

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

AGENDA

Tuesday, April 02, 2024 @ 5:30 pm

Ely 017 (SGA Room)

I. ROLL CALL: Timothy Allen, Crystal Mills, Travis Mcloughlin, Abby Glasheen, Isabella Moniz, Nic Black, and Daniel Lyons were absent.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: 3/26/2024

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Nicholas Smith

First and foremost, a big shout out to the class of 2024 for the fifty days to commencement. It is scary that that number is growing less and less every day, but I guess that is how counting down works. Katie and the senior class have done an amazing job every year, and I am so happy to be a member of the class and have worked with them for two years. For my friends that were there, I had Sherbert who disappeared while I was taking photos, and that was really funny, however I still don't know where it went, which was quite sad. I would be remiss speaking about the event and not giving out a massive shout-out to the members of the class of 2025 who helped so much at the event, you were all rockstars, and I hope you are getting excited for your senior year as well. As that number on the wall ticks down, you are also getting closer to being a senior, so I hope you are also ready. Amazing job to both of you for all your hard work!

Owl Ball is happening this Friday, and I am excited about it! I want to thank the Owl Ball committee and Elizabeth for all their hard work on this event. I hope to see you all there. We have officially sold out the owl ball, with last I checked, almost 300 attendees, which is something we have never done before, and that is attributed, at least in my opinion, to Elizabeth and all the hard work she has done, as well as the rest of Owl Ball committee. From the amazing reels recorded to spreading information to the student body, Owl Ball will be amazing, and I can not wait for it.

Election papers are due this Friday. But I wanted to share something exciting with you all. For the first time in SGA history, we will be holding debates for the position of president and all the contested vice presidents. To do this, we will replace an SGA meeting with a debate. I am thrilled to be mixing SGA debates into the fold. In the interest of transparency, I wanted SGA to have as little control over these elections as possible. So, Matt and Laura are planning ALL the details, meaning no executive member will know the questions or anything about the process until all of you do! We will find out the same together! Which is very exciting. Debates will be held on April 9th in the university MPR room.

I also want to thank Adam for all his hard work organizing SGA elections for two years. Thank you, Adam, for making things as smooth as you have. As well as helping with the reconstruction of our minutes and their format, so future exec secs don't have to type every word I say. I also know Adam does have some updates about elections in a little bit, so keep an eye out for that!

Lastly, there is an accepted student day this Friday, and if you can participate to help, a paper is being passed around. The times are the same as last time, from 12 to 2 pm. Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend because I have a class. However, this is a fantastic way to show your support for SGA and the fantastic area that we are all in.

The SGA trip is also coming soon, but I wanted to tease you about what it may be, so here is a riddle: It's bowling. We are going bowling.

I know you might think, bowling, why... I promise it will be fun. Leadership Academy went bowling a few years ago, and it was an amazing time. I promise when you are bowling with friends, it becomes a lot better, and you get to see me and my amazing bowling form that my grandparents, who are pro bowlers like to poke fun at, apparently you want to bowl spiderman, how was I supposed to know that, I don't know.

Anderson Dallaire: Where are we going bowling?

Nick Smith: I'll let you know when I know.

IV. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: Daniel Currier

Good Evening!

This morning, the long-awaited survey on updating the common hour at Westfield State University was released this morning via email to the campus community. I am excited to note that we already have several responses to our survey, which will remain open through Monday, April 8th. If you haven't already, please complete the survey, and encourage your constituents will do the same. The data collected will be provided, without attribution, to Governance as part of their review.

I am continuing to work with the Executive Council on the development of one-year (1) charges for three (3) new internal committees for SGA. These committees include the Special Committee on Club Relations & Celebrations, the Special Committee on Publicity & External Relations, and the Advisory Committee on the Advancement of Equitable Representation, the latter of which Joseph is taking the lead on. I have printed copies of the draft charges of the first two committees for your review. Please let me know if you have any thoughts on the charges of these two committees.

Following two successful Accepted Students Day, we are gearing up for two more – one on Friday, April 5th and one on Saturday, April 27th. Please volunteer if you can and help to bring in more owls to the nest this fall. Despite the current debacle with the FAFSA, we are doing quite well with our fall admissions numbers, which are trending better than last year, per Dr. Hearn.

Since we won't be meeting as a group for a few weeks, please note the following dates, times, and locations for upcoming Board of Trustees meetings:

- Enrollment Management & Student Affairs Committee – Tuesday, April 16th from 4:00pm-5:00pm via Zoom.
- Investments Subcommittee – Tuesday, April 23rd from 2:30pm-4:00pm via Zoom.
- Full-Day Board of Trustees (and associated committees) - Thursday, April 25th (with times TBD) in Loughman Living Room, Scanlon Hall.

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Chris Piro: Can you clarify dates for the accepted students day.

Daniel Currier: It is April 5th and April 26th.

