

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AGENDA
October 25th, 2022

- I. ROLL CALL: Levi Ekstrom was Absent
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: October 18th, 2022. The minutes were approved
- III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: **Aaron Lessing**
- A. Director of Health Services: **Kelly Palm**
- OK. Thank you very much. Thank you for inviting me. So I've been furiously writing down some notes, and because my day got away from me. So my name's Kelly Palm. I'm a nurse practitioner on the interim director of health services, conveniently. Located on campus behind Scanlon, we have a new welcoming Rainbow crosswalk. Can everyone hear me? I feel like I'm like shouting. OK, so we are located right on campus. We are appointment only. I just want to keep everyone else safe. With the COVID pandemic, we didn't want people piling up in the waiting room. There possibly heading back to walk in, but it's also kind of nice if you call and make an appointment. We can stagger people and triage and so we can decide if you need to see it in the next 15 minutes or if it can wait till the afternoon or the next day. That being said, by and large we will see the same day unless you call me at 5:00 PM and it can wait till the next day. Then we're going to see you same day, so don't ever worry about being able to get in for an appointment. So just some of the services that we offer, I know I recognize some people and some people have probably been health services and some have not. So we function like an urgent care. We do urgent care, sick visits, of course COVID, but also flu, mono strep, other respiratory illnesses, skin infections. Do anything that you would go to an urgent care, that's kind of how we function. We can do prescriptions, so I can send prescriptions to whatever pharmacy you choose. We do not have a pharmacy on campus unfortunately, but I can send any of the providers can send a prescription to whatever pharmacy you choose and there are several on the bus route in Westfield, so we have at least three or four in Westfield; Stop and Shop, CVS, Walgreens. Health education. So I am not standing up in a classroom, but we want to be part of your education, right? So not teaching English, but when you come in to see one of us. I hope that you're going to learn something about yourself, or about your illness, or about the medication or something that you didn't know when you came into my office. We understand a lot of times. I don't know how many people are freshman or first years? So a lot of times you haven't navigated the healthcare system on your own, right? Like maybe the last appointment you had, mom or Dad or guardian was there, and they were in perhaps a visit and they left halfway through the visit. So now you're coming in all by yourself and we totally get that. We are user friendly, so we're going to help you every step of the way. I have a 19 year old son. He's a freshman in college so I totally understand insurance is not intuitive. On that note, we cannot bill your insurance. We do not charge for anything in full services. So my time, the visit, anything performed on site, any medications given on site that is all included. Should be referred to. So the only time I'm going to ask for your insurance card is if I have to send off a lab or say you fall down and I'm going to send you for an X-ray on a send. You can go right down to Noble. They're going to bill your insurance. That's how the real world works, right? You wouldn't go to urgent care and think that it would be free. So mostly we are free, but if you have to. Got something? Obtain it, get it from formed outside. So prescriptions at the pharmacy. You're going to bring your insurance card if you go for an X-ray. If I have to send the lab off site, that's when we're going to ask for your insurance card. Most people have health*

insurance. It's not always intuitive about how it works, so if you have questions about that, don't hesitate to ask. How many people are on somebody else's insurance? Usually mom, dad or guardian. Fabulous. So the Affordable Care Act says that you can be on somebody else's insurance until you're 26. I highly recommended. Health insurance is expensive. It's complicated. It's just a pain. And that's the world I live in. I have a 19 year old. I'm like dude, stay on our insurance as long as possible. However, that does not mean that I have the right to his information once he's 18, unless he chooses to tell me so. Everything in health services that happens in health services is set in health services is completely confidential. Unless you say that you're going to hurt yourself or somebody else, then I'm going to tell you that our conversation would have to be broken confidentiality wise. Other than that, I don't talk to parents, I don't talk to professors. I don't talk to anyone unless you ask me to. So there was a law passed in Massachusetts that I want you guys to know about. You don't have to remember the name of it. You just have to know it was passed. It is to protect young people on their parents insurance. So say you want to get tested for something sensitive like HIV or chlamydia, or you want gender affirming hormone therapy, or you want birth control or mental health services. All those things are sensitive and private so you can call your health insurance. We will help you do that if you want your stuff kept confidential. What insurance companies do, they send summary of payments, explanation of benefits to the subscriber, usually mom or dad, and that can violate your privacy. So some people aren't worried about it. They're like, no, my parents don't care either statement saying I use the insurance, other people are really concerned about it. So ask us about that. Has anyone heard of that? And Hatch act protect your access to confidential health information. Alright, so on site what do we do? umm we do rapid strep and mono tests. We see a lot of strep and Mono in the fall semester Everyone's got a sore throat. Everyone I know has a sore throat right now. I had one last week, so it is viral illness time. A little bit of COVID, but a lot of strep and mono and a whole lot of unnamed viruses, so. Come on in and we'll check you out and hopefully get you feeling better soon. Women's Health, men's health. So contraception. We offer Depo birth control pills. The patch, the ring. Condoms are always available for free in our lobby. If you're interested in implants or IUD, I'm happy to help you get those devices. But because we don't bill insurance are expensive, I can get you to the right place that does. Men's health, alright, already told you about X-rays, lab work, specialty referrals when needed. Alright, outreach. So probably you guys have seen me walking around campus. I like to get out of my office, walk around, meet people, and outreach in the dining commons. You haven't seen me in the dining commons. OK, so trying getting trying to get out once a month if people invite me. I've done sex jeopardy in the dorms so if you want to run a program and you want some condoms or you want some expertise. Ask me. I'm happy to come and do a program in the dorm in the evening. Just let me know. We are having vaccine clinics, that's has anyone heard about the vaccine clinic? Some of you. So we had a flu vaccine clinic and gave 160 shots. We had a COVID booster clinic that filled up. So I'm looking at another one. The new bivalent booster that came out in September is different from the rest of them. Seems like COVID is going to be somewhat like the flu. We might need an updated annual series. So I'm looking at having another COVID booster clinic here next month. There are two flu vaccine clinics. We do not need a banner flu season. This Friday in the room next to Dunkin. Just walk in, bring your insurance card and get your flu vaccine. And then November 17th, so before. You can catch it this Friday before you go home for Thanksgiving and I'll send out some emails, but. I need you guys to shout out the vaccine clinics. All right. We also had a walk in STI clinic today. I sent out an e-mail. So walk in, bring your insurance card in and out in 5-10 minutes. But we also do that everyday. So I'll send out those

