

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**  
**AGENDA**  
**Tuesday, September 12, 2023 @ 5:30pm**  
**Ely 017 (SGA Room)**

- I. ROLL CALL: No Absences
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: May 2, 2023
- III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: **Nicholas Smith**  
Hey guys!

I hope you are all doing well and classes are going well. My name is Nicholas Smith; I am a psychology major with a Criminal Justice minor— I am serving this year as the Student Government Association president, which means it is my job, along with our executive board, to represent the student voice. This is a super important dynamic. My personal goal in this role is to help open up SGA to more areas of campus, hopefully by implementing more minor ways to be more proactive and more known to the student body. Here are a few updates that have been here since last year. The Banner name change application, which is a way for students to able to change their names, needs to be on all

Westfield software is still being worked on. I know the deadline of June was given to SGA last year, but there are still some things that are keeping that process held up. I am going to try and see if we can get an email sent to the student body with an update because I know students who are returners are looking for some type of update. I want this to happen in the next few days, and I will be working with the committee chair to get an email out to students to update them on the process, making sure we prioritize transparency in the process. I also will work with the committee chair to ensure they educate students so they can be more aware of updating their names when the system is up and running.

That is all I have.

- i. Adam Carpenter: It's not really a comment, question or concern I guess more of a reassurance. Nick, you have done amazing so far and you will continue to do so. I have every confidence in you and you should have that same confidence in yourself because you are killing it.

A. Vice President of Enrollment Management & Student Affairs: **Dr. Kevin Hearn**

I was told that you have to clap. I told someone to come here, so I wanted to hurry from the other side the room. Good afternoon, everyone. Thanks for having me. I'm brand new to Westfield State. I'm in the process of moving here from New York, from a city. I don't want to speak up because we gave away a football game last night. Yeah. But I'm very excited to be a part of Westfield. I was on campus many, many times before you were all ever born in the 90s when I worked out in Eastern Mass and had the opportunity to live in or stay in the residence halls of our residence hall association meetings, New England group might not still exist. Yeah, so, So the opportunity to come back to Westfield is sort of coming home for me. So I'm very excited about the work ahead. I am responsible for two of the critical areas on campus, student Very much looking forward to working with all students, current perspective and alumna to improve the student experience in a very comprehensive way. And I explained this to faculty to trustees as follows. From the point of the hand that gets raised in your sophomore year of high school to when you get a job as an alum. That all falls within my areas of interest and everything that comes to the student

experience. So while I don't have authority for everything, I'm generally interested in your feedback on how we can make improvements to experience. You're having students of all types on campus, traditional students, commuter students, international students, non-traditional students, day students, night students. All sorts of student and I am very much interested in learning from you about what drew you to Westfield State and how I can, in my work with the Cabinet, make the necessary improvements to continue to evolve the Western State experience. So I can go on and on about that, but you're not particularly interested. So let me ask it prudent, Mr. President, to open this up to questions if there are any.

i. Daniel Carrier: Hi Dr. Hearn. So I know at the beginning of your tenure we were projecting 100 less students for first years than we were anticipating so how have things turned out for the fall and what were some areas that we did really well and some that we fell flat on?

ii. VP Hearn: Well, about 89 students short of where we have to be. Now, I'm not terribly concerned about that because our targeting for that number, which was roughly about 775 students, wasn't as precise as I feel like it needed to be. One of the things we need to think about is the demographics and 17 or 18-year-olds and your particular areas of interest, the scope of our programs that we have and so on and so forth. But to be very specific. Um, Where we didn't do as well may surprise you. It's within the state, what I would call our backyard. So one of my particular areas of focus is really working with the marketing team to build a brand, build back a brand for Westfield State. I'm sure you would all like to see your logo and your institution lifted up the lawn in front of the rest of the Commonwealth and it's very much in our interest to do just that. So we are positioning a proposal in front of the Board of Trustees for them to make a significant investment in a full branding study for the university, which is different. Any marketing majors here? Different from a marketing strategy, but we expected. Be very loud, very proud in our approach to lifting up and showcasing Westfield State for prospective students going forward. We are changing the open house strategy. We are changing our visit strategy. I think I can announce that we are moving all campus tours out of Forest Man and into the new parental building. So for those of you that toured and started all the way over there and walked through the snow or the sleet or the rain or whatever it might have been. We're going to bring all of our new visitors right to campus and focus on what's what's most important to them. So we're excited. We believe that will have a significant impact going forward as well. Absolutely. There's a great opportunity for us to coordinate our efforts more deliberately and intentionally with academic affairs and working with faculty. If you think about your own experience, I think there's a sense of belonging that comes to a visitor to campus, and that's critically important that you make your decision. But as important generally later in your decision making process is meeting and hearing more about the actual academic program that you're coming to study at. So there's One of the reasons why I chose to apply for the job in the first place. Disappointing where we stand, but tremendous opportunity going forward.

