

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AGENDA
March 6th, 2023

- I. ROLL CALL: Levi Ekstrom, Loïc Black, Alexandria Mallios, Scott Doan, and Joseph Bonilla were absent.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: February 21, 2023
- III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: **Aaron Lessing**
Hi everyone, we have some guest speakers tonight, so first up is Bill Hynes and Courtney Blajda of the Institutional Advancement office to talk about Give-A-Hoot that is coming up fast! Next our guest speaker is Associate Dean of Students Shannon Green to discuss the Student Threat Assessment Team on campus. Only a few updates from me this week, first Dan, Jack, and I met with the Innovation fund team to discuss the space for a commuter lounge on campus. As of right now, it looks like it would be in the same area as the Owl Café, diagonally from where they make the food and drinks. We will be meeting with Maureen Socha in the future to discuss renovations to the area to ensure that it is a student space, but it seems that this would be complete by the Fall semester. Chloe and I met with President Thompson on Friday, where we discussed a few different items including the next renovation of a space on campus, she is currently between Dower and Bates. Dower needs to have ADA accessibility and could use a revamp for the arts. While, Bates is really overdue to have a face lift and does not have logic in the planning of space in the building. Please let me know which space you think would be better, personally I think both need it but ADA compliance is pretty important for Dower. We also asked about any updates for families living on campus however she did not have any but was meeting with them after our meeting. Other discussions included: commencement, owl ball, the governor's budget for higher ed, and NECHE coming to campus. Next the CGCE department on campus graciously reached out to us and donated 50 tickets to a Springfield Thunderbirds game that we can use for us and other students! The date we picked is April 14th, which is a Friday night, try to figure out if you would like to attend so we can then give out other tickets to students on campus. Once again, please do the Healthy Minds survey that was sent to your email as the school needs the data for the JED foundation, who has been helping our university with student mental wellbeing. Finally, I want to thank those of you who attended the NECHE student forum yesterday, I truly appreciate it!

A. The Institutional Advancement Office: Bill Hynes and Courtney Blajda

Bill Hynes: For those who may not remember us we were here a few months ago so thank you for having us back again. I'm here to talk about Give-A-Hoot and Courtney is going to show you some things that are happening on the Website. Thank you for being willing participants in some of the fundraising events that we have going on here. As some of you know we are currently involved with the class of 2023 to create a class gift that will go to a project here on campus and then we are also working with Dan Currier as well on a Notecard-A-thon this week which will also help support Give-A-Hoot. So I just wanted to kind of thank you for doing that for us and it means a lot to kind of have everybody actively involved with things that we are trying to do here on campus that supports what goes into this for the students here. So I'm going to turn it over to Courtney who has a couple things for you.

Courtney Blajda: Thanks Bill. So thanks everyone for letting me come here on Zoom, my name is Courtney Blajda and I organize Give-A-Hoot outreach. So it is our annual day of giving and it is happening in a