announcements, but don't feel like any other day you can't come in and ask for that sort of stuff. Plan B, who knows what Plan B is? Awesome. Does anyone know how much it costs? Shout it out. Outrageous, right? It probably costs something like a dollar. So emergency contraception Plan B is just a really good marketing brand. I call it emergency contraception Plan B is just like the word Tylenol. It's just a good marketing brand. So you'll pay 50 bucks for Plan B, right? Because you recognize it. So it's hardly ever important to get a brand name when you're buying. Patients. So when you go to the pharmacy, find that Tylenol and then look for the right and left and by the CVS brand acetaminophen, find Motrin or Advil and then look for ibuprofen generic. Same with Plan B or emergency contraception. They're all exactly the same. They have to be chemically by the FDA. So I started making plan B available on campus. It is on the Get app for \$15, so huge discount. I'm not a genius. You can get it on Amazon for probably about the same price, but if you wait last minute and go to CVS, they're going to charge you \$50.00 for Plan B brand for probably 35 to 45 for the generic. So \$15 on the Get app. let people know that it is available so plan B is not the abortion pill it will not do anything to an existing pregnancy it is emergency contraception sometimes people get confused but it won't do anything if you are already pregnant. So monthly outreach, health awareness months. There's always like you, Google. There are 1000 things during September and October. We had Planned Parenthood out here in September. In October, I'm having tapestry come out, so they'll be in the dining Commons just with information, condoms, whatever it is. So if you guys have ideas or organizations that you'd like me to reach out to, like maybe a Melanoma foundation for the spring is what I was thinking when people start to like tan and use tanning beds, which are a bad idea. But if there is other organizations that you would like me to reach out to, just shoot me an e-mail. Come talk to me I will totally make the ask. I'm hoping to have a blood drive soon, so keep your eyes peeled. I know we definitely haven't had one during the pandemic and I don't know about before that, but I'm already talking to the nursing department and we're hoping for January, so watch your emails. All right. Uh, reproductive health access. And given the Roe V Wade, I thought I would just touch upon reproductive health access. If there are services that we do not provide in health services, I will help you find the services that you need. Abortion services are not available right now on campus. I know that Umass has started to offer medication abortion. We are not there yet but Planned Parenthood in Springfield does both medication abortion and procedural abortion. So if you find yourself in that situation, then you can come and talk to us and we can. Once you make the decision about what you're going to do, then we can help you with resources no matter what your decision is. So don't hesitate to come and talk to us. Alright, I think that's all on my points.

- i. Ethan Haynes: If we got a vaccine, a covid vaccine, a flu vaccine, or any form of another vaccine outside of campus should we report that to you? And how would we report that to you?
- ii. Kelly Palm: So you don't have to. The flu vaccine, I think Baker during the pandemic mandated the flu vaccine for like 5 minutes and then they realized that was too hard so they backed off on it. So while it is strongly recommended is not required, we do have state required vaccines. You guys all had to turn in health forms to me, remember? And certain vaccines. So you can always turn it into me. You can send me a screenshot, you can e-mail it to me, you can drop it off. For the COVID vaccine, the requirement is an initial series, so either that first Johnson and Johnson or the 2 doses of Pfizer 2 doses of Moderna. Right now there's no booster doses required. Harvard just required the new bivalent and everyone likes to know what Harvard is doing I don't know that we're going to go down that route they're still

- in the minority so right now just the original series, but I would strongly recommend you get updated if you are not already.
- iii. Emily Fluet: OK, so I know I think you probably met with you last year when I was doing an internship about Medical Abortion. And I know you mentioned that we're not there yet. I was just wondering if you had any idea what about what we're where we are as far as progress because I know the bill passed.
- iv. Kelly Palm: The bill that Emily and I talked about. Lindsey Sabadosa, our representative in Northampton did a study and basically went from Umass to planned parenthood in Springfield to see how long it would take to make it on the PVTa and it took over three hours one way. So there was a bill proposed that would require public health institutes of higher Ed, which of which we are one in Massachusetts, to provide medication abortion. The bill has since changed. And it is now either we provide medication abortion on campus or we refer you to someone who does. So we've always done that. Whatever the services are that you need, we're going to help you find them, whether it's an orthopedic surgeon, Planned Parenthood tapestry, if we don't provide it on campus. So you need to see a cardiologist. I'm going to help. Find that person. So right now I am in touch with the state, the people who are sort of behind that bill, and we are supposed to be meeting and looking into it. It would only be the medication. That person, I don't know if you guys are familiar, if they're doing it by mail. Now with the fall of Row V Wade, there's plan C online. Which is a group that will mail order these medications. It just gets into in Massachusetts whether or not you need an ultrasound and things that we don't have on campus. So it's we're definitely looking into it and I'm talking to the state, so stay tuned, I will let you know as I know more.
- v. Ethan Haynes: What services are offered at health services for men's health?
- vi. Kelly Palm: So to be honest college guys are young and healthy generally. So for women it's a pap smear, there is no cancer screening. Testicular cancer is rare but there isn't actually a screening for it. Even though that would be in your age so that is something that we can talk about in an appointment. Um, but other than we don't do physicals. So I would say, what vaccines should you be? And today on, and that's for any person, what are the activities that you engage in that put you at risk, whether it's riding a bike, driving a car, right? What substances are using? We're going to talk to you like it's a physical and then what sort of testing should you do? So if you're sexually active, depending on what you're at risk for is what I'm going to recommend testing. Or I'm just like you would go into your primary care person, so I'd make those recommendations.
- vii. Chloë Sanfaçon: Hi, thank you for coming down. I've heard from advising, that there might be hold on people's accounts for health. You speak to that at all.
- viii. Kelly Palm: That's a really hard question. Yes, so health forms were due July 1st and then they we moved him to August 1st. And then September 1st, is that what you're telling me, Matt, keep going, OK. So and then it's now, it's October 25th. So yes, people's accounts have been put on hold. These are state mandated vaccines. So give us a call, I will tell you exactly what you're missing if somebody's account. On hold. I'm sorry, it's the last. It's the all the emails. It's months of I will look people up in the Massachusetts immunization system. I will call, I will accept a physical that's a little bit outdated because of the pandemic. So I'm willing to work with you guys. But yes, people we have now we need those, we have to turn in our data. To the state about how our compliance is and so we need to get some of the

information, so. Usually when people call me, we resolved it within a couple of hours. I tell them what I need. I help them figure out how to get it. I will like take a fact. I'll take an e-mail. I'll take the snail mail. smoke signals so tell them to just give us a call we'll tell them exactly what they're missing and how they can get into compliance and to be honest if they call me and they're working on it I will usually lift their hold on the honor code that they're working on it I'm going to give me the information thank you for bringing that up know that that's a sore one.

