

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AGENDA
November 8th, 2022

- I. ROLL CALL: Nicholas Smith, Timothy Allen, Ethan Haynes, Loïc Black, and Joseph Bonilla

- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: November 1st, 2022. Minutes were approved

- III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: **Aaron Lessing**
 - A. MSCA Chapter President: **Claudia Ciano-Boyce**

Claudia Ciano-Boyce gave a presentation

 - i. Chris Lannan: So I have two things. How can we get students to realize that their vote matters and that their vote is legitimate. So how can we get students to realize that outside of school?
 - ii. Claudia Ciano-Boyce: That's a big question. I'm a psychologist and I've really been thinking about that. So people are insecure they're hearing a lot of things. Some are true some are not true. All I can say is you are educated here whether you're in our psychology or whatever you're studying there's some part of your education that is about all you can hang on to in life. I think to make decisions is first looking for the evidence right so it's up to you then to look into where's the sources you can trust I make all my decisions based on. If someone says you know this supplement is really good for whatever. I say show me the evidence I don't care what it is if it was horse hair and there was really good research to show that it built something. So all I can say about that is we have to teach people how to help themselves like how do you find out if something you what do you do you're taught and research methods right. You hate the class but you're taught to do what is to look at the methodology right doesn't make sense you can make sense of whether something looks like good research or not. You know they shouldn't pseudoscience is when they say well if you don't believe this that's your problem it's because you're not dealing trusting and or they say you have to go prove this yourself or they have bad research methods. So all I can say is that I would want to work with those people so OK what do you need not who you're hearing it from I don't care who really I don't care show me the other doesn't make sense or does it not make sense based on everything we know and that's the only thing I know. You're here and that's something you're getting whether you hate it or not are you know what I'm somebody's talking about this stuff right it really turns out to be important what about someone who's running look at look at what they're voting history. Is there you know maybe not being one-on-one issue person? Look at don't listen to other people and look at what they're places you can look. I'm not talking about Democrats or Republicans don't have to listen to you go and find out they're even programs where you can put in your values things that you want and see who you align more with in terms of if candidate that name would make more sense. I don't think listening to people is really the way you know. I don't know what else to tell you but use your what you've learned whether reluctantly or otherwise it's important. What's your other question?
 - iii. Chris Lannan: I want to know more about teach on LGBT issues. What specifically you teach in that class as well as how like you can have students involved outside the classroom and more like sensitive and like difficult topics?
 - iv. Claudia Ciano-Boyce: I teach a course with my friend and colleague that we developed years ago because in psychology at some point in history psychology was not always friendly to LGBTQ people. We were right up there diagnosing and pathologize but at some point it went from a disorder to an orientation and so we decided we're going to start with the class from disorder to orientation the path from what was a disorder to an orientation, which took many years go through the history of LGBTQ right over and LGBTQ people within are humans sphere for thousands of years and then we look at how right started to develop for and often they were team they win they were going in they were voted out and then at some point we start talking and the insertion of them into the whole thing where it was not pretty psychology and psychiatry diagnosed politics we look at a lot of things and it's a lot of it is very personal people both of us here I've had in my family people who several trans family members, gay people, people who died of aids a lot of diversity in my family and my colleague also talks about that people in the class talk when they want. We watch a lot of films we discuss it and so I love that and we love for people to disagree in the beginning of our course when we first started teaching in

