11:30 to 12:30. Of course lunch will be provided so I hope you will come out for that my office is upstairs. We also have on the 26th the Jedi open house and it will be it will take place outside of the art gallery that's upstairs and so we're trying to figure out how to do that instead of trying to put everyone in my little office. My little space is a little small in terms of an open house, but we'll have that upstairs next week as well. We have two exciting speaker series that will start this semester one is a race and gender in sports speaker series for that we will bring in Andia Winslow. Have any of you seen a League of Their Own, the new one. How many people have seen a League of Their Own the new one not the old one? Not many people. It's on Netflix so make sure you see it. It's pretty good right so she is one of the characters in that movie at the end where she is playing on all male baseball team that's who we're bringing in. She's an Emmy winning actress voice over, she played in the LPGA as well golf tour as well so she's very talented and very accomplished person. We will also bring in in November civil rights lawyer Benjamin Crump and he will talk about justice from the legal perspective so we have a lot of stuff that we're going to be rolling out. The training piece that we will offer faculty, staff and students that's going that's going to start in the spring semester. I mean we have one now that we had to figure out how to get that back started. I'm looking at the Dean right now she's looking down but don't worry about it. Those are the type of things that the office is doing. I have now developed our strategic priorities for the division and those strategic priorities were developed through the consultations that were on campus and the different committees as well and from having conversation with actually a lot of people in here as well. So we developed six strategic priorities that we will roll out this semester as well so that's what we're doing. Look for the programs and activities that we will be providing for this semester. Your participation is very needed in order for us to change the culture and climate of this community we need each and every one of you to be you know to exercise your voice to let us know when things are going on that should not be going on.

- i. Joseph Bonilla: So I heard you elaborate a little on the speaker series, would you mind elaborating a little more like the structure of it is and like what the end goal is for speaker series?
- ii. VP Pierce: so the race gender and sports one, we all live in America and we know the inequalities that are around sports. So sports is really the end tag line and so I want to bring in people who can talk about the struggles and the sports that they've been in and how they have overcome those struggles and what that support looks like for the future. As well the justice series which is going to be called Voices of Justice and so we will bring in individuals who are civil rights leaders advocates and all areas of justice, social justice, racial justice and so that's the lens from that speaker series.
- iii. Joseph Bonilla Readdress: I also was wondering if you considered adding Nikole Hannah-Jones to the speaker series.
- iv. VP Pierce: Email me the information. So we're reaching out to people you know some people we can't afford to tell you that right now you know but anybody who you think would be a good speaker let me know. So what's the name again?
- v. Joseph Bonilla: Nikole Hannah-Jones. She's an investigative journalist who actually founded the 16/19 project. She's a great speaker that I've spoken to before.
- vi. VP Pierce: We may not be able to afford her but yeah send me her information.
- vii. Aaron Lessing: I know you talked about EDI training for students and staff, from what I know faculty can't be mandated to do that training. I was just curious have you thought about that like trying to incentivize them to do those trainings?
- viii. VP Pierce: We, I'm an office of one so me. I'm working with the president of the union to figure out how we can and incentivize it or make it mandatory. But they would have to lead that, but they've been very receptive about the training that we were trying to get going.
- ix. Chris Lannan: I just wanted to know how you feel we should go promoting about this and if there's anything the majority of us can do to promote this the series speaker events.
- x. VP Pierce: Absolutely. And so one thing that I really want to do is have advisory groups. I don't have one yet. So if any of you want to be on any of their advisory boards for different speaker series. We have also and I had presentation so when I saw that wasn't we are going to do but we are also going to have developed a campus plan and not a diversity plan but it's going to be a campus culture plan and so we will need students to serve on that committee as well. So, if you want to be on anything that I'm doing just let me know and I'm an office of one. So if we get 5 of you that's 6 of us.