iii. Nick Smith: Hello, thank you for coming down. We really appreciate it and it is nice to have you here as our first speaker back on campus. My question is, I know that the student experience is super important to you. Could you share a little bit about what you've done so far and what you plan to do to shape the student experience.

iv. VP Hearn: I can't use the word shape just yet. It's only about a few days, right? But one of the things I've done is and will

continue to do is I'm going to be on campus around the corner here near Dunkin' Donuts. Keep that door open so I can listen. Quite a bit to what's happening for students. I've been surprised to hear all of what I've been able to hear. The students are waiting in line for your Dunkin you're buying. But I also need to get out there. You know, I need to get to club meetings. I need to get better comments that you can get the theater productions, that need to get in the residence halls and you can come back here and just sit in the back room and listen to what your particular issues are. It's not my job to shape. It's my job to organize your resources so you can all shape it. So my hope is that we'll continue to dialogue as an organization, as the vice president, that being the students and t So we can know in a moment 's notice what we can do. We're talking about the infrastructure literally how many times a week does this elongate mode, we're talking about dining hall, we're talking about activities on campus. We're talking about the activities budget. I challenged Matt with some big thinking around what he might do if we were to get crazy with the resourcing of some additional activities on campus. Integration with athletics needs to be I think something that we look at but. Every time I say something that it sounds like judgment, as if something's broken. I've only been here for two weeks that the students have been here. So, in terms of the experience, I'm all ears at this point. So whether you're formally scheduling a meeting with me or you're just popping in, please don't be shy. I'm running shared office hours with Jack over there. They start on Thursday, right? Yeah, we'll get word out so folks can know they can just pop in. We are also going to publicize some shared office hours with Doctor Thompson. We'll be over here with me. So we can again be very student centered by being in the center where students are and hearing about your experience, because I know very well with my experience was 30 many years ago. But I'm very interested in understanding what your experience is, because I would believe it's vastly different from one student to the next, from the alumni story to the prospective student story. Right. So maybe I'll maybe I'll leave it at that. I'll just say please don't be shy. I have a lot to learn as the new Vice President, I'm supported by Barry Talent. It's that I think you as an organization, I've been impressed by this organization to this point. I thought Nick's words in particular at the convocation. We're right on point. Um, he did better than anybody else. Sorry, Maggie. He did better than everybody else on the stage. And I think that speaks volumes to all of our perspectives about what the student government expects of them. So, don't be shy. Please continue to communicate with me and let's work together to do some really outlandish things this year.

- v. Sarah Harington: As you know we have a new interim provost. I just wanted to know if you have met with him yet and whether you are working to have amore cohesive relationship between student affairs and academic affairs because I know that can be a problem.
- vi. VP Hearn: It should never be a problem, but it can be a problem at times. I'm very excited to be working with Doctor David Caruso. Dr. Caruso and I meet twice a week. We have lunch in the dining hall every week. We're talking about very strategic initiatives that start with much more collaboration between his area and, frankly, all areas of the universe. You know, we are at our core and Academy of learning and we need to recognize the importance of that experience, but in no way engage the critical nature of the learning environment outside the classroom. I think Doctor Caruso shares that perspective with me. I think we're very excited to be on campus seeing and working, seeing, working

together. I've been in rooms where he's lifted up the efforts of enrollment management and student affairs, and that's great for me to hear him do that and he should fully expect it. I'm going to lift up over the accomplishments of faculty, but I hope his students, you will see a very seamless partnership between academic affairs. With the current temporary Provost, which is exact title Temporary Provost, the search in the new permanent Provost, that is very much one of the primary drivers for me going forward.