more than a decade ago, we would have people really uncomfortable and fighting in the class in fact we got to a point where there was outside of class some tension between two groups of people who were in our class who did not agree with each other, LGBT people and other people who did not agree with their lifestyle. We didn't condemn their differences it's more we set ground rules about how we're going to deal with this and I think we need to do things we need to encourage people to talk about why they're uncomfortable nowadays we have to appoint people in class to disagree because we don't have this many people having a hard time with it as we did. I think we have to get out there and desensitize sensitivities and we have to talk about the realities of evidence against. You know it's funny I had a college boyfriend who got me thinking. It's a whole long story but anyway he had turned into a real conservative guy which was shocking to me and he said to me we were talking about and he said you know those gays. That's never a good way to start. Those gays, I guess I can understand why they wanted to be together but really should they raise children. and I said well that's an interesting thing because one of my colleagues and I have done research on families who have adopted those giving birth and were same sex couples raising children and we did all these comparisons of tests for families and parenting and so forth concluded that there was no significant difference between these groups. So I said well the literature does not support that there's any significant difference between these groups so then the question is. So what on what basis would you be saying that they can't? That's how I think we have to approach whether in in a very reasonable way. At the end we have our last our last Test which is the one minute final. And you can know that if it's one minute that's not a good sign for you right because you know anything that's a one minute final is going to be harder than it sounds. So what we have people do is respond to a statement and it's about some issue that's very good about global community issues LGBTQ whatever is going on and the reason we did it was that sometimes you only have a minute or two you only have a couple of minutes to say this they say something maybe that that you disagree with or you think it's not the most progressive or maybe that educated and you have to have a way of putting it together so you can say to someone well as a matter of fact and you do it in a way that doesn't pay that so that's what I can do I'm a big believer in being very direct and I think I hope you're finding that people are doing that more and more in their classes.

B. Presidents Council:

C. Items not listed on Agenda:

The first thing I would like to mention is that we are going to work with Haley Kane and the Community and Fundraising Committee to do a Turkey Drive and collect money for donating goods to our community as we get ready for Thanksgivings. I am asking each of you to help go around campus and collect money from students and staff for the turkey drive. I have assigned you all a building, most of you have at least 2 students per building. For example, myself and Chloe will have Horace Mann Center. There are brown folders and lists of who is going to which buildings across campus to collect money from that building. Please work with the other person assigned to your building to collect money! I am asking you all to do this by our meeting next Tuesday so that it gives Haley Kane enough time to collect the money and buy the goods for donation. We have also asked Dining Services to put a donation on the GET App so students can donate through that service as well. The group that gets the most money donated will get \$25 in Owl Bucks! Last year's winners were Liam and Nick, who went to a sports event to get more money, you all might want to do this too!

The executive board met with President Thompson and her cabinet yesterday where we discussed the upcoming Town Hall on campus climate next Tuesday at 3:30 pm. We also discussed enrollment, communication, additional common hours on campus, and getting professors more involved in our community.

Another thing I wanted to mention, Dan brought up an idea to the executive board and then we discussed it with cabinet yesterday. There is a computer lab in New Hall that isn't being used and we are discussing turning it into a common space for students on that side of campus. It could be very beneficial for commuters that only go to Wilson, Bates, Mod, and the Science and Innovation Center for classes and don't really come to this side of campus. We will be working with Dan Forster to try to make this happen but please if you have any ideas for that space to make it welcoming, please let me know.

Finally, last reminder for all senators, we are having our SGA bonding trip this Saturday to go to a ropes course at Springfield College. It is challenge by choice and it is not that scary for people worried. We will be providing lunch for all of you but please dress warmly for the day. We will be

leaving in front of Scanlon Hall this Saturday, November 12th, at 8:30 am. I can't wait to see you all there!

- i. Daniel Lyons: Where is the Campus Climate town hall with President Thompson?
- ii. Aaron Lessing: In Scanlon Banquet Hall.
- iii. Sarah Harrington: Regarding donating with the GET app since it's on there can we use dining dollars and owl bucks?
- iv. Aaron Lessing: I'm pretty sure that you can use dining dollars as I believe you have been able to when we have done similar things in the past but I haven't spoken to Bill directly so more information is needed.
- v. Chloë Sanfaçon: What time was the Town Hall?
- vi. Aaron Lessing: 3:30 to 5:30pm.
- vii. Haley Kane: I just wanted to quickly explain why we only have a week for turkey drive. It's because Carlie and I need to have time to sort through the money, go shopping, drop off the donations at salvation army before thanksgiving break.

IV. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: *Chloë Sanfaçon*

Hi everyone! Yesterday I met with our Director of Facilities, Maureen Socha. Before I get into the bulk of my report, I want to give a couple of updates on some questions that came up a couple of weeks ago. First, the Courtney gender-inclusive bathroom that was taken offline is now back online. They had to do some repairs because someone kicked a hole in the wall. Additionally, the status of Dickinson for next year is still under consideration. The University must consider our projected enrollment numbers and things of that nature but when the decision is made, we'll get that information out to everyone.