- xi. *Chloë Sanfacon: Hi, thank you for coming down. So you've been here three months, how do you like the university and do you have any strengths and weaknesses that you've noticed that you either want to work on or.*
- xii. *VP Pierce: Well, there's a lot of weaknesses. One of the things that that I keep talking about is the vibrancy of this campus you know. Y'all are too quiet. I've never been on a campus this quiet. I mean I worked at privates and they were not this quiet. You guys are too quiet you know so we had to figure out how to reengage you guys in terms of making this a lively place. So you know other than that you know high quality education you know high quality building there you know someone a little older but it's pretty good place. It's comparable to places I've been at before so yeah.*
- xiii. *Joseph Bonilla: You said that Campus culture is something that you wanted to tackle is speaker series one of the first steps that you're trying take or are there other things that you're trying to do specifically towards the faculty student aspect of the training. What else do you think you would be able to the department?*
- xiv. *VP Pierce: Yeah one of thing that I was talking about with students earlier today, we're going to do a listening circle called source because one of the things is I want to get the information from the source. From you. So we'll do some listening circles where they will be topical and have things where everyone will share their thoughtful things on different topics and so that's one of the things that we're going to be trying to really understand the culture of this institution. Kind of like doing campus climate surveys but we want to actually do some real ones that would really help. But there's a lot of incidents that have happened on campus and oftentimes we just ignore them and try to keep moving forward but they going to come back up. you know creep back up and so we need to address those issues and so we will talk about incidents that have occurred on campus as well.*
- xv. *Joseph Bonilla readdress: So, you said that you're one person kind of department, so how is the university making sure that they're supporting you in which that department and making sure that we are getting those campus climate issues addressed?*
- xvi. *VP Pierce: I try to be very collaborative and so I am partnering with a lot of different departments right now. As you're aware the institutions' finances are not the strongest so eventually, I'll add more individuals. One individual will be hired hopefully before this semester is over but it's going to be a lot of partnerships and collaboration throughout the campus.*
- xvii. *Adam Carpenter: I just want to say I'm welcome to university first off. Also aside from promoting the speaker series and stuff like that, what else can we do as student leaders to actively promote a change to campus climate in your opinion?*
- xviii. *VP Pierce: You know if you have ideas, if you have ideas of programming. If you think one of our policies that we have created barriers. Let us know, let the Dean of students know, let myself know, let other administrators know. I think that's what we would want you to do from a kind of a bystander type thing. If you see something say something. We're going to try to put some training together so that we can empower individuals to say something because I think that is where we may not be the strongest. People are not saying things they they're seeing or hearing things but they're not seeing things so you can really help your peers and help me and the rest of the university by saying something and giving us ideas on some programming.*
- xix. *Katie Egan: I appreciate remembering our conversation about room, it's something that me and Rodney have been talking about for a little while now and creating a meditation room that is affiliated with the unity room inside here already. So you have to the space for all interested students regardless of race, gender or sexual orientation. I was thinking that we could have maybe make a sort of group or council with members from like affinity group from our campus to get everyone's input to make sure it's an effective space for everyone. I want to say thank you and you know that we're really interested in this space.*
- xx. *VP Pierce: Let's schedule a meeting to talk about it. Yeah one of the things I want everyone to know is that if you have an idea don't think it's a farfetched idea. You know share it. Share it and let's schedule a meeting to talk about it and figure out how to do it. I'll be honest there may be some things that are pretty lofty that we can't do but what we can do, we'll do it.*

C. Presidents Council: No Report

D. Items not listed on Agenda:

Aaron Lessing: First thing I wanted to bring up is, are you all open to the idea of a GroupMe for communicating things outside of this meeting?

Next update, I met with Chris Hirtle, Executive Director of Media Services last Friday to start discussing livestreaming the SGA meetings on Tuesdays to follow our initiative of Building the

Nest and becoming more visible and open to all students. We are looking at our options and could start livestreaming the meetings this semester. One thing worth mentioning is that exec feels that we don't want to allow people to speak via livestream but rather if they wish to say something they need to attend in person.

Next thing I have is that we are planning a small DIY event to make small ghosts on Halloween from 1 pm – 3 pm and would love for all of you to be there!

I am still trying to connect with the President's office regarding a town hall for a campus climate conversation so there are no new updates for that yet.

If anyone here has done CURCA, I was asked to find a student for a Curca Advisory Board, they meet every other Wednesdays from 2 – 3 over zoom. Please let me know if you are interested, it would count as a committee.