little more than 2 weeks so two weeks from tomorrow. It is Wednesday March 22nd to Thursday March 23rd. So I just wanted to show you the page and show you how to become an advocate so we use the platform called give campus and we just made it live on Monday so people can start making gifts. We accept Venmo, Google pay, Apple pay, PayPal, and all major credit orgs which is amazing because a lot of schools are unable to accept Venmo or Apple pay. We were just able to launch that last year and had a slew of gifts that came through from past classes not even just past few classes but even donations from those who graduated in the 60's and 70's. So it was great to have that option available. Give-A-Hoot helps to raise money as Bill had mentioned. There are specific initiatives like the investments lab or the senior class gift campaign for a mural. I want to like Bill give a shoutout to Dan for organizing the Notecard-A-Thon, Thursday I hope that a lot of you will stop by to write out some cards and ask donors for support with the investments lab. Going back to the Give-A-Hoot page that hopefully you can see. The website is super easy, it is Westfield.ma.edu/give. First we are going to watch a quick video. Our theme for this year is then and now because next year is the schools 185th anniversary so we are starting a little bit early. So this is the Give-A-Hoot page where you can see all of the different areas that you can give to like Athletics, the student emergency fund, scholarships. Each of those have their own page with content. We will have a slew of giving challenges and power hour for specific campaigns and we have an alumni challenge too. We are asking some alumni and advocates to create their own challenges so for this one we have an alum who anonymously donated for a scholarship so it will go directly into that fund and we will have more challenges as time goes on. We will have some incentives so if you become an advocate, you can get some incentives and you can get some swag depending on how many people you bring in with your outreach. Here is how to be an advocate, spread the word, answer questions about what is Give-A-Hoot and helping to get gifts. Throughout the campaign I'll be posting some updates and we have some fun videos that we will be sharing during power hours and some other times. Here you can see we have various leaderboards whether it be student affiliation, different class years, or different gift designations. I'll highlight the investment lab and the class of 1969 scholarship fund and there will be a challenge for those as well. This year you can give to athletics as a whole or also specific teams to give to. New to this year, is that you can give to the specific academic departments so if someone would like to give to the English department, they could do that specifically. It is very easy to become an advocate all that you have to do is go to Westfield.ma.edu/give and click the log in. There you can log in with Facebook or just your email and once you log in you can give on there or you can link your different social media accounts and copy a unique link that is unique to you and all of the donors that use that link will be attributed to you. We will be in the DC both days with Nestor and will have a wheel with prizes some of the time so please stop by then and all students that write a thank-you card will be entered into a raffle. All seniors that give to the senior gift campaign will be entered into a raffle for a tailgating spot at homecoming next year which is when the mural will be unveiled. You can support whatever you are interested in whether that be the investment lab or a specific department that you know on campus. If you want further details on how to be an advocate go to the webinar on March 14th.

i. Aaron Lessing: I may have just not heard this but what day is Give-A-Hoot day?

ii. Courtney Blajda: Give-A-Hoot day is March 22nd and March 23rd so the Wednesday and Thursday.

B. Student Threat Assessment Team: Shannon Green

Shannon Green and Maggie Balch gave a presentation.

- i. Sarah Harrington: I am curious if there is anyway that someone who is concerned about their own safety in reporting that they can do it anonymously?
 - ii. Shannon Green: Oh Yeah absolutely. So if you are feeling like I'm going to do these things.
 - iii. Sarah Harrington: No like reporting someone else.
 - iv. Shannon Green: Yes absolutely.
 - v. Maggie Balch: You absolutely can do something anonymous. I would encourage you to try and give us some way to contact you whether that be that you fill out the form anonymously and then show up in our office and say listen I just filled out this form because often times what happens is those forms are lacking information that the team is looking for. So we can only go off of what we have in front of us if we have no way to contact you and ask questions of you. If you are uncomfortable make it anonymous but walk into public safety or our office to establish that link while remaining unassociated with it.
 - vi. Shannon Green: Yeah we aren't going to go to the person and say so and so wrote a report about you.
 - vii. Chris Lannan: I just want to ask and I know that we are all mandated reporters in here but how the average student would go about reporting someone and know that they aren't going to fear retaliation and how you want us to go about advocating for students to speak up.
 - viii. Shannon Green: The same way that you all do. If it is an immediate concern you go to public safety and if it is not you are going to send them to submit a report. Tell them that I would rather you say something than something ever happen to you. Retaliation in the sense of threat assessment is more of a team piece. The retaliation piece doesn't really come into play with that because we have a whole different standard and guidelines for that compared to just reporting a student in a room next to you for being too noisy and then I'm going to be noisy next to you again. It's a whole different level of scenario in terms of how we protect you through that process.
 - ix. Chris Lannan: Can you talk a little bit more about how a shelter in place would go depending on what building that you are in whether that be the DC or a residence hall?
 - x. Shannon Green: If you are in the DC they are just going to shut the doors and you can stay in there and eat so that's probably one of the best places that you can be. You don't need to pull the shades or anything it is not a lockdown. Just stay in place. If you are in a residence hall just don't go outside the building and if you outside go to the nearest building that you can go into. The time is not disclosed but you will know when it happens.
- C. Presidents Council: No Report
D. Items not listed on Agenda: No Report

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

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

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

- A. Student Affairs Committee: No Report
- B. Food Services Committee: Adam Carpenter