So, Maureen and I met mainly to discuss the issue of gender-inclusive bathrooms on campus. This is something that she is also very passionate about, so she's been a big help to our SGA over the last year. She told me the following:

- Starting in Fall 2020, all of Westfield State's seven residential buildings have at least one gender-inclusive bathroom and shower.
- Out of our nine academic buildings, Parenzo Hall is currently under a full renovation that will include gender-inclusive bathrooms once the project is completed Fall 2023/Spring 2024, Wilson Hall will have construction completed on a brand-new gender-inclusive bathroom by the end of December 2022, and the other seven are in line to be renovated.
- We have four other buildings on campus that are open to students, one of which (the Interfaith Center) has access to gender-inclusive bathrooms. The Dining Commons does not have access to a gender-inclusive bathroom.
- The roadblocks to gender-inclusive bathrooms are:
 - Single-stall faculty bathrooms cannot be transformed into gender-inclusive bathrooms per plumbing code 248 CMR: 10.10(18)(h)4
 - If signage on a bathroom is changed and a plumbing inspector sees it and recognizes that it breaks code, the institution is penalized by either a fine or worse, a sort of probationary period where every proposed capital asset project plan is scrutinized, making funding for any necessary project for the institution much harder to receive.
 - In order for brand new bathrooms and fixtures to be added to a building without costing millions of additional dollars, there must be room next to an existing bathroom to build a new one. This is because the most expensive part of bathrooms is the sewage therefore most buildings' bathrooms are stacked on top of each other as you go up the floors. If you were to add a new bathroom away from an existing one, you would have to create a whole new sewage line which is incredibly expensive and inefficient. This means that some classrooms or offices may need to be taken offline in order to put bathrooms in certain buildings. In the case of Wilson Hall, there was an unused room next to an existing bathroom on the third floor that we were able to take over and renovate into a gender-inclusive bathroom.
 - As renovations take place, we need to prioritize which buildings get renovated first due to time and funding constraints.
 - Maureen would like our help in prioritizing buildings. She was thinking of doing Woodward next since there would also need to be a shower in that building but she's not sure how strong the need is for that building. I'd like to take a moment to collect your thoughts on which of our buildings should be next.
- i. Rodney Duteau: You mentioned that the DC doesn't have any gender neutral bathrooms, I remember that in the exist that is currently closed, there was a men's room and a women's room is it possible to convert that into a gender inclusive bathroom.

ii. Chloë Sanfaçon: I have a feeling that there needs to be two to keep up to code because there has to be one in the back for workers and there also has to be a certain number of stalls that corresponds with the dining halls capacity so I think that we will have to put in a whole new fixture.

iii. Aaron Lessing: Woodward and Horace Mann, the buildings that aren't on main campus should take priority so that students don't need to run over main campus to go to the bathroom.

iv. Emily Fluet: Bates Hall as that's one of the older buildings.

● The Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) state Commissioner, Carol Gladstone, is also very invested in this issue and wants to help.

This is what I'm looking at as my next steps:

- conduct a survey on Westfield's campus for gender-inclusive bathroom need
- gather information from other institutions on what their campuses currently have, what their need is, any current plans to remedy the issue, etc.
- meet with Commissioner Gladstone to get her advice on the issue and have her set up an appointment with the state plumbing board
- create a presentation for the state plumbing board
- give the presentation to the state plumbing board at the appointment and hopefully convince them to vote on the issue at a following board meeting

This is an initiative that the Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Council is also interested in so I will most likely be collaborating on this issue with them.

- A. All University Committee: No Report
- B. Student Advisory Council: No Report

V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE: **Logan Terenzi**

- A. Student Affairs Committee: No Report
- B. Food Services Committee: Logan Terenzi

Hey everyone,

Food service met last week.