If anyone is interested in interviewing an Intercultural Councilor candidate for Counseling Services on October 27th at noon in the SGA conference room, please talk to Laura! It's a great opportunity to get student input involved in picking a counselor that comes with a specialized focus of assisting culturally diverse students, as they have identity and life circumstances based on their race, ethnicity, or background.

Update for interviews, we have interviewed three students already with a fourth scheduled and I have reached out to three other students that have said they are interested in SGA! I will be letting them know our decision by the end of the week and we should have some more students on SGA next week.

I'm also going to send around another piece of paper for homecoming this Saturday from 10-12 we are going to need volunteers to help to greet and to help people to bring stuff from their cars to the tailgating area. If you are going to be at homecoming anyways, you might as well help out with it. If you are interested please sign up.

We've discussed this in exec and exec would like more people to report on committees that you sit on. We really want to get more of you guys reporting instead of exec reporting on every committee even ones that you are on. So please if you are comfortable with it consider reporting. I do want to make some quick points to remind you all about after last week's meeting:

1. We want to try our best to make these meetings move along, try not to make the same point someone else has made or one up someone. If you agree with them, I encourage you to communicate with your agreement quietly.
2. Dinner in the DC closes at 8:00 PM, I get hangry.
3. Please try to remain quiet near the end of the meeting, we all want to get out of here, but I need to end the meeting the correct way.
4. Try to keep on subject with a conversation under a specific report, i.e. don't ask questions about campus programming under Dan's NECHE report.
5. Finally, please raise your hand vertically instead of horizontally to get my attention.

The hint for the SGA bonding trip is that we will be above the ground.

- i. Tim Allen: Is above ground, above the tree line?
- ii. Aaron Lessing: I don't believe so.
- iii. Katie Egan: Can you explain the proper procedure to send in a report?
- iv. Aaron Lessing: Yes, so to send in a report, please e-mail it to Adam @ AdamCarpenterexec.SGA and then just notify me before the meeting. Try to do it not right before the meeting. But if you do that's OK just so I know to call on you if you have a report.
- v. Joseph Bonilla: For class presidents if we reports what should we report on?
- vi. Aaron Lessing: So for it's especially for like committee reports like I understand if you guys like feel that nothing of importance was said so sometimes like it might feel like you don't need to report. But, for class councils for example if you have events coming up or any ideas that you want to us to know about. I think those are like the big things and then obviously if you appoint people to SGA at least you have to come up there and just appoint them but yeah just events that are going on, ideas, and collaborations you're working on that kind of stuff.
- vii. Chris Lannan: Reporting on committees to that aren't the vice presidents, how do we do that?
- viii. Aaron Lessing: so OK so try I'm trying to think of you guys so you e-mail Adam. Are you asking like.
- ix. Chris Lannan: Like say I wanted to give a report on like the finance committee or the diversity and inclusion committee. How would I go about reporting on the committee.
- x. Aaron Lessing: So we just want one person reporting on each committee. For example, Dan reports on Finance committee.

- xi. Adam Carpenter point of information: Dan could then tell you or you could ask Dan if you could report for him. I think that is what he was asking just to clarify.
- xii. Aaron Lessing: Yes, thank you.
- xiii. Dan Currier point of information: There's some committees that we would probably want to keep like finance committee I'm going to have finance proposals that I have to go through. Like academic policies committee for example that would be a committee that we can report like it really depends on the committee. You also have to kind of work with the vice president in charge so at least in the beginning stage make sure everything is good or that everything's going through correctly. There is a process in place though just keep in the loop with us.
- xiv. Aaron Lessing: Just keep in loop with the people on the committee is the part that's really important. We don't want to have two people reporting on the same committee.
- xv. Adam Carpenter: I just want to make another kind of point of information to clarify my email where you should send reports is execsec.sga@westfield.ma.edu not adamcarpenterexecseg.sga@westfield.ma.edu.
- xvi. Chloë Sanfaçon: Another kind of point of information is that the report forms are sent out with the agendas every week so there's a template for the report. You just put your name and the committee that you are reporting on and then type it up and send it over to execsec.sga

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: *Logan Terenzi***

Student Affairs Committee is meeting this Friday, 10/21 at 1:40pm via zoom.

Substance Advisory is meeting tomorrow at 2:00pm, on the 2nd Floor of Ely.