Hey Food Eaters,

Food Services Committee met last Wednesday in order to discuss some of the concerns that you brought up last week and in the past. My apologies for the scatterbrained delivery that you are to experience with this report because I am for obvious reasons working off someone else's notes which lack my patented organized chaos that you are quickly becoming familiar with. The first update is with Late night and

the rationale for the remontada to being on the GET app only for ordering being in order to reduce theft and also to improve the student experience. I. also took this opportunity to share what some of the flaws in the current system were being that people were waiting for way longer than they should have to and that there was a significant amount of crowding in the bistro of people waiting for orders. The other massive thing that I discussed was that the menu needed to be totally accurate all the time with a specific emphasis on mashed potato bowls since they are seemingly never there when they are supposed to be. We are also looking for more options to be provided for healthy food in the DC for late night. Cold cuts in a deli like style for late night are expected to be available as of Sunday February 26th but I did not have an opportunity to confirm the validity of that statement. The whole model of late night is not running smoothly at the moment was a concern that was brought up with an additional caveat student not feeling comfortable talking to a supervisor about concerns with a ton of students around. The late-night model will be returned to this week so if any further issues or opportunities came up in the last week, I'd be totally psyched to hear them. That's all for late night so time to move on to the next area of interest regarding the bistro. The twisters are back for at least the short term. Thoughts? The one thing that was expressed about it in the meeting was that more options would be appreciated because it is currently kind of a weak sauce and not enough options. DC time super quick a few updates. DC is on compostable again because the dishwasher is broken with the new part coming on March 3rd but we are kind of hoping for one of those times when the amazon package comes like 2 days early and its really exciting. I know you all know what I am talking about. The current stir fry system needs to be reworked to a number system like with omelets and the line is way too long for students which makes it less of an option for students. As a follow up on the Liam comment last week, special sandwiches such as the meatball sub are served on Saturdays to try to incentivize more students to come in on those days. Students feel that lunch is way better than dinner in the DC and we need to look into fixing that. Lastly some student feedback at the meeting suggested that we have some ideas like a build your own pasta toss, grain bowl, or burrito bowl station which will be taken under consideration.

- i. Aaron Lessing: So, this is a multiparter. First off, approximately how much money did it cost to replace the dishwasher part that was broken. Also, in bistro there is even more theft now I would argue with the 5 hundred things sitting there. Accepted students day is the only time that they have good food in the dc at lunch and it's really annoying. It's been this way for a while and they are going to deny it.
- ii. Adam Carpenter: First off, I'll get back to you on how much it cost for the part. I know that a big issue is that we had a custom dishwasher put in and that means that you can't just mass order a part but you have to have a part ordered specifically so that is kind of what made it take longer. I would agree that there is more theft, I have seen a couple of people stealing from the bistro and it's not going to stop no matter what system they adopt. I share your frustrations about the quality of lunch even though I don't get lunch that often.
- iii. Sarah Harrington: Any updates on the Sushi place?
- iv. Adam Carpenter: This is once again not really what you want to hear but we are waiting on the first shipment of the food to come and two days after receiving that is when it can open is what I have been told. It takes them 48 hours after getting the first shipment to be ready to open but they are not going to open for 2 days before spring break so we should expect it to come after spring break.

