**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES**

**November 3, 2020**

1. ROLL CALL: Alex Dotiwalla and Melanie Voss were absent. Kathrine Pinney, Kaylin Carpenter, Catherine Eynation, Hunter Hassett, and Logan Terenzi were excused.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: October 27, 2020 Minutes were approved.
3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: ***Samuel Tsongalis***
4. Happy Election Day everyone! I hope everyone is having good day! Today you may have noticed we do not have a speaker. Due to today being November 3, I thought it would be appropriate if we kept the meeting as brief as we could. Over the past month or so, I have been reporting on the number of days util Election Day and even though that there are no days left until Election Day, it should be noted that most polls in Massachusetts are open until 8:00pm, so if you have not voted yet, please check your local clerks website, to find out what time your polling place is open till.
5. The only actual business I have for us tonight, is the topic of the Community Relations and Fundraising Representative to SGA. This past Friday, October 30, 2020, at noon, the SGA Exec Council held an interview for the position. After having a successful interview, I am proud to announce that SGA has a nomination.
6. I move to appoint Olivia Houde to the role of the Community Relations and Fundraising Representative to SGA for the remainder of the 2020-2021Academic Year*.* Motion carries
7. Folks, earlier today I spoke with Lisa Ducharme in Veterans & Military Services. In our conversation we spoke about this amazing event that they were planning for this coming Veterans Day, which is next Monday, November 11, 2020.
8. The event is called “Got Your Back (Got Your Six), Shining a light on our peacekeepers. The purpose of the event is to set up a drive-through event around campus, using 2,500 luminaries made of weighed down donated can goods.
9. Throughout the event, volunteers will guide drivers through campus and hand out hot chocolate along the way. Volunteers will also be there to make sure that people will stay in their cars, and that social distancing guidelines are followed.
10. After the event is had, the can goods that were donated to the event, will be donated to Common Goods Food Bank and other local foodbanks as well. If you would like to donate a can.
11. The event is looking for volunteers from 6:00am until 10:00am to help set up the driving course, as well as additional volunteers from 4:00pm until 8;00pm for the actual event.
12. This is an amazing opportunity to get out and do some great work and I hope that you take a little while to help out next Monday. For additional information on the event, please reach out to Lisa at LDucharme@westfield.ma.edu.
13. I would like to say thank you to everyone who either came to help out or take pictures at the #WSUvotes photobooth this past week. If you missed the opportunity to take a picture with the #WSUvotes frame, make sure you stop by S.A.I.L.
14. Take and Make Cookie Decorating event tonight, right outside Dunks.
15. One last reminder, governance committees are to resume this week.
16. Items not listed on Agenda
17. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: ***Thalita Neves***
18. All University Committee: **No report**
19. Student Advisory Council: **No report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE: ***Aaron Lessing***
2. I want to give an update on where we are at with COVID-19 cases at the University.
3. We have had eight resident students that have tested positive and are quarantining with another 25 commuter students that have tested positive.
4. That said, students and faculty that have tested off campus are not reflected in these numbers.
5. Please continue to follow the restrictions and keep our school safe. Remember to get your COVID test at the Woodward Center this week even if you missed the day you were supposed to go.
6. **Cam Kelleher:** One concern that I expressed was that I found out through non-campus wide resource that there were over 45 in Lansdowne and it is super important for students to know especially going into Halloween weekend. I feel that the campus wide community should be shared this information.
7. **Samuel Tsongalis**: Unfortunately we cannot talk to Shannon Broderick, Maggie Balch, or Gloria Lopez because they are in a meeting, but if you guys have questions please ask us and we will find out for you by next week.
8. **Audrey Therriault**: Because they weren't able to make it to our meeting, if you're planning on reaching out to them later today or tomorrow, if you could update us sooner rather than later on what they say, just because with Covid stuff it is time sensitive. I don't know if you want to send us that update. I would like to stop curiosity and want to be informed. I would just ask that you don't wait to tell us about it next week just because I feel like it's time sensitive.
