**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES**

**April 13, 2021**

1. ROLL CALL: Jordyn Carpenter, Kathrine Pinney, Kaylin Carpenter, Hunter Hassett, Adanna Duanys, Ariana Torres, and Emily Walden were absent Kaitlyn Egan, Olivia Houde, and Valerie Eckenroth were excused.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: April 06, 2021, minutes were approved.
3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: ***Samuel Tsongalis***
4. This past Sunday, April 11, 2021, to what has been reported as an accident, an officer mistakenly grabbed their gun, instead of their taser, and shot and killed a 20 year old black man in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota. The man's name was Daunte Wright. Accident or not, it should be mentioned that Daunte was the father to a one year old child.
5. I ask that if you do anything, please take some time to consider your thoughts on the need for police reform, because COVID-19 isn’t the only Pandemic that our country is facing. I would now like to take a moment of silence in memory of Daunte Wright.
6. Tonight, is a bit of a lighter night, but to give you a small glimpse into the future, we will have a representative from the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA), to discuss the future services that they provide to us on campus. Lyric Lamagdalaine will update you on the information a little bit later, and we will also forward you the PowerPoint of what some of the ideas that they are offering are going to look like. There will also be a PowerPoint sent out with the minutes, regarding information about next week's meeting. Please make a point to review it throughout the week.
7. I would now like to transition into the topic of COVID-19, and its presences on our campus. Here for the weekly update, Dean of Students Maggie Balch, and Associate Dean of Students Shannon Green.
8. **Dean Balch:** Last week’s numbers are as follows: we have four positives. Two are residential and two are commuters. I don’t have the close contact numbers yet because the person who does them hasn’t gotten them yet. But if you want to register for the vaccine please do so, and if you get the vaccine make sure to drink plenty of water, it has been said that it can help lessen the side effects**.**
9. **Associate Dean Green**: Numbers are the same. Since January we have had 30 on campus reports with 101 students and off campus, we have had four reports with nine students**.**
10. **Audrey Therriault:** If we are fully vaccinated do we need to still be tested?
11. **Dean Balch:** Yes absolutely, and just like you let your primary care know you are vaccinated you will need to let the health center know as well. Take a picture and send it to the Health Services so they have that on file.
12. **Chloe Sanfacon:** I am part of a Facebook group and I was asked a few questions regarding the vaccine and if it will be required to get it at Westfield, and I didn’t really know how to respond.
13. **Dean Balch:** As much as I would love to make it a required thing to do, we are a state school and therefore we go under state guidelines, so it's really up to the Governor and what he has to say in regard to our requirements.
14. **Matt Wandashion:** Do we send the Health Services our card if we only have one dose or do you want us to send both doses?
15. **Dean Balch:** Both doses, send a full card over.
16. **Cam Kelleher:** I just had a question regarding the different protocols and requirements for people that either have been fully vaccinated or don't have the vaccine is there going to be different rules and regulations for each group in the fall?
17. **Dean Balch:** Right now, I cannot give you a concrete answer but we're brainstorming thinking yes there's going to be different protocols and different rules that each student will have to do depending on where they are at regarding vaccination and or covid related things.
18. Thank you, Maggie and Shannon.
19. A huge thank you to everyone who went to the Presidential Forums this past Thursday, April 8 and Monday, April 9 the next forum will be on Thursday, April 15 at 3:30 pm.
20. AUC is planning to meet this week in its normal time on Friday, April 16 at 1:40 pm.
21. I would also like to let you all know that April 27 will be our last meeting for the semester. This being because the next week is half classes and half finals, and finals are enough on their own. For this meeting we will be having a special guest, State Senator, John Velis, to talk to us about updates as our State Senator. This meeting will not be a dress code, but please be aware of what is in the background, and that everything is presentable and not, you know, like the rest of my room that you can’t see at this moment.
22. Items not listed on Agenda.
23. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: ***Thalita Neves***
24. All University Committee: **No report**
25. Student Advisory Council: **No report**
26. Safe Opening Task Force: **No report**
27. Presidential Search Committee: **No report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE: ***Aaron Lessing***
2. I want to give you an update on Residential Engagement, I met with Chris Willenbrock, Director of Res Engagement last Friday, April 9 and we discussed some things going on in her division.
3. The RA application process just closed yesterday, however, she let me know that there might be another round of applications going out in the summer for the upcoming year. She wants to have around 50-60 RA’s and is planning on more applications as students decide whether or not they will be on campus next Fall.
4. Res Engagement is also having Residential Director interviews this week, for the upcoming Fall semester. Chris has invited me to attend these interviews, so I will be attending as many as I can.
5. The discussion of traditions came up during our conversation, I know last year we had a great conversation around this, even talking about a bonfire. Chris told me that Residential Engagement is here to support everyone, so in the future if we have any traditions or events that we want to plan, we are welcome to reach out to her for some help.
6. I want to ask you all how your housing selection experience went. I had some students come to me to express their frustrations with the selection and wanted to know how it went for all of you.
7. **Chloe Sanfacon:** In regard to housing selection this year I've heard a lot of not good things about it being online and especially for groups to be able to get rooms I've heard that certain members of groups could get rooms and then the other members were left out and forced to be room less for the time being. I know there's a lot of problems with making sure the whole group can be in a suite or apartment together. I know that some of those people actually had to get singles and weren't able to get singles until today, because either they were kicked out or they didn't fall in certain guidelines or something.
8. **Aaron Lessing:** Thank you.
9. **Lindsey Mcnulty:** Yes, just like what Chloe said I talked to a lot of sophomores going into junior groups and they had trouble with getting their whole group together in one apartment because there were other people not in their group selecting singles that were making it harder for them to be able to be together as one group. I think people are just frustrated because usually when you're single you pick later than the group.
10. **Aaron Lessing:** Any rising seniors have any issues?
11. **Chloe Sanfacon:** I have heard obviously from sophomores rising juniors but I haven't heard anything from first year to sophomore or things like that, so are there any first year's going to be sophomores that are having issues?