- v. Justin Wald: I talked to some students who do late night all the time and what's the deal with pizza and are we getting a different variety for bowls like the meal bowls.
- vi. Adam Carpenter: So what is happening for the bowls specifically I'll start there is that we are having the mashed potato bowls every week and we will have a rotational bowl that will switch out every week in addition to that. Pizza is just going away from late night because no one gets it.
- vii. Ethan Haynes: You said don't expect sushi until after spring break, I'm not blaming you, this isn't your fault but we were told expected spring, then expected before spring break, can we get some confirmation that we are getting that shipment during spring break or right after spring break.
- viii. Tim Allen: We are completely in their wheelhouse and we don't really have any control over it.
- ix. Adam Carpenter: Building off of what Tim just shared, we have been told the same thing that I have told you throughout the entirety of the semester. So I am getting a little bit frustrated at this point. I don't even like sushi! I don't care about it but I am getting very frustrated hearing it's coming it's coming it's coming just for it to not come. We are kind of at the whim of the people coming in at this point so I will say that dining is equally frustrated.
- x. Chris Lannan: I was going to ask what Sarah asked so thanks to her for doing that. I know we have talked about the bistro trying to improve the student experience but it's not because getting it on the GET app and waiting with all the people crowded around that bookshelf. It's not working. I know that it is to prevent theft and it's not going to prevent theft because there is theft everywhere. But I think going back to ordering in person especially if you can't use a meal swipe. It seems like a common annoyance and nobody like it.
- xi. Adam Carpenter: I will bring it up at our next meeting which is tomorrow if anyone wants to show up there and voice their complaints there as well. I would be openly inviting that. I would prefer it being ordering in person but we only have so much sway over what happens.
- xii. Katie Egan: I would like to complain for a moment, every time that I order from the bistro my food is stolen. I have ordered 4 or 5 times and my food has been stolen every time. I then approach the person at the counter and they say bummer, that sucks and there is nothing that they can do about it. A different system needs to be employed and something that I was thinking was maybe get to just stand there right by the cubbies with their arms crossed. Just another set of eyes may dissuade stealing a little bit.
- xiii. Adam Carpenter: Yeah I'm happy to have some anecdotal evidence for my complaints tomorrow.
- xiv. Emily Fluet: I just want to give you some positive comments. First off, I'm glad that twister wraps are back. Also Pierogies were in the DC and they were very good, I had 9. Aaron did say that he wishes that they had those during the week because they are very good.
- xv. Adam Carpenter: I see where you are coming from, I think that it is important that we have a balance stricken between getting people to come into the DC on the weekend and having all of the good food on the weekend. I think that there is some compromise that can be made between those two extremes.
- xvi. Aaron Lessing: I just think that it is very disingenuous to have good food on the weekends because commuters are not here on the weekends. Commuters don't have meal plans. I don't have a meal plan and I have never had a meal plan. Commuters have a very poor time in the DC and by putting the good meals that they are

- getting on the weekends, the commuters that are kind of being screwed on these meal plans aren't really getting anything and it is annoying.
- xvii. Adam Carpenter: I understand your frustration, Aaron. I'll try my best. It may be a situation of this is me and this is where the issue is, a little above my head for those of you who didn't understand that.
- xviii. Justin Wald: I agree with what Emily said because I work on weekends so I don't get lunch or dinner in the DC on weekends. Also is there any possibility of making the late night burgers less boring because it's kind of just a burger and cheese as far as I know there is no available toppings and you can't get a side with it.
- xix. Adam Carpenter: So it is literally just a burger with cheese and nothing on it. That's disgusting. I'll bring up the possibility of bringing over some of the supplies that they have in the DC because it seems like they could just carry it over and use those supplies in the bistro for late night.
- xx. Mikayla Evans: If their thing is that they are having meatball subs on the weekend because no one goes. Why are they putting out them on the weekends when no one is going to go instead of putting it out during the week when people actually are there.
- xxi. Adam Carpenter: Some food for thought. No pun intended.
- xxii. Liam Connor: I think that it is ridiculous that they can't have mashed potato bowls in the DC because it is too expensive when they literally have a baked potato bar there every night.
- xxiii. Adam Carpenter: I will say that I have brought up mashed potato bowls in the DC and three times have I been told that it is too expensive.
- xxiv. Nick Smith: what happened to the adult happy meals that they were going to do. I do think that it was kind of a stupid idea but I think that bundling a burger and fries with a drink for half of what a thing of chicken nuggets is definitely a good idea.
- xxv. Adam Carpenter: I'll check in on the adult happy meals.
- xxvi. Sarah Harrington: I don't even know if you can answer this. But I'm confused as to why they are able to have so many things pile up because we are all complaining about things and it is all stacking up. Why you get the same answers every single week. Is there like someone higher up that we have to send to sit in on these meetings and tell us what is actually happening or do we have more students involved who say this is bs because it honestly is.
- xxvii. Adam Carpenter: I'm going to go with that I would recommend that you get any students that you can to come to food services and then there is power in numbers I'll say. I honestly don't have a better answer than that. I wish that I did because I would complain to get some more food that I like on campus.
- xxviii. Chris Lannan: Building off of that and Nick's point about the adult happy meals. What happened to those? Also why can't we just, is there someone who we should be talking about who is higher up than you or Bill or food services and if so who is it? Everyone else is complaining not just us on student government like a lot of students are complaining what is going on.
- xxix. Dan Currier: I can talk to Steve on Friday because he is Bill's boss but I recommend that you go to Bill and Sarah first.
- xxx. Adam Carpenter: In terms of dining directly, Bill is your top dog. I think that having students actually go to them because their offices are open and say something to them. I guess having more of an instant response I guess is something that is very important. Like not having something happen and letting it