- ix. Joseph Bonilla: I was wondering what health services is doing to support LGBTQIA plus groups concerning advertising sexual health?
- x. Kelly Palm: So I am on the Pride committee. I'm waiting for our first meeting, but I did start recently offering Prep out of our office, which is HIV prophylaxis. Umm, basically anyone who's at risk can take it, so if it's something you're interested in. We can definitely do it out of our office, the monkey Pox vaccine. So the state I believe that the numbers are coming down thankfully, so hopefully we don't have another pandemic on our hands. But there is monkeypox vaccine in Western mass if it's something they are. Uh, sort of regulating it as far as you can get it for people who are most at risk. So somebody who's been knowingly exposed has a partner with monkeypox that sort of those people get priority. But if you're at risk and you say that you're risks are going to give it to you. So I believe tapestry has it planned, parent. That basically has it. So if you're interested in the monthly parks vaccine, let me know and we can, I can help you figure that out. As far as LGBTQ health, if people want to come in and have a visit, we will. We are all well versed in. Again, like I said, depending on what you're at risk for, that's what we're going to make recommendations if someone comes in and they just write. I testing on the sheet which is pretty common. Ask a bunch of questions and it's because then I know what I should, then I know what to recommend. You should get tested for what you're at risk for, right? How many partners do you have? What's your condom use, that sort of thing? How much do you protect yourself? So that's for anybody. As far as gender affirming hormone therapy, I met with the. Trans Clinic in Northampton, and they're actually another group that's on my radar to see if they would come out and table in the DC. Most of them are trans providers and they're pretty awesome, so thank you for reminding me. I would like them to come out, but tapestry also does gender affirming. Form of therapy. We are not doing gender affirming hormone therapy yet. Article services. Kind of gauging to see how much of a demand there is. It's kind of a specialty, right? So if I'm only going to do it once a year, then it's hard to keep current. And I like to keep current. So if there's a demand and it's something that we would be doing, then I'm certainly open to it.
- xi. Loïc Black: Thank you for coming down. So I had a couple different questions. Mental health is one of them. I know that a lot of students. I'm one of them. I don't have a primary care physician because I was at my pediatrician, COVID hit and my pediatrician got kicked off of 21, and a lot of doctors around here are no longer accepting. They're retiring, moving away. So I'm just trying to see one with the mental health point of view of things for medication. If students wanted that, what type of referral programs or things like that? Because I know Western New England, I'm not sure if they still do it, but they did a few years ago. They had people on site, different licensed to write prescriptions for medication and psychologist. I'm not sure that they still do that but some sort of program like that or for

students who have an issue getting to those places. Doing it through not maybe not Zoom, but like a telehealth service. I know that I used telehealth because it was cheaper than going somewhere especially to urgent care. So maybe some sort of system like that to work with health services.

xii. Kelly Palm: That's a great question. Hear you on that. I don't think anyone. Arrived for the last couple of years and it's been pretty rough, right? I like I said, I don't think anyone has been untouched but. You guys lost so much of right? Like my brain is formed and I'm sort of done growing and so I think. For the zero to 25 year olds. Or maybe you're right, it's a whole different. Follow acts to have lost a couple of years of socialization and development and just normal life, right? Like nothing was normal. So on that note, we are working with the counseling center. They have a nurse, a site psychiatric nurse practitioner out of the counseling center. Who can prescribe so they you do have to meet with them, but they can prescribe antidepressants, anti anxieties. A lot of times it's the same medication that we use for anxiety and depression. I know Brian from the counseling center has reached out to me if people are coming a fair distance and they're out of their medication and they can't get in touch with their provider. I will is well within my scope to provide those medications, but the way that it's always been set up here is that was always under the purview of the counseling center. Given the way the world is evolving and certainly with the pandemic, we may need to evolve as well. So I think that that's something that we need to talk about and with the counseling center is if they are unable to keep up with the demand and I totally hear you, some pediatric practices kick you out at 18, some will keep you a little longer until like 20 or 21, I've heard 24 and it's really hard to find a primary care provider these days. You can start with your health insurance again, that health insurance, right? But if you're needing a new provider, whatever type of provider it is. Before you go spinning your wheels, check in with your insurance company. They will have providers that are accepting your insurance and are accepting new patients. That's sort of the big thing, right? So I'm willing to help however we can. I would say going forward if counseling center, the provider I believe works one full day a week. Out of the counseling center, it's that person is getting overwhelmed and they're needing either to add hours to that person or talk to health services about taking over some of the or being in conjunction. We are open to that. So answer your questions.

xiii. Chris Lannan: Hi. So is there any way we can educate people about, you know, sexual health and especially among like different communities across campus as well as can we specifically like, prefer, say there is a student that needs gender affirming surgery can be refer them somewhere outside of campus?

xiv. Kelly Palm: We as in health services? Yeah. So how to educate people. That's always a challenge. It's awesome that you guys asked for me to come down here so that I can say what we do and educate people. A lot of the time, I say something like ordering a birth control pill and they don't even know that I can do that. Or they are like surprised that I can send off a birth control prescription. So how do I get in front of you because I think that Covid has not helped us in our goal of letting people to know that this is what we do. So all the contraception, the STI testing, and then right now if we don't provide that service like gender affirming hormone therapy. Here is the resources in the area and here is how we provide it like the trans clinic in Northampton or tapestry, Planned Parenthood do it and there are certain providers in the area that do it that I can arrange for

you. So for education, invite me or tell me where you want me to be and I can bring stuff or put presentations together because I'm happy to do it.

- xv. Chris Lannan: So just to clarify my question. Like I know that the class of 2026 is holding a sexual health clinic in November but what can like students do to educate their peers?
- xvi. Kelly Palm: I mean that there is a lot of good resources out there, you don't have to be an expert on the subject. You can look for literature of Sexual Health from the CDC and there's some really good websites out there and some really crap websites out there. So there is a wealth of information out there and sometimes it's really hard to tell which is the good information and what's not good. If you want to come to me then I am happy to give you resources if you want to educate yourself and if you wanted to educate others and run a program. If you want me behind the scenes or to be there helping you, I can do either. If it's an interest of yours it's an interest of mine and I'm all for educating the underserved people.
- xvii. Joseph Bonilla: As a point of information, we are having a sexual health awareness thing that we are collaborating on you guys to try and educate. So that's what we are going to try and do but also when I asked about the LGBTQIA+ advertisement and resources. How are we finding out the demand for gender affirming hormone therapy and are we keeping the students identities confidential?
- xviii. Kelly Palm: Again, everything that happens in health services is confidential. Honestly, I will not even pretend that I know you on the outside because that's the best way to protect you and your privacy. The way that I find out is that students have to come to us. If we need to be involved with gender affirming therapy, I am happy to do that and have done that before. I sort of keep my finger on the pulse but it is completely confidential. We give testosterone if we need to. Happy to if we don't provide it to find the resources for you.
- xix. Maggie Roberts: I know that with autoimmune disease injections. Is that something that I go to my pharmacy to pick up my injection and you would give the injection to someone.
- xx. Kelly Palm: Sure, I can order injections and then you pick it up and I can inject it or I can teach you to self-inject if you can.
- xxi. Tim Allen: Can you prescribe epinephrine?
- xxii. Kelly Palm: Yes.