I met with VP of SEED Dan Forster last week, before our SGA Meeting and we talked about enrollment, marketing, and some programs they are running to increase enrollment and outreach to prospective students. They are working on a CRM (Customer Relationship Management) System this year to be put in place soon, so ill update more about that soon. We still need students for Enrollment Management Committee Mondays at 3pm.

We also need students for Student Conduct Board, Applications are on the table where you grab your binders.

If you guys need to reach me, there is a contact sheet with my number in your binders, my email is vpstudentlife.sga@westfield.ma.edu and my office hours are Tuesdays 12-2pm and Wednesday 10am – 12pm (but most times on those days I am in here throughout the day.)

- A. Student Affairs Committee: No Report
- B. Food Services Committee: Logan Terenzi

Hi everyone. I have a few things to report on;

1. meal swipes are valid for breakfast and lunch periods at bistro.
2. There will be one or two water dispensers with fruit in it at clean eats in the DC if you do not like the new flavored water.
3. Garlic Aioli will be looked into for the DC, two reasons it is only at Wilson is because it is very expensive, and they want Wilson to have unique options.
4. There will be a Queso competition in the DC sometime soon and will bring new options for students to try.
5. Stir fry is back if you guys haven't had to try it.
6. Double cheeseburgers will be coming back to the Bistro, and new list of items will be introducing for late night bowls. Chicken Parm, Spaghetti and Mozzarella, Mash potato bowl, General Tso Bowl, Taco bowl.
7. Testing table everyday in the center of the DC Breakfast and lunch.
8. Smoothies will be added soon to DC.
9. Adult Happy meal for Bistro late night?
10. Looking into gluten free options for bistro as well as healthier options.
11. Scanlon door in DC will be closed for the foreseeable future.
12. Hot and Cold Cider should be in the Wilson Café
13. Pumpkin Spice Latte and Apple Spice Latte in Wilson
14. Next month peppermint hot chocolate and Latte in Wilson
15. Thanksgiving event Thursday before thanksgiving, vegan turkey will available
16. End of the Semester Party
17. Apple week is happening now
18. Should be Americanized Chinese food for this week

19. Bill is looking for big picture ideas like in terms of opening different eateries or other options of that scale. Bill will also be coming down to an SGA meeting in the near future so you can give recommendations straight to him.
- i. Dan Currier: I just wanted to ask about what kind of feedback he's been getting about the chairs and how they are going to move forward with that.
 - ii. Logan Terenzi: I will be asking that tomorrow. I asked him earlier today but said he will get back to me tomorrow on that.
 - iii. Visitor question: I was just wondering if we could have chicken Nuggets more often?
 - iv. Logan Terenzi: Chicken Nuggets? In DC or Bistro?
 - v. Visitor Readdress: In either of those places?
 - vi. Logan Terenzi: I will bring it up.
 - vii. Levi Ekstrom: I'm just curious how much these adult happy meals are going to be when salads are \$10 and higher. How much they would charge for a burger, fries, a toy, and a drink?
 - viii. Logan Terenzi: that's going to be like I think he said 10 to \$11 maybe \$9 something around 9 to \$11 range.
 - ix. Levi Ekstrom: Because a salad is \$10 and it's crazy if that's like the same.
 - x. Logan Terenzi: I'm going to bring it up.
 - xi. Joseph Bonilla: For the smoothies, I think it should be all day because like I can see people getting up in the morning to get like something like a smoothie from the Bistro and then going to the gym after or something like that is something that I can see someone doing.
 - xii. Visitor question: yeah I was just wondering if there's any plan in the future to push back the time DC closes back closer to what last year?
 - xiii. Logan Terenzi: For just in general or is there a specific reason like athlete reasons or just in general?
 - xiv. Visitor readdress: I feel like a lot of athletes feel like once you get out of practice and shower and everything yeah it's kind of already closed.
 - xv. Logan Terenzi: So I just discussed that specifically with Student athletes and the issues about eating food late in DC. So I brought up the idea like a couple hours ago to Bill when I ran into him of on the GET app getting see it getting an option for you to get dinner basically from 8:00 o'clock to 9:00 o'clock and then having it be available for pick up and Bistro. So you can order your dinner from the options that are in the DC and then pick it up because you would have to get staff to staff it for an extra hour or extra half an hour and then cleaning after that and that's going to be very difficult. So I just thought maybe if we could order ahead like if students athletes go before practice or at practice their coach let's them order ahead or students who just can't get to the DC before 8, order ahead from that 8:00 o'clock to 9:00 o'clock. They can order their dinner and then pick it up and see if that's an option.
 - xvi. Aaron Lessing: You mentioned big ideas, bringing Ely back is a big one because students were very upset when it was taken away. Another one is to bring back later night late night.
 - xv. Chloë Sanfacon: Could you ask Bill about the budget for toys in the adult happy meals because I know that the budget is just a little bit slim? So if you could just ask him what the funds are.
 - xvi. Logan Terenzi: Yeah, I'll ask him and let you know.
 - xvii. Chris Lannan: I was just going to say, is can we there we could get like it's like for a choice for the adult happy meal and we get like burgers or like chicken Nuggets? Because I personally don't really like burgers and I'm sure that a lot of other people don't like burgers and I want to still give them that option.
 - xviii. Logan Terenzi: Chicken nugget option in the happy meals. Got it. I'll bring it up.
 - xix. Ethan Haynes: about the smoothies in the DC, can we have an update for that next week like I want to know. Sometimes I don't wake up till like 11 and don't want to miss out on that as an option.
 - Xx. Logan Terenzi: I'm going to bring up pushing it past the AM to Bill tomorrow.