First we talked about opinions on the new chair options for the DC and decided that based on many student's feedback that we don't like those chairs and will be looking into a new better option for the DC. I sent a few pictures in the GroupMe and we have a catalogue with some options and we can decide after looking through those if there are any good options. Second we also looked into new floor paneling to replace the carpet in the DC, we have sent those pictures in the GroupMe as well so if there are any opinions on that please let me know. Some of the other things that we discussed were that the conveyor is currently in the process of being installed so we will be on paper this week and that should be done by the end of the week. Late night bistro should be fixed by today, there were some issues occurring when supervisors weren't there at late night but it has been addressed. The DC responded to the Pizza issue from last week. The Dc is looking into getting Touchtunes and upgrading the speaker system with it. This will obviously cost some money but it will be a jukebox type thing where students can request music to be played. This will also address the speaker problem where some speakers are louder than others. The final thing is that the DC has started to prepare for adapting to the new international students.

- i. Sarah Harrington: I have a concern about the Jukebox. I'm worried that if a lot of students request music that students won't get to hear the songs they request since they are only in the DC for probably about an hour.
- ii. Logan Terenzi: I feel like that could be an issue anywhere that there are jukeboxes like in restaurants that use it. But I understand the concern.
- iii. Rodney Duteau: I know I've brought this up before but have we ever gotten a reason as to why the DC is transition so early in regards to lunch. When I get out of class at 2 and go to the Dc there is typically nothing there.
- iv. Logan Terenzi: So typically from 2-3 is the transition period from lunch to dinner. So they are changing over the menu and they are

- prepping that food and also clean and disinfect everything so that is what that hour is for.
- v. Rodney Duteau: The other thing that I want to bring up is that when I go to the DC and there's nothing there, I go to the bistro and I am told that I can't use a meal swipe there because I already swiped in at the DC. Is that a thing where I now will need to pay with dining dollars or cash?
 - vi. Logan Terenzi: As far as I know, you can get the bistro for breakfast and lunch but you only have that 1 swipe for the time period. But I don't think that you should have to pay.
 - vii. Adam Carpenter: I think that it's kind of ridiculous that you can't just use your swipes whenever you want because I've been held up in line multiple times in the bistro because people had already used their swipe in the DC and they were told that they basically had to struggle to find some way to pay for the food. I think that particularly with the inconsistent times for transitions, it really needs to be addressed that makes it really confusing as to how they have strict meal windows.
 - viii. Chris Lannan: Can we keep the worry free zone open from open to close. Also can we change up the pastas from time to time.
 - ix. Logan Terenzi: I brought that up last meeting but I will check up on it.
 - x. Chloë Sanfaçon: I just wanted to speak to the one swipe per meal time. It wasn't smart to have an actually unlimited meal plan because people were spending way more than the meal plans were worth. I think we were kind of asking if they could change the name to something other than the unlimited plan because it's not actually unlimited and if this is still a concern so if this is still an issue, I would urge them to reconsider the name again.
 - xi. Logan Terenzi: The reason it is called the unlimited plan is because once you get in you can get unlimited food. That is the reason but it is not actually unlimited swipes but I will bring it up and it needs better clarification.
 - xii. Chloë Sanfaçon: I know that is their reason for calling it unlimited but I would like to argue with them that it is a misleading name as that is not how students think when they purchase that plan.
 - xiii. Chris Lannan: Sometimes, I go to the DC and then have to go bsck to my room and like ten minutes later I come back to the DC and they say can you swipe in again when I've just done it. Can we establish a period of time that you can just come back.
 - xiv. Logan Terenzi: I'll look into it.
 - xv. Adam Carpenter: I kind of want to add to Chloë's point, that's the case for every meal plan so that is very much a false advertisement so that name really needs to be changed. Like I could have the 5 swipe plan and stay there all day so it doesn't make any sense for that to be the reason.

- xvi. Sarah Harrington: I want to quickly and respectfully disagree with Chris, I just don't think that the workers should be expected to remember everyone who goes in and out of the DC.
 - xvii. Logan Terenzi: I think that I can discuss that with Bill and maybe have there be a system where you swipe in for the period and can return whenever you want during that time period.
 - xviii. Logan Terenzi: Point of information. I'm trying to get them to bring the allergy card back out so that students have options other than just clean eats.
- 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: *Emily Fluet*