B. Executive Director of CSSE: **Azanda Seymour**

Hi Everyone, I'm Azanda Seymour, the director of the center for student success and engagement and with me today is Dr. Celeste Donovan the director of the TRIO student support services program. Aaron, thank you for asking me to come down. I wanted to share with you a little bit about the center for student success and engagement. How many of you have heard us? For those of you who might not have raise your hand if you've ever gotten tutored, if you've been advised. Yes everybody's been advised so everybody should have raised their hands up because you've been to the center one way or another. We're currently in Scanlon banquet hall. We have eight programs that are within the center so veteran and military services which is in Bates hall is part of the Center for student success and engagement. Our academic advising center which most students have had some interaction with and also within the Center. The urban education program, our Westfield promise early college and dual enrollment program, trio student support services, the Banacos academic center and our Center for of course achievement retention and engagement which is the care center on the second floor of Ely Mezzanine which also houses our tutoring and learning consortium which are CARE and TLC. So those are the 8 areas that are comprised under my area. We are fairly new in name but it's basically putting a

new name to something that has existed for many years. A lot of these programs were already part of the center before it was called the center. We just formalized it a couple years ago. My role is to make sure that all of those programs work seamlessly and collaboratively in order to provide support to the students on campus. Right now, what my task is is to find out how we can serve students that are not affiliated with any of the programs in care to make sure that they get the support that they need while they're here, so that we can make sure that they are active that they're engaged that they persist and graduate. So for example, you may have a student that is an athlete that has an advisor they're exploratory so they have an advisor and academic advising center they are part of trio student support services, and they might have an accommodation which they need to use the Bancos academic center for so you have a student that may have four people that are looking out for their best interest. Where you have maybe once a student that has only one person which is their faculty advisor that is assisting them with choosing classes. So what I'm trying to do is to address the students that are only affiliated with a faculty member to make sure that they have connections and know where to go for support and resources like everyone else. So if you're not familiar with veteran and military services, I'm just going down the line a little bit and kind of explain what each one of them does briefly. Veteran and military services, if students are veteran or veterans or military connected if you are the offspring or the spouse of a veteran then you can utilize veteran and military services. They report to the Department of Defense and the Department of Justice to make sure that the students are using their benefits accordingly. The urban education program is a special admission program for students that identifies first generation. How many of you are first generation? Parents didn't go to college? Your parents don't have a four year degree? OK so if your parents don't have a four year degree raise your hand. So all of you would have been eligible for the urban education program but you didn't know that right. So you would have had an opportunity to come to campus during the summer and take courses to assist you in your transition from high school to college. Last year we offered 9 credits for students to come to campus. We lived in New hall. Students take classes for five weeks Sunday through Thursday and you get acclimated to campus so that when you come in the fall you are more ready. You are familiar with the landscape, and you know what the expectations are being a college student and you're ready to hit the ground running. We also pay students to participate in the program, successful completion earned students in \$2000 grant. The reason for that is because we realize that you've given up your summer to be with us so that's our helping of helping you in paying for you to be here so that you don't have to make a decision as to whether or not you work or participate in the summer bridge program. The Westfield promise program is an early college program. Faculty go into the high schools in the 11th grade and they teach a stretch course along with the high school teacher and then the students come to campus and their senior year and they take a class with Westfield State University students, those students can earn up to 24 credits and they take classes that are college credit bearing so that they can hopefully come to Westfield state or if not they can transfer to another Massachusetts State College or university. We also have dual enrollment where the students are earning credits while they're in high school. How many of you took dual enrollment classes that you came in with. So that's the more common early college experience that we have where students are able to take classes while they're in high school and get to know what the expectations are of college courses. We also have the Banacos academic center which houses our learning disabilities program. students come in through special admission of opportunity, check it off, you go through an interview process and then you're assigned an advisor within the Banacos academic center that works with you until you graduate. We also

have disability services, which all students can have access to, if you break a finger, if you break a leg, you need accommodations, if you have anxiety, high blood pressure, diabetes if you have anything that may prevent you from working to your full potential, please contact disability services and see if you are able to see the accommodations that you are entitled to. The trio student support services program is a federal program through the US Department of Education very similar to the urban education program, they do not have a summer bridge component but you have advisors that work with you until you graduate to make sure that you have what you need in order to be successful. They have a lot of programs that assist students with not just being successful here but looking at graduate programs as well. We also have the of course the care center. How many of you are familiar with Westfield 360? You get those notifications right so that comes from the care center, not only do we assist students with knowing where they are at any given point in their classes but we are also unfortunately the care center works with students that have decided to withdraw from the university so we sit with students to find out what is your rationale for leaving. Is there any way that we can allow you to stay? We have a new position that we are interviewing for right now that will basically serve as our university social worker in some capacity, so if a student is leaving and they disclose that they need certain access to resources then we want someone here to point them out to students in order to make them to help them stay. So that they don't have to make that decision and so we've had quite a few students who've taken advantage of those opportunities and just stayed because I didn't realize what resources were available to them and then within Care is our tutoring center as many of you may be familiar with and so that's pretty much the Center for student success and engagement.

- i. Aaron Lessing: I know that you mentioned Veteran Service, I know Lisa retired or resigned and I was just wondering if there were plans to get a new person in there.
- ii. Azanda Seymour: That's a great question. So the position is does need to be filled. So yes, there are plans to replace Lisa. Right now, we only have one staff person in the office. The position was approved by finance cabinet. It's just waiting for approval from President Thompson. So our plan is to get someone there. It's really important for us to fill that position fairly quickly because as I stated, there are certain guidelines that we have to adhere to for the federal government. And Lisa was very familiar with what those were and there are certifying officials and they double check and make sure that everything is in line with the requirements for students to get their benefits. So yes, we plan to fill that position as fast as possible.
- iii. Katie Egan: Hi, thanks for coming down. First of all, I wanted to say thank you for everything that you do on campus. I've heard that the urban education program is life-changing so I just wanted to say thank you. I also wanted to just ask if there is anything that we can do as students to support your effort on campus.
- iv. Azanda Seymour: That's awesome! Thank you so much for your question. And I will say to you that I am a graduate of urban education and am very proud of that. So what can you do in order to assist us? I did have the pleasure of meeting with Emily. We met last week and now we keep running into each other everywhere that we go. That's a question that I am going to pose to the directors of the center for student success and engagement to see what they think can be done in order to bridge the gap between us and SGA. So that's a question that we are going to work on and I think that it's a valid question and the timing for that is right as well. I think that the key to the success of the center is students and so we want to do more with students and bridge the gap between students and faculty as well. Faculty are people to