B. SGA Advisors: **Laura Cafaro & Ryan Meersman**

Laura Cafaro: Hi everyone, I just wanted to chat today to welcome everybody back to student government. Really nice to see some familiar faces, but it's also nice to see all the new people joining us today just to see how we're meeting functions. Feel free to share with your friends that it's interesting and fun place to be and sit on Tuesday evening at 5:30. Please feel free to see any of our executive board if you have any questions about student government association or just getting involved in general and if you have any ideas that you like to see, we do have our club fair this Thursday from 4 to 6. Sorry, right on the green and this reminder that signature sheets are out. So if you do have some friends and peers or new friends that you made in class. Encourage you to take some signature sheets on your way out on the courage friend to also run for position, whether commuter council, class council or Rep At large.

C. President's Council:

D. Items not listed on Agenda:

#### IV. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: **Daniel Currier**

Good evening, and welcome to SGA!

My name is Daniel Currier, also known as Mr. Westfield. I am an accounting and finance double major with double minors in English and economics. I am also a member of the Honors Program. I am from Attleboro, MA, and in my free time (if I somehow have any), I enjoy hiking, going to the gym, and watching documentaries.

Most of you knew me from last year talking about fringe benefit rates and budget line-item allocations in my role as the SGA Vice President for Finance. This year, I have the honor of serving as your Student Trustee. In this position, I serve as the Student Representative on the Westfield State University Board of Trustees - the governing body for our institution. The decisions this body makes include the passage of the University's budget, the setting of student fee rates, non-academic policy revisions, and more. I serve alongside ten distinguished community members ranging from the Mayor of West Springfield to the Chief Financial Officer of Big Y Foods. They bring valuable political, business, legal, and higher education experience to the table. As a trustee, I have a duty of loyalty and care and a fiduciary responsibility to this institution. My positions on issues affecting our campus will be based on these responsibilities while recognizing the needs and desires of the student body that I serve. I look forward to working with the Board over the next year.

My term officially began on July 1st, and we have already been hitting the ground running. Since my appointment, there have been four meetings of the Board of Trustees and we have done the following:

- On July 21st, the Board of Trustees voted to create a new Advancement, Marketing & External Relations Committee in recognition of the important need

for the institution to expand and improve upon its marketing and fundraising efforts. We also voted to authorize the transfer of

\$25,000,000 in reserves from Westfield Bank to a higher interest-bearing account with Federated Hermes / Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust in order to take advantage of current interest rates.

· On July 27th, the Board of Trustees met in executive session pursuant to an exception to the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law allowing the Board to discuss litigation strategy, as public proceedings would impact our litigating position. Given the confidential nature of this meeting, I am not able to disclose any information at this time.

· On July 28th, the Investment Subcommittee met and approved an updated charter and further discussed the current investment climate.

· Finally, on September 8th, the Board of Trustees met for two key purposes: to approve the President's evaluation and to discuss the possibility of migrants being housed in Lammers Hall. Regarding the President's evaluation, I am pleased to report that her evaluation was exceptional, and that the Board recommended that the Commissioner of Higher Education grant President Thompson the highest possible compensation increase allowable. I invite you to read the President's evaluation by the Board on the Board of Trustees webpage under the agenda for the September 8th meeting. Regarding the migrant housing situation, the Board was universal in its opposition to the proposal by the Healey Administration to house migrants in Lammers Hall. My concern as Student Trustee is the impact this decision will have on our enrollment and financial health. Other concerns expressed by trustees and President Thompson include the layout of Lammers Hall, impacts on mental health counseling, the lack of accessible urgent care services, the likelihood that the state would not reimburse the University for services rendered, and the timeframe, which would be indefinite. The Board has not yet taken an official position, but the meeting demonstrates that we all have serious concerns about this proposal.

As the Student Trustee, my top priorities this year are to stabilize and increase our institutional enrollment, to lead the University to financial success, to improve the student experience (including student employment and form digitization), and to move the University forward as it seeks to fulfill its IDEAS framework.

I am currently working on meeting with various offices on a proposal to centralize student employment postings and information. This would be for both work-study and non-work-study positions on-campus. I will keep you updated as I have further meetings.

Finally, I want to let you know that - in an SGA first - I will be missing the SGA meeting next Tuesday, as I will be at a Board retreat from 8:00am-6:00pm. This Board retreat, which will be held at Great Horse Country Club in Hampden, MA, will give members the opportunity to engage in a governance workshop and a strategic visioning session. Should I have anything to report that evening, another Exec member will present.