marrinate for a few days when they can't do anything. While this is a great forum, if there is 40 complaints at food services they are not going to feasibly be able to address all those in a week. I think just trying to get issues addressed as they arise is probably our best strategy moving forward.

- xxxii. Adam Carpenter: They haven't but technically I set the time for the meeting so if I were to say hey let's move this meeting I could probably get it done.
- xxxiii. Laura Cafaro: I think that would be good so more people could go and amplify the issue with the bistro because that definitely needs to be addressed.
- xxxiv. Adam Carpenter: That is definitely going to be my plan of attack for the meeting tomorrow emphasizing the stealing of food in the bistro and it not being replaced because from my point of view dining services is there to feed the students and it is unacceptable if they are not doing that. I also will bring up the possibility of moving the meeting to Friday's during the common meeting hour for the rest of the semester.
- xxxv. Kaitlyn Egan: I think that if they were to make food services at the friendship table it would be good because it needs to be right there as I don't think that a lot of the students are going to seek it out because it is sort of tucked away and not well known on campus. If there was someone there with a sign asking for information about the dining experience of students they would be willing to provide it.
- xxxvi. Adam Carpenter: Yeah. I will say that we do have it right as you come into the DC at those tables but we can talk about getting someone to encourage students to share. My current system is that if I see someone that I even remotely recognize, I yell at them to come over. Chris was the victim of that two weeks ago where I literally saw him from across the DC and yelled Chris get over here. Kind of put him on the spot but I have been making a habit of doing that more regularly. But I think a more organized method would be a good step.

C. Substance Advisory Committee: No Report

D. Student Athletic Advisory Board: Kaitlyn Egan

Hi everyone, I hope you are all doing well. I wanted to quickly come up tonight to tell you all that I am the new Student Athletics Council Representative and that I have some notes from Marlee, our Assistant Athletics Director, to share with you. She is hoping to work with us to foster a greater collaboration between athletics and student government in order to enhance the student experience at Westfield State. The biggest concern she has for us is what we can do to get more attendance at games, so if you have any ideas, please let me know. She also wanted me to mention that D3 Week begins on April 10th if any club or organization wants to participate or partner to make this week well-advertised and successful. Also, if you would like to promote something that your club or organization is doing before a game, she would be happy to set this up as long as you give her adequate notice. Please let me know your interest. Finally, if you would like to contact her directly, you can email her at mbergharyasz@westfield.ma.edu. Thank you and have a great rest of your week before Spring Break.

- i. Adam Carpenter: First off, Congrats on becoming a Representative for student athletics and congrats on your golf career, I hope it goes well. Secondly, I think that it is really just an advertising thing because when I want to find out about a game, I have to go on the athletics website and then look up that there is a game today so I think just making it more publicly known is important and then the other thing is maybe doing more themed nights like more exciting sports promotion stuff.

- ii. Mikayla Evans: I know that at the beginning of the year they did like a punch card if you came to ten games you would get a free t shirt but I went to some of the games but I didn't see anyone to get the punches and it dwindled out.
 - iii. Matt Dellea: I have a point of information on that card. I met with athletics about using presence and they are just very busy and the loyalty program will be an experience on presence
 - iv. Chris Lannan: I have a point of information on Adam's thing about the advertising for sports games. All sports teams have an instagram that advertise multiple days in advance so I would just say follow them on social media. I follow the football team and the field hockey team and go to all of their games so I would say follow the social medias.
- 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: No Report
- B. Curriculum Committee: Emily Fluet