- and we have faculty that want to get involved and we have faculty that are first generation students and in a few weeks is first generation day which faculty want to get involved with.
- v. Katie Egan: Thank you so much. I just want to put it out there that a lot of us have Instagram pages for our classes so if there are any flyers that you would ever need for us to post we'd be happy to do it. I don't want to speak for every class council but for the class of 2024 we would be happy to.
- vi. Azanda Seymour: That's a great suggestion and I'll take that into consideration.
- vii. Daniel Currier: I work as a tutor here. Of course, it's a great opportunity so definitely do it if you can because we are in need of tutors. But overall, and I know that other directors have noticed this but student academic performance is declining significantly which is definitely a result of Covid and online learning. I'm just wondering what is the plan from your department or from other departments to re-engage students and get them back on track academically.
- viii. Azanda Seymour: That's a really good question So a lot of that takes place. A lot of that is taking place right now with advising because students are meeting with the academic advisors in order to choose their classes, and they're having those conversations with the students. How are you doing? How can we support you? And then we have plans to get students engaged and I don't want to give away too, too much. I think I shared some of it, but I have a plan to right now my focus is sophomores and to do more programming for the sophomores and some programming for seniors in order for them to be assisted in their transition. Stuff that they need to know in order to be successful when they leave Westfield state. So I would say that you know conversations with the students, by the advisors right now is really crucial in in order for us to help them. And we have a circle of care and so many of the departments work together and we also work with student affairs as well.
- ix. Joseph Bonilla: I wanted to echo what Kaitlyn said the class of 2026 would also be willing to post things. Also similar to what Dan was asking aside from the academic component there is also a critical mental health component that needs to be addressed. We have a lot of resources available but in my time here, I have already had about 10 students say that they have considered dropping out. There are a lot of first years out there who are out there struggling with the financial or mental health component or just not being prepared due to the pandemic. So what are you doing to support students and what is the advertisement of that support?
- x. Azanda Seymour: So mental health is everyone's problem, not just Student affairs or Academic Affairs. I just had a meeting today in our senior staff within Academic Affairs. Just actually met today to talk about some ideas and we have to present them. But we have to come up with some ideas in order to address the issues that our students are having because we're starting to see increase in mental health issues. And again, it's a community, so it takes a village, right? And so there's only so much that we can do. And we want to try to see what we can do in order to engage students. I haven't met with my staff in while, but we need to, we need to address it as a whole. And I actually just got an e-mail today. I didn't read it, but I know that something came up with advising today. And they have some ideas, something. I don't even know what it was, but I haven't. But I know that the issue of mental health came up and ideas to address it are being worked on.
- C. Presidents Council: No Report
- D. Items not listed on Agenda:

We do have a few new representatives tonight that we have to appoint tonight!

I move to appoint the following people to the Student Government for the remainder of the 2022-2023 academic year:

Loic Black as Courtney Hall Representative

Lukas Apel as University Hall Representative

Daniel Lyons as University Hall Representative

And Alexandria Mallios as New Hall Representative

Motion passes

As you can tell we are testing out the livestreaming of the SGA meeting! Please remember to stand up and speak loudly and clearly so it can easily pick up your voice.

Other things going on, there will be a consultant for Health Services and the Counseling Center to suggest changes later this month and will be looking for students to be involved so watch out for information related to that.

I scheduled a town hall with President Thompson and a few members of her cabinet to talk to students about the Campus climate, this will be taking place on November 15th, more info to come! This will be three days after we do the ropes course I have been talking about, but if anyone needs jacket or winter clothes for the 12th please talk to Laura!

We will be doing our Ghost DIY event on Monday from 1pm - 3pm so please stop by that event!

I wanted to ask you all to contribute to our board outside the SGA Room. Does anyone have any ideas for a question of the week that they would like to suggest?

Finally, just so you are aware, President Thompson will be coming to our meeting next Tuesday, so next week we will have a dress code meeting and it should be the only one of the semester. No promises about next semester

i. Ethan Haynes: One question could be like what's your favorite animal?

ii. Chloë Sanfaçon: Point of information, for the dresscode meetings they are kind of business casual. If you don't have business casual or you don't know what that is just reach out to someone on exec and they'll help you figure it out.

iii. Katie Egan: Another point of information is that the career center has professional clothes so if you want to use that resource it is there for you.

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

Hi everyone! The Board of Trustees met two weeks ago on October 12th from 8:30am-4pm. I just wanted to bring an update to the senate about some of the issues we talked about.

In terms of enrollment, for FY22 we have about 3,230 undergraduate students and are projecting 2,997 students for FY23 which will be our first time dipping below the 3,000 undergrads in well over 10 years. However, our enrollment and housing numbers are up compared to other Massachusetts state schools.

The board just approved \$600,000 to be allocated to Marketing and Communications to improve our marketing strategy which has a direct impact on the students that we attract to the university. This office is also hoping to give students opportunities for internships in working on these marketing strategies which is exciting when thinking about high impact practices. We also approved of creating a new committee at the board level to correspond to the new Justice, Equity and Inclusion office. We met again last week on October 19th from 4:00pm-5:00pm to discuss and the officially approve the combination of the Student Affairs office and the office of enrollment into the the office of Students, Enrollment, Engagement, and Development. We are also looking at restructuring our committees to reflect this change. I would like to again give Dan, a big shoutout on the sustainability

presentation that he gave to the board on the 12th. If there are any questions, as always feel free to reach out at trustee.sga@westfield.ma.edu.

- i. Sarah Harrington: I was just wondering if they said anything in regarding Dickinson and what there plans are for it? If enrollment is down are they going to use it or repurpose it or just completely get rid of it?
- ii. Chloë Sanfaçon: I haven't heard anything at the board level about that but we can certainly ask.
- iii. Loïc Black: What was the number that we were at now and what is it going to be.
- iv. Chloë Sanfaçon: So currently we are hovering around 3,230 and it's projected to drop to 2,997 so just under 3,000.

A. All University Committee: Nick Smith

Hey, I hope you are all doing well.

AUC met last Friday, October 21st. Last week we sent a few items to UCC; these are as follows, and they all pertain to criminal justice as a major. We sent over a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice: Concentration in Criminology. We also sent a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice: Criminal Law and Courts and a Criminal Justice major: Law Enforcement and Homeland Security Concentration. We also sent Internship, Practicum, and Field Placement Policy to APC. Concluding with sending GPS - Green Building Studio from Curriculum Committee for referral to the University President. We will meet next Friday, November 4, 2022. That's all I have, thanks!

B. Student Advisory Council: Chloë Sanfaçon

Hi everyone! Aaron and I met with the Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Council on October 13th from 4:00-7:00pm. This council consists of the other Student Trustees and SGA Presidents at the 29 Massachusetts Public Higher Education Institutions. We elected the remainder of the executive council and then discussed a couple of topics that our SGA's were concerned about. I brought up the ongoing issue we've been discussing regarding gender-neutral bathrooms on campus and the plumbing codes surrounding them. Other schools noted that they are having similar problems and we are looking to address the issue as a united front. I have an appointment with Associate Vice President of Capital Assets and Facilities Maureen Socha at the end of the week to discuss her professional knowledge and advice about the plumbing codes. I'll keep you guys updated on the situation as it goes on.

i. Loïc Black: So I know with gender neutral bathrooms, in Courtney hall on the fourth floor, the shower for the gender neutral bathroom has been closed for a few weeks because they put holes in the wall and it just says closed due to construction. So I'm just trying to see if that could be reopened at some point because it is kind of excluding students.

Chloë Sanfaçon: I will bring it up to Maureen on Friday.

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

A. Student Affairs Committee: Kaitlyn Egan

As this is my first report this year, I want to quickly introduce myself to our new senators in the room. My name is Katie, and I am the Class of 2024 President. I major in Criminal Justice and English, with a minor in Sociology.

I attended a Student Affairs meeting last Friday, October 21st at 1:40pm via zoom. We discussed the importance of this committee being student centered, and Chair Oliver Zeff discussed ways to make future meeting topics originate from student concerns. We also discussed these meetings being open to the campus community so anyone can share their concerns. I suggested an alternative of coming down to a future SGA meeting to gather student issues in this space, which may be more productive than an open call.