- 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: No Report

C. Special Committee on Reforming General Education (SCORE): Emily Fluet

Hi everyone, just a few quick things about SCORE, so as part of the preliminary NECHE visit the people visiting from Central Connecticut State will be meeting with SCORE and I will be on that meeting. We will be talking about how the Gen Ed reform is going because that is one of the main focuses of the reaccreditation.

We also have a goal of submitting the new model to governance in early November, but it will still be a work in progress even after we send it.

We will also be creating and sending out a student survey soon so just keep an eye out for that. Then we're doing a focus group specifically on like the first year academic experience we want to get like 16 to 20 students from various different groups on campus so like athletes, honors students, students who use like TRIO, Urban ED, Banacos, and all that kind of stuff so if anybody here feels like they would be useful in that focus group you will get paid like 25ish dollars so just talk to me.

- i. Joseph Bonilla: I think you said you're going to need about 6.
 - ii. Emily Fluet: About like 16 to 20 people so not freshman. At least Sophomores to talk about your experience as a freshman and getting feedback on how we can improve.
 - iii. Joseph Bonilla: So is it going to be specific to sophomores or is it.
 - iv. Emily Fluet: Anyone who is not a freshman.
 - v. Ethan Haynes: Would transfer students being included in these groups.
 - vi. Emily Fluet: Yeah, I think they definitely would. Getting a transfer student perspective is something that we are going to be focusing on, especially in the spring when we're working with the registrar because we are going to have a lot students coming next year. Specifically in the context of Gen Ed requirements. So that would definitely be helpful.
 - vii. Joseph Bonilla: Would first year considered sophomores be part of this like people who came in with Dual-enrollment.
 - viii. Emily Fluet: People who have been at Westfield already.
- D. New England Council of Higher Education (NECHE) Self-Study Committee: No Report
- E. Parking Control Board: No Report
- F. Parking Appeals Board: No Report

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

A. Diversity and Inclusion Committee:

Introduction

- Hello everyone, I have a few things to report...
- Yesterday was the first Diversity and Inclusion committee meeting. We talked about some ideas that we would implement on campus, such creating a mural that represents different affinity groups and cultures on campus. As well as having the globe light shine different colors that reflect a movement, initiative, or even a culture. One of the goals of this committee is to allow SGA opportunity to help make our campus a more inclusive place for everyone, so if you are interested in joining, please let me know. Our next meeting will be here in SGA at 4pm on Tuesday, November 1st.
- Within the upcoming weeks, I will begin to revive the Multicultural association. In the past it was a committee/club that consisted of members of different affinity groups on campus, a part of the goal of this committee was to create a connection amongst groups on campus. I plan on having one representative from all the affinity groups to have a seat in this committee. A part of why our School struggles with diversity & inclusion initiatives, is because there is a lack of intersectionality in the conversation and there being a lack of communication and connection among many groups on campus.
- I have submitted a list of flags to DC. The vast majority of flags on the list I sent are of the request of students from BSU, LAFE, APISU, and others. Bill said he will begin order them, so expect flags to start appearing in DC throughout this semester and the spring.
- The Black Lives Matter flag was also added to the DC and is right next to the pride flag, over where you would go to scan your ID.
- If you would like to make a request of other flags that you would like in the DC, please reach out to me.