- A. Academic Policies Committee:
- B. Curriculum Committee: Emily Fluet

UCC (which is the University Curriculum Committee) met last Friday and we approved a few different things to move on to AUC (All University Committee) We approved 3 new concentrations in the Urban and Regional Planning major, which are food systems planning, urban design and architecture, and real estate and economic development. We also approved the deletion of the literature minor within the English department. I thought we had done this already but I guess it was actually tabled. I mentioned this last time but students will now just be an English minor but they can still focus on writing or literature or a mix of both depending on what classes they choose to take. We approved some revisions to the class Writing for Environmental Science. This course use to have ENGL 102 as a prerequisite, but since this course is no longer required in the core they no longer want it to be required before taking this class. They also removed the prerequisite of sophomore standing. Lastly, we began our discussion of the Occupational Therapy Assistant concentration in the health science major, but we did not get the chance to vote on anything as this is a completely new program and there is a lot to work on.

- C. Special Committee on Reforming General Education (SCORE): Emily Fluet

Hi Everyone, just a quick update on what SCORE has been up to lately. The committee is working with a graphic design student to make the model look a little bit nicer, and the draft they have so far seems to be more clear and easier to read. If anyone wants to see if I can email out a copy. Right now our model has 4 main categories and then some subcategories within them. The four main categories that students will take classes from are Westfield State Journey (this includes things like a First-year experience class and well-being courses), Critical analysis and Inquiry, investigating complex problems, and Perspectives. If anyone wants more detail on what the current model draft looks like just let me know. Additionally, some members on the committee met with a grant foundation because they are hoping to get a grant for faculty professional development and course development, because there will likely be some new courses in the core. Lastly, like I mentioned last time, we will need another student to be on the committee next semester so if anyone is interested please let me know. Also they are working with the Davis Grant.

- D. New England Council of Higher Education (NECHE) Self-Study Committee: Dan Currier

Dan Currier gave a report

- i. Kaitlyn Egan: Is there a sign up for clubs to be a part of the NECHE visit?
- ii. Dan Currier: If you go on the library website @lib.westfield/neche23. So part of the visiting team for the preliminary visit. So this is the current draft for the schedule for the visit but this is not permanent. Anyway it's on there somewhere but I think that it is on there somewhere. They will be visiting in March and it will be a number of different sessions. I'm sure that there will be more information later as we get closer to march.

- E. Parking Control Board: No Report
- F. Parking Appeals Board: No Report

G. Name-change committee: Levi Ekstrom

The Lived Name Committee met on Wednesday, November 2nd. The University's name change policy has been drafted and sent to the legal team, we made some minor edits and are sending it back to the legal team for their approval. The registrar has a deadline to be on Banner 9 by May but said she will hopefully be on there earlier. When this update is set up her first priority is to set up something called Student Self-Service which is where students will be able to do the name change process for Banner. Many things on campus pull names from this software so it is a big step in getting a student's lived name to be used across campus. Once the technology aspect is finalized there will be a page on the Registrar's website for students to go through the name change process and to get more information.

We will be having 2 info sessions on Thursday, November 17th from 11:30-12:30 and 4-5 pm to talk about the committee's work so far and the policy/process.

- i. Aaron Lessing: Has the IT department been involved in the name change process.
- ii. Levi Ekstrom: The IT department is on board. They are working closely with the registrar so she has been the contact point to them.
- iii. Aaron Lessing: So no one is the committee from the IT department?
- iv. Levi Ekstrom: No. The registrar is the link from them to the committee.
- v. Emily Fluet: Point of information. She also said that Allan will come to the meetings as needed if there are any particularly IT focused.

VI. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT EQUITY: **Rodney Duteau**

The diversity and Inclusion committee met last week on Tuesday, we discussed how there aren't any handicap buttons in New Hall or Davis Hall as well as the button by the bistro is not working. I will reach out to Res life for an explanation about New Hall and Davis (I heard about there being an app for people to use, but I don't know if that is true), and I'll talk to Bill about the handicap button in the Bistro. If you see a handicap button on campus that is not working, please let us know, so it can be addressed as soon as possible.

We also talked about having a mural painted on campus that represents diversity and inclusion. We talked about potential areas on campus to have it, so if you have any suggestions, feel free to stop by at our committee meeting next week on Tuesday at 4pm - here in SGA.