12. **Alan Blair:** Just to answer Chloe, I did hear from some first years that are going to be sophomores and it's the exact same issues.
13. Student Affairs Committee: **No report**
14. Diversity/Inclusion Committee: **No report**
15. Food Services Committee: **Aaron Lessing**
16. Food Services Committee met last Friday, April 9 at 1:00 pm. We have officially changed the time after I had a few people that wanted to taste test the ice cream reach out to me.
17. Regarding the ice cream taste test, we had about eight people do a blind taste test of three different vendors, Batch Ice Cream from Longmeadow, Northside Creamery from Westfield, and Ben & Jerry’s. Overall, the group concluded that they liked both of the local vendors more than Ben & Jerry’s. Therefore, Bill Connor raised the question if we want to change over to local vendors for ice cream at the university. They will be around a dollar cheaper, they are healthier for you, and they taste better. If there are no objections to this Dining would like to use the two vendors and stop selling Ben & Jerry’s on campus.
18. **Cam Kelleher:** So, were the taste testing like anonymous or blind?
19. **Aaron Lessing:** Yes, it was a blind taste test, not double blind which would have been more preferred, but it was a blind to taste test.
20. **Cam Kelleher:** When you guys taste tested were they the same flavor, when you tasted each brand did you taste the same flavor at the same time?
21. **Aaron Lessing:** Yes, we tried to match them as closely as we could. Some flavors weren't in both, but we tried to stick with as similar as possible. I just want to add if there's no other questions, we all in vote to get rid of Ben and Jerry's and keep our local vendors.
22. We have decided on a reusable container and will be getting a price estimate soon to have them on campus next fall.
23. Bill gave me the all clear, to let you all know that I will be sitting on a Search Committee this semester and into the summer for a new Executive Chef at Westfield. For those of you that have been here for a while, Chef Mary will be leaving the university. The application for this position was posted last Tuesday, March 20, if you know anyone interested, please tell them to apply. I will keep you all updated throughout the process the best I can, and I will send out emails over the summer too!
24. Bill is working on the pricing for new picnic tables and umbrellas, which will be coming eventually. There will be at least two tables, some have four or six, at most buildings on campus. If you are interested in specifics let me know and I can email you the blueprint that Bill gave me.
25. As you may know, it is Fresh Check week, so from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm there will be tables in the DC with all kinds of exciting activities. I know yesterday they had spin art going on, you could get cotton candy and other cool prizes.
26. Tomorrow, April 14 is Aloha Day in the DC, so go check that out.
27. We are taste testing muffins this week, so if you are interested in coming to a taste test come to the Tekoa Room in the DC at 1:00 pm this Friday, April 16!
28. Parking Control Board: **No report**
29. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No report**
30. Substance Advisory Committee: **No report**
31. Veteran Affairs Report: **No report**
32. Parking Appeals Board: **No report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: ***Lyric Lamagdelaine***
   1. I just wanted to let you all know web-registration for courses closes this Friday, April 16. If you have any final changes you want to make to your schedule, make sure to complete those by Friday.
   2. Additionally, there will be no classes held this upcoming Monday, April 19. It is Patriot’s day. All classes are cancelled for the holiday. This includes all in person courses and remote-synchronize. The last time we had a holiday with no courses, there was some confusion on this, so I want to clarify there are absolutely no classes held. This information is relayed from what provost Kersting has said.
   3. On Friday, April 9, I attended a meeting with PVTA regarding the bus schedules for this upcoming academic year.
2. We will only have one bus running, opposed to when we typically have the Owl Shuttle and R10 bus.
3. The one bus that is running will go to Horace Mann and Scanlon as normal, however we also hope to have a few stops during the day at Stop and Shop in downtown, Westfield.
4. Additionally, we cut South Lot from the PVTA schedule. The on campus Public Safety shuttles will be running only between South Lot and Scanlon because Landsdowne will no longer be in use, so having the PVTA shuttle run into South Lot was not necessary.
5. You all will be receiving a PowerPoint with information regarding PVTA soon, like Sam Tsongalis said, so please make sure to look into it.
6. There is a lot of information and it is very much still a work in progress, so keep that in mind. That is the jist of everything though so if anyone has any questions feel free to ask me or ask when PVTA comes down to SGA.
   1. Academic Policies Committee: **No report**
   2. Curriculum Committee: **No report**
   3. Enrollment Management Committee: **No report**
   4. International Programs Committee: **No report**
   5. Academic Technology and Information Services Committee: **No report**
7. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: ***Kelson Burke***
8. Finance Committee: **No report**
9. Foundation Report: **No report**
10. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: ***Cameron Kelleher***
11. Campus Activities Board: Cameron Kelleher
12. Just a heads up that this Friday, April 16 CAB will be running another meditation event via zoom. Please check your student emails for the link tomorrow!
13. LEGISLATIVE SECRETARTY: ***Elizabeth Ferrara***
14. This is a reminder for the Blue Key Committee. We are meeting tonight after SGA, starting at about 6:15. I emailed you guys the zoom link, but let me know if you didn’t get it. I want to thank you all in advance, you are all amazing.
15. Neighborhood Advisory Board: **No report**
16. Community Relations/Fundraising**: No report**
17. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT: ***Kimberly Fish***
18. Just wanted to say thank you so much for everybody's emails. I did get them and enjoyed reading the BIOS. Just a reminder that on April 20 through the 22 elections will be held on myWestfield under the campus life.
19. A side note if you have enough credits where you're technically in a class above the class you want to vote for, just give an email out to Barb Hand and she will put you back to the class that you are wanting to vote for and or run for. Be sure to vote!
20. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT:
21. Rules and Regulations Committee: **No report**
22. Constitutional Review Committee: **No report**
23. ADVISORY COMMITTEES:
24. Advisory Committee on Facilities Planning: **No report**
25. Advisory Committee on Academic Planning: **No report**
26. Advisory Committee on Budget Planning: **No report**
27. Advisory Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: **No report**
28. University Efficiency Analysis Advisory Committee: **No report**
29. COMMUTER COUNCIL AND CLASS COUNCIL REPORTS:
30. Commuter Council: **No report**
31. Senior Class: **No report**
32. Junior Class: **No report**
33. Sophomore Class: **No report**
34. First Year Class: **No report**
35. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. NEW BUSINESS: It was moved by Cameron Kelleher and seconded to open New Business. The motion was accepted.