Hi Everyone, UCC met last Friday. We had a discussion about SCORE, which is a committee charged with reforming the gen ed program at Westfield. We want UCC and SCORE to be able to collaborate as more progress is made on the new gen ed, so we voted to form a working group with a few members each from UCC and SCORE to allow the two groups to collaborate, especially in the coming semesters when new courses are created or existing courses are placed in the gen ed program. We approved the changing of the Geography and Regional Planning Site Planning Studio course from 3 to 4 credits. We also approved 2 new Psychology courses: Body Image Disorders and Mindfulness and Buddhist Psychology. Lastly, we two new psychology concentrations, which are Forensic Psychology and a Counseling/Clinical concentration.

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

Good evening everyone. This week is the event we have all been waiting for: NECHE! Today, the SCORE committee met in Scanlon from 11:20 to 12:10 for our NECHE assessment. All of SCORE was in attendance for this event. Numerous topics were discussed in today's meeting, some that we've discussed for a while. Among the topics discussed, we talked about GEN ED reform, curriculum management, students with undeclared majors, common core and withdrawal rates. First off, we discussed how instituting the new common core would face its own set of challenges. Considering this common core is for fall of 2024, when the class of 2028 arrives on campus, we are pushing to get this to the registrar by December 2023, in hopes of it rolling out for registration in a year from now. However, SCORE is not trying to rush this process. Instead, laying the foundation for progress for the incoming first year classes for 2024 and beyond. One thing I did bring up was the fact that the common core offers 230 classes that have all been taught since its introduction. However, only 100 or so of those classes are offered during a particular semester, with such classes like "Science for Future Presidents" not being offered in about two years. We talked about how this current common core is misleading and frustrating students because some offerings are always unavailable, and how we can prevent this from happening in the new common core. While reducing the number of courses offered to only include the ones that are being actively taught is key, we also want to give students a good selection of classes to choose from that will light up their interest. This included how the common core could include a section that relates to current events and topics happening in the real world. Whether that be a climate change class, a class talking about mental health, a modern

American politics class or something else. Tonight, I wanted to gauge that and see if any of you have ideas we could give for classes, not just current events, but anything. A lot of students like to think that if they are not taking a class related to their major that it is not worth it and pointless in taking. Which is a good segway into my final point, withdrawal rates. Nicole West was able to speak more on the academic policies side as she is the person to talk to students when they go through the withdrawal process. She says most students withdraw because they feel they aren't taking classes that are important to them or fit their major. But one thing she did bring up is that undecided majors are among the most that withdraw for various reasons. And when it comes to having a first year that is undecided, it is always crucial to give them common core classes. And we are taking that into consideration when making the new common core. As stated, if you have any suggestions for new classes that you'd like to see or that would benefit students on campus, please let me know. Should you want any further information, please email me at clannan2075@westfield.ma.edu or come see me at my office hours 2-3 pm on Friday afternoons. Thank you and have a great day.

- i. Dan Currier: I would say that I know that they already are including some research, writing and critical thinking. I know there is a working group that met with President Thompson and Vice President McManon to discuss what their needs are in the work force and a lot of it is critical thinking and stuff like that. A lot of the students today honestly can not write a research paper. Even Comp 101 is not teaching them that so whether it having Comp 101 teach it or have an upper level course to teach it because it isn't working right now.
- ii. Chris Lannan: That is something that we talked about but I think that is something that we are going to go forward with.
- iii. Aaron Lessing: On classes, I think that a lot of classes just teach you theory. I'm a poli-sci major so theory is a lot of what we learn but try to make it more applicable to real life issues because a lot of the theoretical majors don't really have much applicability unless we are being shown it. I think having more classes that show the actual work would be good.
- iv. Sarah Harrington: I think that one thing is maybe having like a personal finance class to learn about how to use your money and all of that would be good. And about Dan's thing, I like the idea but I don't know if it should be a common core because I am an education major so I don't really need to know how to write a research paper. I think it's a good skill but I think that it should be a choice.
- v. Adam Carpenter: With all due respect, I'm not going to take a class that doesn't help me. If it's not for my major or it's not fulfilling anything in my common core, I am not going to risk going over my credit limit where I am paying extra per credit in order to take a cute class that I think is fun. I think focusing on minimizing the common core because with the current system there is no shot that I'm going to take something that isn't for me.
- vi. Emily Fluet: As a point of information to you Adam, we definitely take into consideration stricter majors like education and nursing because I know that you don't want to take classes that you feel are a waste of your time.
- vii. Chloë Sanfaçon: I would love to see a core that is almost cutesy and I know that is something that we were working on and that is something that SCORE has been working on for a while but I would love to see stuff like the NYU class that was about Taylor Swift but taught them like skills. I would like to see it be cutesy and fun but also still core.
- viii. Emily Fluet: I remembered so in terms of limiting the core there are guidelines that we need to follow, it's not a hard