II. Meeting with VP Jedi:

Last week, I was able to meet with the Vice president of Jedi, Larue Peirce. We talked about having a diversity module that professors can take, to help them become more inclusive and mindful when interacting with their students. He has a pilot of the module that is currently in the works. I will keep all of you posted on any updates.

III. March

I am currently helping someone organize a women's march for next week on Monday. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to me after the meeting. We are currently looking for more support.

A. Diversity and Inclusion Committee: No Report

B. Interfaith Advisory Council: Chris Lannan

Hello all. This week, the interfaith center held an advisory meeting with various club presidents of some of the affinity groups on campus. Specifically, the Muslim Student Organization, Jewish Student Organization and the Newman Club. In the absence of Rodney Duteau, who is the VP of Student Equity and usually attends these meetings, I presided on his behalf. This meeting was meant to discuss various events and programming that these clubs are putting on within the coming month and towards the end of the semester. For example, the Newman Club is hosting a toy drive for children in underprivileged countries. This toy drive has different tiered criteria. You can donate a toy for any age range or gender. There is a nine dollar donation fee to cover international shipping and customs. Donations can be made out to the club president of the Newman Club for any donations you would like to make. The Newman Club meets every Monday at 5pm in the Interfaith Center. On an advisory note, JSO and MSO are each looking for a student and faculty member to serve on the advisory board of their respective clubs. If you know any students interested, please reach out to the club president and advisors. Note: you do not have to be a member personally of either religion to join, all people of all backgrounds are welcome. Another point that was discussed was the carbon footprint on campus. I hope you all noticed the recycling bins across campus. A group will be coming to campus within the coming month to assess the carbon neutrality on campus, and whether or not it is up to par with that of other colleges

and universities. If you have any suggestions for where you would like to see a recycling bin across campus, please reach out to the Interfaith Center. One final note is about Lifetime Owls. Lifetime Owls is an opportunity that all students have to join at the beginning of their college careers. Lifetime Owls is run by class of 1978 alum, Tom Convery. This program offers tons of benefits to every student that is a part of the program. It offers scholarships, exclusive events and so much more. It is a one time fee of \$75 to join. Only about thirty percent of students on campus are enrolled between five and seven hundred people, and this year, Tom is trying to recruit more students to join. If you are interested, please reach out to Tom Convery at tconvery@westfield.ma.edu. An event coming up soon is on November 14th and runs from 7pm to 830pm in Scanlon and is a Kindness Day Event. Hundreds of prizes and raffles will be given away. One final point is the Nestwork website. All clubs are encouraged to start using the Nestwork as a way to advertise to students and reach out to them for events for the campus community. If you need any further information, please reach out to myself, or Rodney Duteau. My email is clannan2075@westfield.ma.edu and my public office hours are Wednesdays 1pm to 2pm in the student government room. Please feel free to reach out.

- i. Aaron Lessing: The recycling bins, are those just for recycling or like donations?
- ii. Chris Lannan: They are for recycling.
- iii. Aaron Lessing: Do we recycle on campus?
- iv. Logan Terenzi: Point of information. We do. There are different bins. The big yellow ones that are like the trash ones. Some of them are sortable and other ones are only certain things and if anything else gets in them they become just fully trash. I am talking to John Zocco about having a better system created so that students will be able to recycle better. But we do recycle on campus.
- v. Dan Currier: I was going to ask why the interfaith advisory council wanted to be in charge of recycling on campus. I understand protecting God's green earth but at the same time the sustainability committee is going to be working on recycling and we have mechanisms in place in res life. So can we talk about moving the responsibility to that committee.
- vi. Chris Lannan: Tom Convery brought up the same point and I said that myself but they just brought that up.
- vii. Mikayla Evans: I just wanted to add a point of information about the kindness event next week in that it's not just available to lifetime owls and anyone can go. The senior class council will be there and I believe so will the class of 2024. So I just wanted to add that.