My office hours this semester are Mondays 3:30pm-4:30pm, Tuesdays 8:30am-9:30am and 4:00pm-5:00pm, Wednesdays 10:00am-11:00am, and Fridays 2:00pm-3:00pm. My email is [trustee.sga@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:trustee.sga@westfield.ma.edu), and my Google Voice number is (413) 642-1892.

A. All University Committee: No Report

B. Student Advisory Council: No Report

V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE: *Jack Guindon*

Good evening, everyone, my name is Jack Guindon. I am a Jr, political science major. My role on Student Government is Vice President of Student Life, I am here to help the students with any problems that relate to their life here on campus, such as Dining, housing and just advocating for them to help make the school better for the students.

So far this year I have been busy working on a lot of projects, one such project is the commuter lounge that is now open near owl cafe. I have also been working on other projects to help make commuters feel more included here at Westfield. As well as, working to make life on campus better for all students residential or commuters.

My goals for the year are 1 Help connect commuter students to the campus, 2 bridge the gap between staff and students, 3 Connect Sga more to the campus community. 4 working to fix the problems in dining and res life. I look forward to working with all of you on achieving these goals and making Westfield state the best it can be for all students. Thank you.

A. Student Affairs Committee: No Report

B. Food Services Committee: *Adam Carpenter*

Greetings Folks,

I hope that you all had a good summer and are refreshed and ready to go into a new year. I am greatly excited to move forward with food services and hope that we are able to go through some of the issues that we discussed in the last meeting with minimal hostility. I have heard very clearly from students that they are not happy with some of the changes that have been made to the dining program going into this semester. Some quick updates that I have are that the rice bowl discussion has been discussed and it honestly wasn't too productive with a statement being made that \$100,000 need to be raised in order to be able to afford it with increasing costs that have come in the last year. Further discussion on this matter will be addressed by the executive council in a meeting with Bill directly to address all our concerns. Also in a more positive update, we should have allergen information by the end of September in software where you can see ingredients and coming later will be calorie information. Finally, food services will be taking place during the common meeting hour on Fridays from 1:40-2:55. Thank you for your thoughts and please go easy on me.

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: *Sarah Harrington*

Hello everyone and welcome back! If you don't know me, my name is Sarah Harrington and I sit on exec board as the VP of Academic Life. In my position I listen for student concerns about academics and parking (registration , issues with professors, parking tickets, graduation status, etc.) I meet with the Provost, which I plan on doing once a month. Make sure academic-related committees have student reps. This year I am a junior and I am studying elementary education. I live in the Welch Apartments on the first floor so if you see me sitting in my living room you have to wave or youre rude. I just have a few things to bring up, starting with the WiFi. If you don't know already resnet is meant to be used only in reshalls. If you are in an academic building such as Bates, Parenzo, or Wilson you should using eduroam. I have heard that a few students have been confused on how to register their devices and if you need help feel free to ask any of us or you can go to I.T. in Wilson 104. If the door is closed just knock. I reached out to Alan Blair and this morning he replied that he is working on a flyer for this confusion as well as developing a QR code to attach a video. Along with that some students have been having trouble with PLATO. If you are unable to sign in using your same information from last year, if you go down on the page there should be a 3rd party user option,

click on that and there will be a drop down menu where you can choose to use your Westfield ID and it will redirect you to the Westfield page. Moving on, if you are interested on being on SCORE please come up to me after the meeting. It is Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:45-11(it will not happen each day every week). I am unable to sit on the committee because I have class during that time so I need someone to report if needed as well. Also if you are looking to sit on University Curriculum Committee it is every other Friday during the common hour, 1:40-2:55. I will be on that committee and none of you have class during that time so you should join too! Grade Appeals and Academic Honesty only meet when needed. 3 students need to sit on Academic Honesty committee which will also be held on Fridays. I will let you all know about times for CAMP and Parking Control Board as soon as I know myself. As of right now parking appeals is not being held. I am looking forward to this year with you all and please reach out if you need anything. I am working on all of my office hour times ,but as of right now 2 of them will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11-12:30. Thank you!

- A. Academic Policies Committee: No Report
- B. Curriculum Committee: No Report
- C. Special Committee on Reforming General Education (SCORE): No Report
- D. Campus Academic Master Plan (CAMP): No Report
- E. Parking Control Board: No Report
- F. Parking Appeals Board: No Report

VI. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT EQUITY: **Joseph Bonilla**

Hello, everyone! It is so wonderful to see so many familiar faces. For those of you who do not know me, my name is Joseph Bonilla, I am a Psychology major, and will be serving as the Student Government Association Executive Vice President of Student Equity for the Fall 2023 - Spring 2024 academic year.