SGA Constitution

1. It was moved by Cameron Kelleher and seconded to add to Article IV (Membership and Structure), Section 2 (Structure), Letter B, Number 7 letters e – i SGA Club Representatives; Article V, Section 3, Letter D number 9 SGA Club Representative Committee; Article VII, Section 3 Letter D, 1-4 SGA Club Representatives. The Motion was accepted.

SGA Bylaws

1. It was moved by Cameron Kelleher and seconded to edit Article VI, Section 5 Student Organization Council Bylaws to include A-F. The motion was accepted.

SGA Bylaws

1. It was moved by Cameron Kelleher and seconded to add Article IX, SGA Club Representative Committee Bylaws, Section 1, A-D. The motion was accepted.

It was moved by Cameron Kelleher and seconded to close New Business. The motion was accepted.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
2. **Lyric Lamagdelaine:** Don't forget that the last day to RSVP for commencement is tonight!
3. **Alex Dotiwalla:** The last day to get your cap and gown is April 15.
4. **Thalita Neves:** Please come to the next presidential forum. I can email the link and times.
5. **Liz Ferrara:** Don't forget Blue Key committee we meet right after this meeting
6. **Alex Dotiwalla:** 32 days until commencement
7. ROLL CALL: Jordyn Carpenter, Kathrine Pinney, Kaylin Carpenter, Hunter Hassett, Adanna Duanys, Ariana Torres, and Audrey Therriault, were absent. Kaitlyn Egan and Olivia Houde were excused.
8. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm.

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