**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES**

**February 9, 2021**

1. ROLL CALL: Alex Dotiwala, Melanie Voss, Katherine Pinney, Kaylin Carpenter, Catherine Eynation, Hunter Hassett, Rodney Duteau, Adanna Duanys, Ariana Torres, and Emily Walden were absent.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: February 2, 2021. Minutes were approved.
3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: ***Samuel Tsongalis***
4. I would like to share one quick concern I have. As much as I do love the snow, I would like to say that if it could stop snowing for like a solid week, I would very much enjoy not having to brush off my car or shoveling my driveway as a part of my new daily routine.
5. Unfortunately our speaker for this evening, Bill Connor will not be able to make it.
6. Folks, as I had mentioned last week, Lyric Lamagdalaine and I, this past Thursday, February 4, met with Provost Kersting, about some concerns about classrooms being shifted back to in person, when they previously agreeing to be held remote synchronous.
7. After briefly mentioning the problem, Provost Kersting mentioned that professors or department heads do not have the authority to move a class back to in person learning at this time, when previously agreed otherwise. His exact words were “they can’t do that,” and then proceeded to say that not only was that just a pain in the butt for those who don’t live on campus and instead like many, currently live at home, it also poses as a threat to the public health of not only those in the classroom, but also the University, if not handled properly.
8. In response, Provost Kersting is asking that you please reach out to your department heads. if you haven’t already, and to make note of what they said, and to please report back to Lyric or myself, if there is future concern. In the meantime, he is writing to all the College Deans to make sure that situations such as the one we find now, does not continue, as well as does not change in the future. If any classes were to transition to in person that were not predetermined by the start of the semester, they will be planning to transition for the next academic year, not the current. If anyone does have any concerns about professors, of course Lyric and me are around.
9. The All University Committee did meet this past Friday, February 5, during the common meeting time. Today I am pleased and terribly proud to announce that the committee known as SCORE, that works to reshape the general core, will head to the President’s Office for his signature, and to move forward with the forming of the committee. The vote was passed unanimously, after a unanimous recommendation from the University Curriculum Committee. When more information of who and when the committee is going to meet, I will of course report back.
10. In addition to the core, we continued to discuss the policy commonly referred to as “email as an official form of communication,” but did not come to a general consensus on why the policy needs to be formed.
11. Both myself and other members of the committee felt that a policy of such, is not picking and shouldn’t have to be clarified. It’s 2021, of course email is an official form of communication.
12. Other members see this as a liability for the University and to which I do agree but believe that we must organize a clearer policy than the one that was presented, and inevitably lead to weigh more questions than what the policy could answer. We are still looking for more information, hoping to clarify.
13. We forwarded several courses to be reviewed by the University Curriculum Committee, as well as forwarded several recommendations of theirs, to the President's Office.
14. AUC will be meeting next Friday, February 19th, 2021 at 1:40pm.
15. Items not listed on Agenda.
16. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: ***Thalita Neves***
17. All University Committee: **No report**
18. Student Advisory Council: **No report**
19. Safe Opening Task Force: **No report**
20. Presidential Search Committee: **No report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE: ***Aaron Lessing***
2. Hello everyone, I hope you are all doing well, as you might have noticed on the Covid-19 dashboard there is a new alert system to show the current situation with the pandemic on campus. I want to briefly mention for those of you who need to get tested, you must have your campus id and punch card to be tested, you will not be able to get tested without them.
3. **Lindsay McNeil:** What happens if you lose your punch card?
4. **Aaron Lessing**: I would go to Maggie Balch or Health Services.
5. **Maggie Balch:** Yes, you can contact me.
6. **Logan Terenzi:** I just want to ask what to do if you miss your time slot or test?
7. **Aaron Lessing:** Reach out to Maggie Balch or Health Services
8. **Maggie Balch**: Please do not miss your time slot, we have worked hard to make sure that test days are organized, and each student is able to get tested, If you miss your test time Shannon Broderick and I will put you through conduct process or even send you home. Please do not miss it.