A. Strategic Planning Committee: Daniel Currier

Each of the three subcommittees met yesterday to refine and finalize our high-level goals and objectives. These goals and objectives will be presented at each of the Caffeinated Conversations organized by each respective subcommittee. Please attend these conversations if you can, particularly for the Campus Culture group, which has no student representation. The following are the dates, times, and locations of the remaining Caffeinated Conversations:

- Campus Culture

- o Wednesday, April 3rd from 9:00am-10:00am in the Owl's Nest

- o Tuesday, April 9th from 1:00pm-2:00pm in the Owl's Nest

- Student Value

- o Wednesday, April 10th from 1:30pm-2:30pm in University Hall Meeting Rooms A & B

- Financial Stewardship

- o Wednesday, April 3rd from 10:00am-11:00am in the Owl's Nest

- o Thursday, April 11th from 11:30am-12:30pm in University Hall Meeting Rooms A & B

Please also mark your calendars for a campuswide town hall on Monday, April 22nd at 12:00pm in Dever Stage.

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Matt Dellea: I will be at the Session tomorrow so please come.

V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE:

VI. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE:

VII. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT EQUITY:

VIII. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-FINANCE:

IX. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-PUBLICITY: Elizabeth Mercer

Also, as an SGA tradition, our last meeting will celebrate everyone this year and in this celebration, there will be a slide-show. If you want to be in it, send me funny pics and videos of you or your SGA friends. And for the new SGA members, advisors and adults won't be there so there is no censoring of anything so feel free to send pics of you having a good college experience!

A. Owl Ball Report: Elizabeth Mercer

I am so pleased to inform you that we sold almost 300 tickets. The Owl Ball did an amazing job and I am so proud. Our last meeting will be at Tekoa on Friday at 3pm. Can't wait to see everyone on Friday.

X. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT: Adam Carpenter

Another week another election update. You asked and your calls have been answered. People inquired about the short time to campaign and as a result the timeline of elections has been shifted back. Elections will now take place on April 17th and 18th which is a Wednesday and a Thursday which should provide candidates with plenty of time to campaign. I hope that this will be to the satisfaction of the candidates who are running in these elections. The other important update that I have to give is that we will be doing debates for the positions on the executive board next week on Tuesday, April 9th. This will be occurring in place of our SGA meeting next week so as a result it is an expectation that you are all in attendance at the debates. Once again these debates are only for the executive board positions and it will be taking place in the University Hall MPR. Also as a quick reminder signature sheets are due on this Friday at 5pm so please get those in. Further information about the election process for those running will be distributed via email. Good luck on the election trail and I'm sure that you will all do great

XI. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT:

XII. COMMUTER COUNCIL AND CLASS COUNCIL REPORTS:

A. Class of 2026: Chris Piro

Good evening SGA! The class of 2026 class council meets weekly on Tuesdays at 4 PM in the SGA conference room to discuss a multitude of topics. Last week, we talked about our ongoing bake sale, future events and elections. First off, the bake sale. For those who don't know, the class council is currently running a bake sale to all faculty, staff and students. Flyers have been posted all around campus in department offices. I personally put some up in the education department. The deadline to buy cookies is Friday April 5th by 11:59 PM, the same day as Owl Ball and the due date for signature papers, so it's gonna be a busy day. Class council will be hand making these cookies as our bonding event over the weekend and then holding placements at stations for orders to be picked up. The two stations are in Ely and Wilson both on Monday and Tuesday between 12 and 2 PM. This will ensure that regardless of where faculty teach or where students may have their majority of classes, that there will be a central hub in the area for members of the campus to pick up their orders. There's a QR code on the flyers or you can scan to get to the form or use the link sent to your email. It's \$1 for 1 cookie and/or \$5 for a half dozen. I encourage you all to buy, especially the rising juniors in the room if you want a spectacular halfway there event in the fall, which is what this event is raising money for. And of course I encourage other class councils to support a fellow class council all in the name of good spirit and showing support. Secondly, we discussed a potential comeback of our pie in the face event on Owl Appreciation Day from last year. At the time of writing this, which was Thursday, I was told the tentative date was April 23rd, which is a Tuesday. If that date is changed, I encourage someone to correct me on that. While the date is not confirmed yet, we are planning on bringing back that event as it was the event we raised the most money from last year. Further details will be released shortly. Lastly, we discussed elections and positions for next year. Most of our current council members will be staying on the council and either staying in their roles or taking on a new role. If you or anyone you know would like to run for any positions, please reach out to any of us on the council. Finally, I want to wish all my council members good luck on their campaigns and everyone on SGA and I cannot wait to see what comes in the fall for SGA and Senate. It's been a fun year and I can't wait for more fun to come soon. Finally, if you need to reach me personally, my email is clannan2075@westfield.ma.edu and my office hours are Mondays at 11:30 in the SGA room. Thank you all and have a great evening.

Adam Carpenter: Just as a clarifying point his class council will be running for their positions again next year. I want to clarify as to not discourage others from running for those positions if interested.

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Daniel Currier: Thank you to everyone who went to give a hoot last week we actually ran out of cards and donors to reach out to.

Sarah Harrington: Unity week is coming up April 16th through the 21st.

Adam Carpenter: I want to thank Kaolin for the Notecard-a-thon specifically. It is important to make it clear that this was a Kaolin event.

Kaitlyn Egan: 45 days until commencement.

XVI. ROLL CALL: Timothy Allen, Crystal Mills, Travis Mccloughlin, Abby Glasheen, Isabella Moniz, Nic Black, and Daniel Lyons were absent.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 until our next meeting on Tuesday April 23rd.

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