We meet every third Friday of the month, so if there is any broad student issue you would like me to share with the committee I will do so at the next meeting. Please feel free to either tell me now or email me at kegan8835@westfield.ma.edu.

Thank you everyone, I hope you have a great rest of your week.

B. Food Services Committee: Timothy Allen

Good evening, everyone, Last week in food services we went over some issues, here are a few answers I got from bill regarding them. Bill is still waiting for the remainder of the three-legged chairs before he starts marketing the chairs, but the staff loves them. The DC tries to stay away from compressed meat, so they don't want to do nuggets but instead will have boneless wings more often. The adult happy meal in Late Bistro is going to try to keep it to a \$9.99 price range that will include a cheeseburger, fries, a drink, and a toy with a substitution of a chicken tender. There Are little 9 oz cups of smoothies that are available all day in the bistro. The dc has all the resources except for staff for all-day smoothies. So, the dc will be looking for two more students to hire to get that started. Budget-wise the DC and the Bistro can't be open at the same time all the time. They did say that they could possibly push back the dc times some, but more discussion is needed. What is it that Ely needs to be?

- i. Aaron Lessing: I know that Bill was waiting for more chairs to come in. Does that mean that he already bought more chairs because everybody that I've talked to has not liked it. So I would hope that they didn't buy the chairs already.
 - ii. Laura Cafaro: Point of information. They did not purchase the chairs yet they are still waiting for some feedback and I did share with Bill today that there are mixed reviews on them. Bill said right away that he would reach out to an alum with a furniture company to get other options.
 - iii. Emily Fluet: In terms of what to put in Ely, I would put what we had before back with sandwiches and salads because there are a lot of students that definitely miss that.
 - iv. Chris Lannan: I just want to bring up a kind of disturbing thing that I saw in the DC the other day. A staff member was refilling the cups with the silverware in it and she dropped the knives on the floor and then picked them up and put them on the silverware table and mixed them with clean knives. This is a cross- contamination issue so please bring that up.
 - v. Elizabeth Mercer: For Ely, can we put smoothies back up there because I know that when people get out of the gym, they can order it and have it ready for them.
 - vi. Rodney Duteau: Do you know when the conveyer belt is going to be finished because I personally feel uncomfortable going to a worker and handing them my dirty plate and cup because it feels like a very unfair way for them to be working.
 - vii. Matt Dellea: The conveyor belt was supposed to have been delivered but it has been delayed but we are currently in a waiting game with when it will arrive.
 - viii. Sarah Harrington: Sometimes there is not always a trash can out in front of where the dishes are put away and when people just have something to throw away it would be nice to always have that there.
 - ix. Joseph Bonilla: I second that I was just going to mention that if we should have those trashcans back because I feel that it is unfair to the dishwashing crew.
 - x. Laura Cafaro: Just a comment, it can definitely be awkward to hand a dirty dish to someone but it is a great opportunity to kind of just share some thanks and they really appreciate that.
- 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**

Hi everyone, I met with Provost Mills on Thursday. I asked her how the first NECHE visit went overall and she said it was productive and that they were given good info on what they need to focus on for the big visit in March. She said there will be a report coming out in the next few days so I encourage everyone to look at that, especially standard 5 which most has to do with students. She also said during the big visit there will be a student panel and she wants as many students as possible to attend.

I brought up everyone's thoughts on the anti-bullying thing, and she's on board with our version (a kindness campaign) and agrees that it should be student-led. We also thought it might be a cool idea to make this a first-year class council project that happens every year, so I talked to Joseph and he's going to start working on it with the Provost.

I also wanted to talk to her about some talk I had heard about the school getting about 100 international students next year. She said that is accurate and they are all coming from a Chinese University, though they aren't all Chinese as that school also has a lot of international students. All of these students will be movement science/sports medicine and human performance majors. I spoke to her about us just making sure we are properly prepared for this not just in the classroom but for their entire experience here, and she said they're making sure to prepare for their arrival. I emailed specifically about hiring new staff and preparing culturally for many cultures.

She also had another idea that she wanted me to float with you guys about having more co-curricular activities, meaning things that combine academics and activities. She had an idea for mini-courses on Fridays/Weekends to learn important life skills like finances, dressing for jobs or interviews, or cooking. She also assured me that students would not be paying extra for these classes. As always if you have any feedback about this let me know, personally I think it could be an interesting and useful idea.

Also just a quick reminder to Juniors that you pick classes for next semester on Friday so you should be meeting with your advisor this week if you haven't already.

The last thing that I have for you is more of a self-promotion but Lambda Pi Eta which is my communications honors society is doing a free headshot event. It's going to be next Tuesday before the meeting and you guys are already going to be dressed up so you might as well go over to the Owls nest across the hall and get a nice picture for your LinkedIn or whatever you want to use it for. We are taking voluntary donations for the people impacted by hurricane Ian.

I. Dan Currier: Hi Emily, I'm a little bit concerned about like I understand the reasoning for like those small workshops for careers and stuff but we just approved SEED and we agreed to not have academic affairs do some of these things. So I see this as more of an entrenchment on the SEED and I would encourage her to work with Dan on a solution just not focus like not honing it in only in her department.

A. Academic Policies Committee: No Report

B. Curriculum Committee: Mikayla Evans

UCC met with the geography, and planning departments this week. Within this meeting we focused on changing small parts to the names of some classes within the GPS department. We focused on changing the wording within the GPS 350 internship to saying that 6 credits within the internship can apply to electives. Also, add one new concentration named climate change and energy.

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

Emily Fluet

SCORE met on Tuesday and Thursday last week, and I was also part of the GenEd Reform NECHE visit. The visit went well, and Dr. Toro from Central Connecticut State says that she thinks we are in good shape to meet our goals as long as we get the proper support from the University.

The subcommittee I am on-the Engagement subcommittee-is starting to sort through the feedback we got from visiting the academic departments on campus. We are also still planning the student focus group and will likely be drafting a student survey as well.

We are still also looking for another student rep, and I will not be able to be on the committee next semester so it would be great if I could get someone else to start this semester for a smoother transition, so if anyone is interested please let me know.

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

Good Evening!

Last week, Westfield State University welcomed Dr. Zulma Toro, President of Central Connecticut State University and Chair of the NECHE Visiting Team, to meet with various groups on-campus prior to the week-long visit scheduled for early March 2023. I had the opportunity to join Student Trustee Chloe Sanfacon and President Aaron Lessing for a conversation with Dr. Toro and various faculty, staff, and administrative leaders on our progress with the self-study report and what challenges we envision seeing. This working lunch meeting took place on Wednesday, October 19th at 12:30pm in the Loughman Living Room of Scanlon Hall.

I mentioned to Dr. Toro that a challenge we are likely to encounter is receiving genuine and detailed feedback from the student body. The committee is currently working on two different routes for student feedback. The first is a survey. I want to thank Senator Nicholas Smith for working with Co-Chair Tom Raffensperger on a concise, yet meaningful survey for students. The second is a town hall. All students, including SGA members, are invited to join Dean of Student Maggie Balch and Executive Director of the Center for Student Success and Engagement (CSSE) for a town hall meeting focused on Standard #5 - Students in the Loughman Living Room on Tuesday, November 1st. A Zoom link should also be sent out to students.