9. **Lyric Lamagdelaine:** Just wanted to let you know and advice that you should say the consequences of missing you time slot, because last semester it was more laid back, this semester is not, and it would be good to let students know.
10. Student Affairs Committee: **Aaron Lessing**
11. Student Affairs Committee is meeting February 19 at 1:30pm for those of you on the committee.
12. Diversity/Inclusion Committee: **No report**
13. Food Services Committee: **Aaron Lessing**
14. I am back, I had a meeting with Bill Connor and Sara Chisholm last Friday, February 5, where we discussed a lot going on in Food Services, including breakfast all day and many other new custom options at the locations.
15. The main concern I noticed from our meeting is that Dining Services is struggling to find student workers for the semester. Whether or not you live on campus or not, if you are interested in working at Dining Services this semester please email Sara Chisholm at [schisholm@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:schisholm@westfield.ma.edu).
16. Food Services will be attempting to meet in a small group in person on Friday’s at 11:30 am, if you would like to join the committee please email me.
17. Parking Control Board: **No report**
18. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No report**
19. Substance Advisory Committee: **No report**
20. Veteran Affairs Report: **No report**
21. Parking Appeals Board: **No report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: ***Lyric Lamagdelaine***
   1. Hi guys. Just wanted to give you all a quick reminder that this upcoming Monday is President’s Day, so we will be having no classes. With that, Tuesday will be a Monday schedule. Class and classes will resume to their normal schedule the following day. Make sure to mark that on your calendars so you don't forget!
2. **Elizabeth Ferrara:** If you have to miss the SGA meeting Tuesday due to class or something please let me know and you will be excused.
   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**
3. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: ***Kelson Burke***
4. Very quickly, I just wanted to remind everyone that the Virtual Club Fair is this Thursday, February 11 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm over ZOOM. Please be sure to check your Westfield emails for more information and the ZOOM credentials to attend. Please also spread the word so we can get as many students participating as possible.
5. Finance Committee: **No report**
6. Foundation Report: **No report**
7. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: ***Cameron Kelleher***
8. Campus Activities Board: **Cameron Kelleher**
9. his Wednesday, February 10, CAB will be holding its first ever Meditation style event via zoom.
10. Moving forward this event is going to be known as Meditation with Mike; a roughly 30-minute event via zoom, where you will get to meditate with Mike. As someone who has previously submitted to the soothing and informative voice of Mike Buckley, I highly recommend stopping by.
11. LEGISLATIVE SECRETARTY: ***Elizabeth Ferrara***
12. Neighborhood Advisory Board: **No report**
13. Community Relations/Fundraising**: No report**
14. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT: ***Kimberly Fish***
15. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT:
16. Rules and Regulations Committee: **No report**
17. Constitutional Review Committee: **No report**
18. ADVISORY COMMITTEES:
19. Advisory Committee on Facilities Planning: **No report**
20. Advisory Committee on Academic Planning: **No report**
21. Advisory Committee on Budget Planning: **No report**
22. Advisory Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: **No report**
23. University Efficiency Analysis Advisory Committee: **No report**
24. COMMUTER COUNCIL AND CLASS COUNCIL REPORTS:
25. Commuter Council: **No report**
26. Senior Class: **No report**
27. Junior Class: **No report**
28. Sophomore Class: **No report**
29. First Year Class: **No report**
30. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
31. NEW BUSINESS: (Requires majority vote to be opened)
32. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
33. **Samuel Tsongalis:** Please give me your report if you plan on reporting.
34. **Lyric Lamagdelaine:** Ambassador application are due by and close Friday, February 12.
35. **Thalita Neves:** I know I am planning on reporting on the trustees meeting next week but I was super excited when I heard this, so I want to let you know there will be no fee increase next year. It was voted on and passed.
36. **Thalita Neves:** 95 days until commencement
37. ROLL CALL: Alex Dotiwala, Melanie Voss, Katherine Pinney, Kaylin Carpenter, Catherine Eynation, Hunter Hassett, Rodney Duteau, Adanna Duanys, Ariana Torres, and Emily Walden were absent.
38. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 5:51pm.

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