guideline but NECHE wants it to be about 40 credits. In terms of dramatically decreasing the amount of credits you need to take that isn't going to happen. But I think the goal is to make it be useful.

- ix. Chris Lannan: I think that it is best for it to be useful and not just stuff to do to complete it.
- x. Dan Currier: Another thing on the Westfield Journey, I know that is one thing that came up. My one concern is that I don't know if there have been any consultation with student affairs or SAIL on that because if professors are teaching how to navigate campus a lot of them haven't been outside of Wilson and it is important they talk about all of campus and not just Wilson hall.
- xi. Ethan Haynes: I want to advocate for a strong core because I think that if we don't have a strong core, we get people who don't believe in pathogens or the problems of the world. I know it isn't a popular opinion but as someone who has seen these things it is important to develop critical thinking skills of students.
- xii. Kaolin Westcott: One big thing for me is making sure that classes are being taught in person because noone warns me and it is super frustrating. The other thing is that professors have taught in person classes online when they were supposed to be in person.
- xiii. Chris Lannan: I have heard that has happened a couple of times with upperclassmen especially but also have heard about it with first years and sophomores.
 - D. New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) Self-Study Committee: No Report
 - E. Campus Academic Master Plan (CAMP): No Report
 - F. Parking Control Board: No Report
 - G. Parking Appeals Board: No Report

VI. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT EQUITY: **Rodney Duteau**
A. Diversity and Inclusion Committee: No Report

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

Dan gave a presentation

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

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

This week's senator of the week goes to one of my owl ball committee members. She has gone above and beyond for each meeting and has shown so much enthusiasm. Keep up the amazing work, Sarah Harrington.

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

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

Good evening everyone,

I just have a few update on the upcoming spring elections to report on. The first important date is that the election papers will be made available on March 27th. The next date of importance is that the election packets are due on April 7th with all the signatures that are required for each position. Elections will then take place virtually on April 18th and April 19th. The final important date is that results are schedules to be released by the 21st of April. It is important to note that these elections are for the positions on class council, representatives at large, and executive council. If you need further elaboration on any of this information come and see me in my office hours which are a jolly good time.

- i. Aaron Lessing: Just want to encourage you guys that if you are interested in any of the exec positions that you can ask me or any of exec member about their positions and tell your friends that may be interested about SGA to see if they want to run in the election.

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: 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:

Justin Wald: I just want to talk about our event that the class of 2026 is hosting, the sexual health and awareness one. It has been moved to the end of the month on March 31st. We would also like to ask you to please advertise this event and there will be some fun pre event trivia leading up to the event.

Elizabeth Mercer: Remember to buy your Owlball tickets.

Alan BLair: Westfield Wednesday, wear your swag.

Rodney Duteau: I encourage you to check your email, because tomorrow is the day of dialogue hosted by the Jedi office. I encourage you to stop by for the session that I am running along with some of the Jedi fellows tomorrow at 9am to 10:10

Chris Lannan: SAIL sent out an email about a Women's appreciation event. The emails were sent out the other day, you can nominate a staff member who has impacted you on campus.

Nick Smith: There is a succulent potting event this Thursday with 64 succulents so stop by.

Mikayla Evans: 73 days until commencement.

XV. ROLL CALL: Loïc Black, Alexandria Mallios, Scott Doan, Joseph Bonilla were absent.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 until Tuesday March 21st.

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