VII. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-FINANCE: **Daniel Currier**

In previous years, the Student Government Association (SGA) has transmitted thousands of dollars to Model UN – a class within the Department of Political Science that sees students attend conferences with other college students and attempt to formulate solutions to the problems facing humanity. In building this year's budget, I was under the impression that no funds would need to be transmitted this year. Last week, however, I was informed that \$9,500 was transmitted to Model UN given that the decision was already made by my predecessor to transmit the funds and Academic Affairs was wondering where the funds were. In response to this unforeseen change, the Executive Council, in line with the motion made at the October 25th meeting, will be transferring money between funds. We are considering the transfer of funds from the SGA Room Improvements Fund and Finance Proposal Pool. We would like your feedback prior to an official decision. As we look toward FY24, I will be looking to substantially reduce or outright eliminate our allocation to Model UN, since I do not believe that the Student Government Association should be funding an academic course via a Student Activity Fee that is designed to support student activities and programming.

Tomorrow, I will be meeting with Vice President for Administration and Finance Steve Taksar. I intend to discuss campus sustainability, progress on gender-neutral bathrooms across campus, updates on the Parenzo Hall Renovation Project, anticipated increases in campus fees, and our plan to transform the space in New Hall vacated by the 24/7 Computer Lab into a student lounge and entertainment space.

This Thursday, Laura and I will be going to the Westfield State University Archives on the sixth floor of the Ely Library Tower to explore SGA-related archival photos. It is my hope to have a large frame with images digitally molded together from the archives and place it by the door next to the Copy Room as part of our effort to revitalize the SGA Room.

I hope you all enjoy the long weekend! Should you have any questions, please let me know.

- i. Chris Lannan: The PVTA bus fare fee is an \$11 fee which is included in the student activities fee. I know that some people have complained about that because they have their cars on campus and don't use that service. Can you sum it up and why it's there.
- ii. Dan Currier: So basically every university does this with public transportation. They will include this fee for the instance when say your car breaks down and you want to go to Walmart. You can take the PVTA now because you're not going to walk all the way to Walmart, that's a long walk. All universities do this to provide all students with the opportunity to public transportation. If we were to make students pay for it individually it would be much more expensive for them so this is really a discounted rate for everyone.
- iii. Emily Fluet: Can you show exactly where the budget as been reallocated.
- iv. Dan Currier: So yeah, lets put it up on the projector. We were thinking as an Exec board that we would move \$6,000 from our finance proposal pool and \$3,500 from SGA room improvements since it is my understanding that we will not have to fund the computer replacements so that will save us some money. We have also talked about taking more money from the finance proposal pool since we have not received many requests.

B. Finance Committee: Dan Currier

Finance Committee met yesterday at 3:00pm in the SGA Conference Room to discuss proposed revisions to the SGA Finance Bylaws. We primarily focused on what other institutions have for their finance bylaws, including maximum expenditure limits. The conversations we are having will help to inform a major overhaul of our finance bylaws. It is our intent to review the proposed finance bylaws at the next meeting or at a time in the near future. Upon review and approval by Finance Committee, the proposed bylaws will be reviewed by the Rules & Regulations Committee before being presented to the Legislature for approval by a two-thirds majority vote.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 3:00pm in the SGA Conference Room to discuss proposed revisions to the finance bylaws along with three finance proposals submitted by Outing Club.

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

- i. Chris Lannan: We have all that money, is there any way that we can encourage clubs to come and get money if they need it.
- ii. Dan Currier: I sent an email out to club presidents and their advisors to let them know but hopefully they check there emails because we have all this money so they can come and get it.
- iii. Aaron Lessing: I also encourage you guys to bring it up when you talk to people who are in clubs.
- iv. Dan Currier: There are certain rules regarding how things are done so some of them will just want money given to them so if that's the case send them to talk to me and I'll walk through the process.

C. Foundation Report: No Report

D. ITSAC Report: No Report

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

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

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

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: No Report

- C. Junior Class: No Report
- D. Sophomore Class: No Report
- 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: No unfinished business

XIII. NEW BUSINESS: (Requires majority vote to be opened) No New Business

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Aaron Lessing: You have until 8pm to vote tonight. If you vote on campus do that and if not go vote if you haven't already. If you vote on campus you are at the church between Woodward and Main campus.

Mikayla Evans: 192 days until commencement.

XV. ROLL CALL: Nicholas Smith, Timothy Allen, Ethan Haynes, Loïc Black, Maggie Roberts, and Joseph Bonilla

XVI.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm until November 15th.

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