B. Student of Color Council Report: No Report

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

Good evening.

This past Wednesday, I had the honor of presenting before the Westfield State University Board of Trustees on a report I co-authored last semester entitled “Protecting the Global Nest – Going Green at Westfield State University.” The report provides thirteen recommendations on how Westfield State University can grow more sustainable while cutting costs and increasing revenue. The trustees really enjoyed the presentation, with members of the Cabinet, Associate Deans, and President Thompson indicating that they will take the report seriously and look forward to working with me in the future. I want to thank those in this room who watched the presentation either in-person or virtually – it certainly made my day.

On Thursday, I met with Vice President for Administration & Finance Steve Taksar. We primarily discussed the financial outlook for the Spring 2023 semester and FY24.

With regard to the Spring 2023 semester, we are estimating that 10-12% of students will leave between now and January, thus this will impact our Student Activity Fee collections for the spring. With 2,997 undergraduates currently enrolled and assuming an 11% withdrawal rate with no spring transfers, we would lose roughly 330 students with an estimated loss in SGA Trust Fund revenues of \$23,077. Since I am anticipating that we will have at least some spring transfers coming to campus this spring, I have placed a \$20,000 reserve contingency line in the FY23 Budget that will be presented to you all next week to ensure that we do not expend more than we have, as has been the case in previous years.

For FY24, we are assuming that enrollment will remain steady overall. To ensure that we can keep pace with inflationary pressures and yearly compensations increases under the collective-bargaining agreements, Vice President Taksar noted that we will certainly see increases of some kind for next year. He says that we can expect increases to housing and dining fees, but the amount of these increases has yet to be fleshed out. Furthermore, there will be discussions regarding increases to the Technology Fee, which currently stands at \$365 per semester and covers our Microsoft 365 licenses and other technology subscriptions, and the Capital Improvement Fee, which currently stands at \$50 per semester and covers our deferred maintenance. Additional discussions will take place regarding additional course fees for select classes. For those here last year, you may remember that the President instituted fees for certain classes, including those in health sciences, movement science, and art. Additional fees may be necessary to cover material costs and other needs. Vice President Taksar will be coming down on December 6th to discuss fee increases and other issues, so please feel free to ask him questions.

Finally, Vice President Taksar and I discussed my sustainability presentation. I may be going to a Cabinet meeting soon to discuss the potential for a Coordinator for Sustainability and Environmental Protection on-campus and whether we would want a full-time coordinator or a faculty member on APR, along with funding and other items while we get the Sustainability Committee up and running on-campus. I may also be attending a senior staff meeting in his division to discuss the recommendation that we have put forward.

And before I end my report, I do want to mention that I will be presenting our budget next week. I did present a draft FY23 Budget to the Finance Committee and the Executive Council and

there will definitely be revisions following our discussions. But I can report that we have a balanced budget that will support our students over the coming year. You can expect a full budget packet with a narrative of why we spend the money on these items and a budget presentation that will break down the packet even further.

Should you have any questions, I will probably be in my cubicle typing away on the budget, so feel free to swing by!

- i. Logan Terenzi: If it's possible can you send out the go green report that you gave to the board of trustees.
- ii. Dan Currier: Yeah, I can definitely do that.
- iii. Chloë Sanfacon: I just want to give Dan a big kudos for the presentation to the board of trustees. The board loved it and everyone was really impressed with the presentation and how professional it was.
 - A. Finance Committee: Daniel Currier

Hello again!

The Finance Committee held its first meeting yesterday at 3:00pm in Ely 003 (Dunkin' Conference Room). We discussed what the purpose of the committee is and what members can expect.