My predecessor implemented the bones for the success of this role and I plan on expanding on that with cadence, integrity, and grit. In the previous academic year, there was quite a lot of conversation surrounding the siloing of subgroups on campus and appropriately we should now shift focus onto what we can do about it. How can we reconstruct our community and culture here at Westfield State University? How will we integrate the diaspora of student body together? Where do we begin to treat each other with dignity and respect?

Over the summer, I was one of 8 students in Massachusetts appointed to the Governor's Advisory Council for the Advancement of Representation in Education. This body is made up of "stakeholders with expertise in higher education; civil rights advocacy; diversity, equity and inclusion work; and the experiences of students of color". The advisory council was created after the United States Supreme Court ruled against Affirmative Action in late June.

Over the last two weeks I have had various meetings with leadership across campus, including but not limited to our Vice President for Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, Veteran and Military Services, the Interfaith Center, etc., to assess the needs of all of our students so that I can better represent and support them. In the interest of time, should you have any questions regarding the specifics of these meetings, feel free to inquire after my report.

I will leave you with this. Shirley Chisholm once said, "if they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair".

- A. Diversity and Inclusion Committee: No Report

VII. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-FINANCE: **Kaolin Westcott**

Hello, As Nick just stated my name is Kaolin Westcott and I am the new VP of Finance for the 2023/2024 Academic Year. I am a business Management Major with a Minor in Economics. This position focuses on building relationships with club leadership and the allocation to clubs on campus. Throughout the next year I will be presenting finance proposals voted on by the Finance committee for review and a final vote to allocate the funds. I will also be working with Steve Taksar the Vice President of Administration and Finance for the College and updating him on how things are going in SGA from a Finance perspective and vice versa from the universities perspective. Getting back to my position regarding clubs this Thursday the 14th we are hosting the club and involvement fair on the green from 4-6pm If anyone is interested in helping with set-up and tear down please speak to me after the meeting tonight.

- A. Finance Committee: No Report
- B. Foundation Report: No Report
- C. ITSAC Report: No Report

VIII. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - PUBLICITY: **Elizabeth Mercer**

Hi guys,

I'm Elizabeth and I'm the Vice-President of Publicity. My role includes marketing events on campus and engaging the student body. I'm excited for this semester with you guys and I'm here for each of you if you need anything SGA related or not! The CAB events this week are on Wednesday Wilson Café for Waffle Wednesday, Thursday Thrifty Thursday Paint Night in the Owl's Nest, and a Big E trip on Saturday 2-9 by bus.

- A. Neighborhood Advisory Board: No Report
- B. Community Relations/Fundraising Report: No Report
- C. Owl Ball Committee: No Report
- D. Blue Key Committee: No Report

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

Good evening SGA,

For those of you who don't know me, if I am doing my job well it should be none of your business, I'm Adam Carpenter. I am a senior elementary education major and liberal arts double major with a concentration in history and as I was just introduced, I'm entering my second year as your SGA executive secretary. The basic gist of what I do as executive secretary is a whole lot of paperwork which is done behind the scenes, so I promise that I'm doing things. My primary three roles are running elections, taking minutes for the SGA meetings, and making sure that y'all show up to meetings and committees. I want to let you know in reference to this that it is very important that you attend as many of our meetings as humanly possible and I intend on being much stricter than I was last year due to the large number of issues that have come into prominence and your presence is essential to this process. If you do need to miss a meeting, please reach out to me at [execsec.sga@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:execsec.sga@westfield.ma.edu) so that I know what is going on because we are all human and things happen, and you may need to miss a meeting. Also, in terms of my duties, the elections for this fall have just started with signature papers being released this past Friday and they will be in circulation until Monday September 18<sup>th</sup> and Elections will take place between Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup> and results will be publicized on Monday September 25<sup>th</sup>. Finally, I would like to share my goals for this year in Student Government. The first of these is that I would like to have at least two representatives in each constituency by the end of the semester in order to increase representation of the student voice on campus. The second is to increase communication inside of SGA both on the executive level and senator to senator by the end of the semester in order to keep miscommunications to a minimum. The final goal is going a little bit rogue since I haven't told people about this yet for the most part but I want to rethink the



way that senate works with your help in order to make senate feel like they are doing more and that there is a reason behind the requirements for the positions. Please let me know what I can do to make this final goal come to fruition. And for those of you who are new, I have a joke every week to make the meeting more entertaining. "What do you call a T-rex who is explosive?" Dinomite.

X. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT:

- A. Rules and Regulations Committee: No Report
- B. Constitutional Review Committee: No Report

XI. COMMUTER COUNCIL AND CLASS COUNCIL REPORTS:

- A. Commuter Council: No Report
- B. Senior Class: Kaitlyn Egan

Hi Everyone,

It is so nice to see all of you and I hope that the beginning of your semesters have been going well! I wanted to come up quickly today to say hello and talk about what the Class of 2024 has been up to this summer and what our plans are for the year.

Our biggest focus right now is our Calendar Fundraiser to support our Senior Week in the spring. We asked a bunch of businesses in Westfield and surrounding towns to donate prizes and we were given a variety of really great gift cards, apparel, and items to win. Our hope is to begin selling them on Thursday at the club fair for \$20. We plan to utilize University Tickets so anyone who would like to order one can do so easily. Any class year, champion, faculty, staff, or supporter of Westfield State can purchase one. Everyone who purchases a calendar for \$20 will be entered into the raffle. Each day in October we will randomly pull one name to win all of that day's prizes!

Each day is valued at more than the \$20 you paid for the calendar. Calendars will be sold on University Tickets. This application will ask for your name and contact information that we will use to enter you into the raffle and contact you if you win a prize.

They are being sold from September 14th-October 14th (homecoming!) It is best to order them in September so you are eligible for the whole month of prizes, but if you decide that you would like to order one on October 6th for example, you will be added to the raffle on the 6th and be eligible to win from the 6th through the end of the fundraiser on the 31st.

We will post the new winner everyday on our social media pages in addition to contacting the winner directly, so please follow our Instagram page @wsu\_classof24 and Facebook group @Westfield State Class of 2024 (Official) to follow along.

You are not only supporting the Class of 2024 by purchasing a calendar, but local businesses as well. If you are able to we would really appreciate you buying one for a chance to win!

As I mentioned previously we are hoping to be the first class to successfully bring back senior week and reestablish it as a tradition at WSU. We have already begun to plan events for the week and are hopeful that it will come into fruition.

We will be at the club fair with some treats, a senior week event suggestion box, and signature papers in attempt to recruit two new senators for our open SGA Rep seats. Stop by and say hello and encourage your senior friends to get involved.

Stay tuned for our plans for 100 days to commencement event and other future plans as well.

I am excited to spend my last year as president with all of you. If you have any questions or suggestions for me please feel free to ask me now or email me at kegan8835@westfield.ma.edu.

C. Junior Class: Nick Palumbo

Hey Everyone. The class of 2025 is working on finalizing a plan for our halfway there event along with getting apparel ordered for giveaways prizes. Along with also finding some members to fill our open spots on the board. That being said if anyone is interested that you know of send them my way. We meet on Mondays at 3:30 in the room near Dunkin if you're looking for us. Thanks, and let's have a fun year.

D. Sophomore Class: Justin Wald

Hello everyone, as you may know I am the new President for the Class of 2026, and I am glad to have been elected to the position to succeed Joseph. This year we are planning to do a good split of fun v. fundraising events as well as aiming to do more simple but meaningful weeklong events like our "Week of Kindness" event last year. I want to put it forward now that I am very open to collaborating with other class councils, committees, and even departments on campus to bring more knowledge to students regarding their focuses. We will also be focusing on student life + the greater Westfield community for our events, that way we can make sure that we can benefit from connecting with both students and the community. While my main focus is NOT money this year, I think it is time that we move forward slowly but surely to change our focus slightly from integrating with the class and getting ourselves out there and move slightly towards raising money to ensure we have a good amount for the future and are ready to tackle anything that comes our way senior year. Thank you.

- i. Adam Carpenter: I have a question regarding the calendars. Can you win more than once?
- ii. Kaitlyn Egan: No, you can only win once since it is a raffle like system, and you will be taken out of the running for future prizes after you won.
- iii. Adam Carpenter: Readdress- Can you enter more than once?
- iv. Katie Egan: Yes you can enter more than once and then win for a second time.

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:

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

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kaitlyn Egan: There are 248 days until commencement.

Alan Blair: Tomorrow is Westfield Wednesday, wear your swag.

XV. ROLL CALL: No Absences

XVI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 until our next meeting on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