9. **Elizabeth Ferrara**: Would it be helpful to put that on our social media page?
10. **Audrey Therriault**: Yes, that works.
11. **Lindsey McNulty**: Students were obviously nervous with the numbers and all that kind of stuff and were wondering if there's a certain threshold that we reach where we get sent off campus. I was just wondering if you had the information that I could share with students.
12. **Aaron Lessing**: We have not been told a certain threshold; we do not know the plan if there does become an issue. We are still trying to figure that out.
13. **Chloe Sanfacon**: I wanted to mention that there has been a lot of students that been sent home as well not just in Lansdowne.
14. **Thalita Neves**: I am on the Safe Opening Task Force with Dick Evans and any questions we have today I am going to take into the meeting I have with him on Thursday, November 5. We can get him in a meeting and get some answers for you guys.
15. **Chloe Sanfacon**: I know a lot of people are wondering if we will be sent home or stay home after Thanksgiving and when we will be told this, so we don’t have to be told three days before and have to pack everything.
16. **Aaron Lessing:** That is a very good point, and I will have to ask about that and get back to you.
17. **Olivia Houde**: I was curious if the website could be updated with numbers.
18. **Thalita Neves:** Are you referring to the dashboard, because that gets updated every Thursday with the Covid numbers. It also gives the towns around Westfield as well.
19. **Elizabeth Ferrara**: Just some information about the dashboard, the cases do say eight but it is only showing what was given at Westfield state, but the other numbers are from students that were tested off campus.
20. Student Affairs Committee: **No report**
21. Diversity/Inclusion Committee: **No report**
22. Food Services Committee: **No report**
23. Parking Control Board: **No report**
24. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No report**
25. Substance Advisory Committee: **No report**
26. Veteran Affairs Report: **No report**
27. Parking Appeals Board: **No report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: ***Lyric Lamagdelaine***
   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**
2. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: ***Kelson Burke***
3. Finance Committee: **No report**
4. Foundation Report: **No report**
5. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: ***Cameron Kelleher:***
6. Campus Activities Board: **Cameron Kelleher**
7. LEGISLATIVE SECRETARTY: ***Elizabeth Ferrara***
8. Neighborhood Advisory Board: **No report**
9. Community Relations/Fundraising: **No report**
10. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT: ***Kimberly Fish***
11. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT:
12. Rules and Regulations Committee: **No report**
13. Constitutional Review Committee: **No report**
14. ADVISORY COMMITTEES:
15. Advisory Committee on Facilities Planning: **No report**
16. Advisory Committee on Academic Planning: **No report**
17. Advisory Committee on Budget Planning: **No report**
18. Advisory Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: **No report**
19. COMMUTER COUNCIL AND CLASS COUNCIL REPORTS:
20. Commuter Council: **No report**
21. Senior Class: **No report**
22. Junior Class: **No report**
23. Sophomore Class: **No report**
24. First Year Class: **Kaitlyn Egan**
25. I would like to report that the Class of 2024 Council has been completed, including our four Representatives to SGA.
26. I move to appoint Payten Tardy, Mackenzie McNeil, Dana Canales and Savannah Jordan as Representatives to SGA for the Class of 2024 the remainder of the 2020-2021 academic year. Motion carries.
27. The Class Council meets every Friday at 2:00pm over zoom and has selected a date for our Town Hall Meeting. We hope to hold this meeting on Friday, November 13 at 2:30pm over zoom.
28. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
29. NEW BUSINESS: (Requires majority vote to be opened)
30. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
31. **Samual Tsongalis**: Go Vote!!
32. **Lyric Lamagdelaine**: Sophomores remember to register this Friday, November 6.
33. **Joey Joyal**: 193 days until commencement
34. ROLL CALL: Alex Dotiwalla and Melanie Voss were absent. Kathrine Pinney, Kaylin Carpenter, Catherine Eynation, Hunter Hassett, and Logan Terenzi were excused.
35. ADJOURNMENT: meeting adjourned at 5:52pm.

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