Our primary item of business over the next few weeks will be to update our Finance Bylaws. These bylaws have not been updated in several years and need some serious work. I have asked members of the Finance Committee and the Executive Council to offer constructive feedback on what can be improved under Article IV of our *Student Government Association Bylaws*. I extend this offer to all members of SGA as well – If you have any ideas on what can be improved, I am all ears. Please submit your feedback to me at vpfinance.sga@westfield.ma.edu within the next few days if possible. I am looking to propose (as part of these amendments to the bylaws) that an annual budget approval process involving a preliminary budget in the spring and a final budget in the fall in line with the Board of Trustees be implemented to allow SGA to have a say in what is allocated before it is actually sent out. I am also looking to rework maximum expenditures based on feedback, be clear on what constitutes “entertainment,” and update any items that conflict with current policies, including the recently-approved Student Travel Policy.

I have not received any finance proposals since QSA submitted theirs a few weeks ago. I hope that clubs and organizations will take advantage of this opportunity for funding and I will gladly come back to SGA to seek the final approval from this body before funds are distributed.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 24, 2022 at 3:00pm in Ely 020 (SGA Conference Room). Should you have any questions, please let me know.

B. Foundation Report: No Report

c. ITSAC Report: Daniel Currier

Good Evening!

The Information Technology Strategic Advisory Committee (ITSAC) held its monthly meeting this morning at 10:00am. We discussed what each subcommittee is currently working on and where we expect to be in the near future.

One of the subcommittees I am on, the Classroom & Conferencing Technologies Subcommittee led by Chris Hirtle, Executive Director for Academic Information Services, will be hosting focus groups of faculty, administrative assistants, and students regarding what is working, what is not working, and what we hope to see in the classroom and in teleconferencing here at Westfield State University. At a previous SGA meeting, I asked for volunteers for this focus group and some of you requested to be on it, so I thank you for that. I have also made an effort to include students outside of SGA from a variety of academic backgrounds. I sent an email out today to a few students I know from several disciplines who may be able to provide their thoughts in a focus group environment. It is my hope that we can hold this focus group sometime in early November.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 10:00am via Zoom. Should you have any questions, please let me know.

- VIII. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - PUBLICITY: **Elizabeth Mercer**
 - A. Neighborhood Advisory Board: No Report
 - B. Community Relations/Fundraising Report: No Report
 - C. Spring Semiformal Committee: No Report
 - D. Blue Key Committee: No Report

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

- X. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: **Liam Connor**
 - A. Rules and Regulations Committee: No Report
 - B. Constitutional Review Committee: No Report

- XI. COMMUTER COUNCIL AND CLASS COUNCIL REPORTS: No Report
 - 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)- No New business

- XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
 - i. Logan Terenzi: Anyone who is on substance advisory or student affairs committee, please come and see me after the meeting.
 - ii. Joseph Bonilla: The class of 2026 is planning an event in about 10 days and while we're like moving through the weeds of it, spoke with Aaron earlier and wondering if anybody on any class council were just SGA in general wants to volunteer and just help with it. The event is going to be October 28th from 6 to 8PM. Set up is probably earlier depending what time you want to do if you want to help set up take down whatever whatnot. You can substitute for an office hour.
 - iii. Rodney Duteau: I have two announcements. The first is that I put a flyer by the SGA mailboxes that will help you to register to vote. Please do. There's no excuse not to vote.

- So that's here. Also, the interfaith center is hosting a mindfulness training. It's a free training that helps people deal with anxiety and learn how to be calmer and more relaxed. I also have that flyer in the same place and there is a QR code with how to register.
- iv. Elizabeth Mercer: The Community conversation is tomorrow in the Scanlon Banquet Hall from 5:30 to 7:30pm. It's with Westfield Mayor Mike McCabe and President Thompson. Finally, Adam said that if you go it counts as your office hour for the week.
 - v. Aaron Lessing: It's Academic Affairs Innovation week so check your email regarding that. It's from today to the 21st of October.
 - vi. Mikayla Evans: There are 213 days until commencement.
- XV. ROLL CALL: Crystal Mills, Eric Hardy, and Haley Kane were absent
- XVI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting is adjourned until Tuesday, October 25th. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Please also note that for accurate record keeping purposes, SGA meetings are recorded and kept on file by the SGA Executive Secretary.