Speaking of town halls, I attended the town hall meeting for Standards #1-3, which focus on the University's mission, planning, evaluation, and governance. It was held today in Scanlon Banquet Hall at 1:00pm. As part of our projections (or what we hope to accomplish with the NECHE self-study), the committee is looking to review our mission statement and have it reviewed by the Board of Trustees every two years, hold members of the Cabinet to account on measurable targets, more clearly define the President's Council and its purpose in

the overall governance structure, and provide greater transparency on University finances and financial-related decisions. Most of the comments and questions from this town hall focused on the President's Council. I mentioned that if the President's Council is to be a deliberative body rather than a mechanism of communication on the President's initiatives, then having a group of fifty or sixty people in a room is not conducive. Faculty were concerned by the makeup of the Council, particularly in terms of the ratio of faculty to staff, administrators, and students on the Council. Co-Chair Kim Tobin, who led the town hall, mentioned that Cabinet will have revised projections by Friday and that she will be meeting with a staff member in the President's Office over an ambiguous projection that did not make sense to the Executive Committee.

A town hall on the academic-related standards will be held this Friday during the Common Meeting Time in Wilson Auditorium C. In addition, a town hall on the financial and transparency-related standards will be held on Thursday, November 3rd from 12:00pm-1:00pm in the Loughman Living Room of Scanlon Hall.

- i. Aaron Lessing: I know that you said that 50-60 people can't be a deliberative body, I'm looking at about the same amount of people here. So I think it's not the amount of people it's like the organization. I think it's something that like me, you, Chloë and anyone else on the president's council needs to bring up I know President Thompson is trying to have one specific topic for each meeting so trying to focus on that though I know we can sometimes get off the rails a little bit.
- ii. Daniel Currier: Yes so. For those of you who are new, didn't see this earlier but we have move to end debate and have made points of redundancy in the past just to move things along. In president's council to get involved often get off topic and get into personal debates so we want to move past that so that's kind of our concern and you know it's having sixty people can be difficult but as Aaron was saying we have that here so we have to move past that.
- iii. Chloë Sanfaçon: What time did you say the Standard 5 town hall will be held?
- iv. Daniel Currier: Yes, the Standard 5 town hall will be held on Tuesday, November 1st. I didn't mention a time but I believe that it is 3PM.

E. Parking Control Board: **Eric Hardy**

Emily and I attended Parking Control Committee on 10/18

- Staffing issues ongoing with shuttles but have hired more drivers, should get better
- Ticketing ongoing
- South Lot people can't park in commuter lot, 5 tickets = tow
- Students driving too fast on Wilson Rd. (road between Wilson and Interfaith Center) (crosswalk) and commuter lot
- Students driving wrong way on Scanlon Rd.
- Further ongoing discussion about using Dower Lot or Dickenson Parking Lot commuter spots for residential students to use 5PM-7AM who need to leave early (nursing students, student teachers, early internships) ...still need to work out details but committee wants SGA

to come up criteria for who could get a "south lot +" spot (documentation, first come first serve, open to everyone) need suggestions.

i. Aaron Lessing: Point of Information. I believe that last year we passed that the side-commuter lot, residential students can park in the commuter spots there from 5pm to 7am. Are you talking about the Dickinson spots? Regarding that, I think that it should just be first come first serve like we have in the commuter parking lot. Just to make it fair since I think that is the best way to do that.

ii. Sarah Harrington: Not to go against what you are saying, but regarding nursing students and education students, the time for the other lot. A lot of students aren't leaving before 7 so if they could make that lot like again for nursing and education students making time maybe later like 8:30-9. So that would be nice to have.

iii. Emily Fluet: Just as a point of information. The reason that the time is 7 is because a lot of commuters start showing up around 8 and they don't those people to still be there when the commuters show up.

iv. Katie Egan: While it's definitely important for our nursing and education students, I would argue that it is more important that we address the students that have medical concerns who were told that there aren't enough spots close to the school for them to park in. So we have students with heart conditions that are walking all the way from South Lot. I feel like they should take priority just for health reasons before internships, not saying that isn't important but health conditions should come first.

v. Eric Hardy: We didn't talk about that last time, so I'll make sure that we do.

vi. Chloë Safaçon: I absolutely agree with Katie, I think that there should be some kind of process for Nursing, education, and even movement science students. We could do a little dangly pass from the mirror or something like that which says something like every Tuesday and Thursday at this time I have a clinical and if they are parked there on a Wednesday or something they can still get ticketed, That way it's not super crowded, I know that in the past we've talked about stickers but if it actually has the dates it might be better.

vii. Emily Fluet: Another point of information. That is the plan to get little tags and they have brought up looking at schedules as a criteria. I don't know how people feel about that. Still in a first come first serve set up but you'd have to send them your class schedule.

viii. Chris Lannan: I would also say that maybe people who have physical disabilities. Like I have a friend who has a walking disability and they're a commuter and like can they get a certain spot like every single day. So I'd say like maybe students with physical disabilities try and prioritize them as well as students with like heart conditions.

F. Parking Appeals Board: No Report

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

A. Diversity and Inclusion Committee: No Report

B. Student of Color Council Report: No Report

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

Dan gave a presentation.

Dan Currier: Motion to approve the SGA Budget for the 22-23 year.

i. Ethan Haynes: The \$5000 in the executive council discretionary fund, you mentioned some of that will be used for the rope course. That's not going to cost \$5000. Where are the remaining funds going to go afterwards.

ii. Daniel Currier: That's a good question. It's dependent on what the executive council feels that falls under kind that built the nest theme. So, we put \$8000 for that purpose right now the

additional funds we can allocate elsewhere. We'll certainly talk to finance committee and to all of you about some ideas. We don't want the ideas to stop with us. But, you know anything kind of along the theme of build the nest and allocating funds elsewhere in the budget.

- iii. Ethan Haynes: In the spring numbers, you have that \$15,000 allocated to other priority areas as identified by the executive council, will that also be open for us to comment on as to where they would be needed before it would open up to other clubs organizations on campus.
- iv. Daniel Currier: Yes, I would keep you informed.
- v. Chris Lannan: So I was just wondering, the allocation of the \$30,000 for the proposal pool, if that money runs out before the end of the year, for example it runs out in March. What are we going to do if someone needs that money and also what would happen if there is left over money?
- vi. Daniel Currier: That's a good question. The finance proposal pool is on a first come first served basis and that's how it's been for years. So, we did run out of the \$20,000 at the very end of last year so I don't anticipate us running out of money anytime soon. \$30,000 will give us plenty of money and in the event that we do run out of money we have those reserves and if we don't need those reserves anymore, we can allocate them elsewhere and we can talk to all of you about that. In terms of where money goes that we haven't spent, it goes into our reserves in the SGA trust fund budget that can be used in the event we have a shortfall in future years. For instance, Covid made us use our reserves.
- vii. Ethan Haynes: The executive council discretionary fund. I did a little looking in the SGA bylaws and there's no mention of it. How new is it and has it been used in the past? If yes, how so?
- viii. Daniel Currier: Under the bylaws, there is no mention of a budget. The bylaws for finance actually give the legislature no say over the budget whatsoever. Basically, in the past it was done in the backroom. A lot of these transaction already happened because there's no set rules as to when things need to be approved or who needs to approve them. So, for instance the executive council discretionary fund, there's no mention of it in the bylaws because it's actually pretty ambiguous. And there's a reason for it because we want to ensure that there is at least some wiggle room in part of us to give out special funds as needed.
- ix. Aaron Lessing: That was something that I requested actually. Just talking to President Thompson, things come up at the university. I met with her one on one and she mentioned the ping pong and pool table. So like I think it gives me the ability to say in the moment, this is something that I think students will benefit from but I will keep you up to date if we use it. I asked for this to give me the opportunity to work with other people at the university to try to get more for students.
- x. Daniel Currier: A lot of the language that I am using is in line with the language used by the Board of Trustees to allow us to make adjustments as necessary. This gives some flexibility to SGA.

Motion passes

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

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

The Senator of the Week Award goes to Haley Kane for her amazing time and dedication in Circle K and her volunteer community service these

past weeks. She participated in many Circle K events last week and has demonstrated enthusiasm and kindness. Thank you, Haley and congratulations!

A. Neighborhood Advisory Board: **Haley Kane**

The Neighborhood Advisory Board met on Thursday, October 27th at 6pm in the Woodward Center.

B. Community Relations/Fundraising Report: **Haley Kane**

I hope you are having a great week so far! I have some quick updates. First, last week we started writing letters to our pen pals. The letters from the 7th graders arrived last week and WSU students wrote their letters, and they are being dropped off to the middle school today. So far, everything seems to be going well and everyone involved is very excited. We are going to be planning our pen pal meet and greet as soon as possible. We will be having a pen pal meet and greet in December then one again in May.

Secondly, last week was our community conversation with President Thompson and Mayor Michael McCabe. The evening went well and there were a lot of great ideas for connections between the university and the city. I left with the Honors Program director and we both agreed that there is a lot of work to do, however, we left feeling hopeful and inspired.

Finally, the community and fundraising committee will be doing the annual turkey drive like we did last year and will be finalizing details for that this week. I will have more updates soon but wanted to let you know we will be doing it.

Thank you all and have a great rest of your week!

- i. Sarah Harrington: Is there like a schedule that we are going to be sticking to for the pen pal letters.
- ii. Haley Kane: So I'll confirm with Carlie but I'm pretty sure that the letters will be back here next Monday from the Middle School and you'll have the week to do it and then the following Monday.

C. Spring Semiformal Committee: No Report

D. Blue Key Committee: No Report

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

X. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: **Liam Connor**

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: Mikayla Evans

Hello Everyone, I wanted to give you some updates on what we have been working on as a class council in the past few weeks. First off, I wanted to thank Ryan for a great homecoming weekend, our class council really enjoyed the tailgate and getting to know some of the alumni. As for our class council planning, our big event that we have been working on is our 100 days until Commencement event. We have been working with Westfield River Brewing Company and just visited on Thursday. We have not finalized the paperwork yet but our date as of right now is Thursday, February 9th. We have also been talking about designing a senior class T-shirt and have a contest going on, where the prize is a free cap and gown. The deadline to submit is this Friday, so seniors if you are interested, I would love to see your designs. Another big thing that we have been working on is discussing plans for each day in the week leading up to graduation and are very excited to finalize them soon. If anyone has ideas, you can definitely let me know. Lastly we have been working with the DC to have a cookie decorating event during the Thanksgiving dinner the Thursday before Thanksgiving, and will be

helping them to promote thankfulness on our Instagram during the month of November, so keep an eye out for that.

C. Junior Class: No Report

D. Sophomore Class: **Nick Palumbo**

How's everyone doing? I promise this will be shorter than Dan's reports. I would like to motion to nominate Jack Guindon for the position of SGA class of 2025 rep for the 2022-2023 academic year. *Motion Carries*. Congratulations Jack!

E. First Year Class: **Joseph Bonilla**

Hello, everyone! I hope that you are all doing well this afternoon. Today, I would like to report on the progress of a couple of projects that the Class Council of 2026 has been working on. As a reminder, our first event of the year is this Friday, October 28, 2022, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. If you would like to volunteer anytime between 5:00 and 9:00 PM for set up, staffing of tables, or closing please reach out to me at the end of this meeting; an hour volunteering at this function can substitute for one of your office hours. If you are unable to volunteer, please stop by for fun games, DIY caramel apples, prizes, and a costume runway among other things! 100% of donations will go to the National Breast Cancer Foundation for research funding. Additionally, I would like to report an update on the Kindness project Emily Fluet reported on earlier in the semester; Provost Mills would like to designate me as the point person for the Kindness campaign this year as she plans on making this an annual event for first-year students. The theme for this year's Kindness campaign is "be kind whenever possible". I will be having lunch with her later in the week to discuss plans for the event. While Provost Mills is delegating this task to the Class of 2026, in the hopes of delivering an effective campaign project, I would like to invite all of you to collaborate with the Class Council of 2026 for this project. The set date for World Kindness Day is November 13, 2022. Finally, later in the semester the Class Council plans on hosting a sexual health event on campus in collaboration with the health center, the Queer Straight Alliance, and a third-party organization (e.g., Planned Parenthood, Tapestry, etc.). So, stay tuned for more details.

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: n/a

XIII. NEW BUSINESS: (Requires majority vote to be opened) No new business.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

i. Aaron Lessing: Can I just see the newly appointed representatives after the meeting.

ii. Rodney Duteau: Just a reminder, tomorrow LaRue Pierce is going to be hosting an open house upstairs from 1:00-5:00pm and on Thursday is going to be having a guest speaker Dr. Eddie Moore Jr. At the MPR room in Uni and that's going to go from 11:30am-1:00pm.

iii. Adam Carpenter: I have two quick things. The first one is just to clarify that office hours are only good for the one week that they are done in. This means that you cannot stack up office hours or office hour exemptions and then not do office hours for like a month. That's not possible. The second one is that if you are going to use an office hour alternative, I need to be made aware of it by email. Chloë, our wonderful student trustee, gave

- me the idea of having you take a selfie at the event, so I'm going to run with that. So please do that in the future.
- iv. Nick Smith: CAB and Sail is putting on a community haunted house tomorrow. I ask that if you have time during the day tomorrow that from 12:00-4:00pm that you help to set up. Matt and Shannon are going to be there all day and they are going to need all the help they can get. If you can't show up during that time things start at 5:30 so you can show up in costume and greet with community and help with the haunted house. So yeah, I talked to Adam, it will work as an office hour.
- v. Joseph Bonilla: If you plan on volunteering, please see me after the meeting.
- vi. Ethan Haynes: Election day is a week from today, make a plan to vote.
- XV. ROLL CALL: Levi Ekstrom was absent.
- XVI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting is adjourned until November 1st. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm

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