

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
AGENDA
Tuesday, September 26, 2023 @ 5:30pm
Ely 017 (SGA Room)

- I. ROLL CALL: Everyone was present.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: September 19, 2023- Minutes were approved.
- III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: **Nicholas Smith**

I hope you are all doing well. Congratulations to our new senators and representatives. Student government can be very rewarding, especially when you can put your voice into things you are passionate about. A quick introduction about me: I am Nicholas Smith, this academic year's student government association president. My job, along with the other executive board members, is to help the student body voice their opinions, thoughts and ideas. As the president, I run the SGA meetings, formulate the agendas, and meet with staff, faculty and students to ensure we are all on the same page. It is a massive honor, so I thank all of you who voted for me to represent you all! My main goal this year is to ensure SGA reaches out to every aspect of the campus and gets every student's opinions, so however you can help me and my exec board to do so, I really appreciate it, please seek me out at any time if you need anything.

The first thing that we need to do is to make the result of the election official. Is there a motion to accept the results of the election. Motion to accept the result of the elections. Motion carries. Congratulations to all of our new senators.

Another thing I want to mention is something that has been in the news quite a bit. Some articles have been posted about potentially housing families on campus in the beds in Lammers Hall to do so. As of this time, no one is being housed in Lammers Hall. I'm sure you can all understand this is a vast process with many moving parts, so I wanted to ensure students get the best information on the subject. As an executive board, we want to do something proactive to gauge where students fall on this topic. Once we gather that information, we want to formulate a letter or another format to send out where appropriate. As SGA president, I can not be in all of your circles at once, so I encourage you to let me know how you think students would be receptive to gathering information by next Tuesday's meeting. If you reach out to people, I need to know how because I want to make sure we are engaging as many people from as many places as we can on this campus before we formulate whatever we decide to do, keeping our students' thoughts in mind.

The SGA executive board is also planning to host an open forum soon! We want to ensure students know that it will be a space for them to openly discuss issues on campus and make sure they are doing their part to be proactive. Do you all have any big topics you want to see at an open forum? I encourage other big topics, like keeping resident hall bathrooms permanently unlocked, an update on the banner application, or even thoughts on dining. If you have any ideas, please let me know after this report.

Next, we have a dress-up meeting on October 10th, a brief update for our new friends and the returns. This is two SGA meetings away. We are having a dress-up meeting because President Thompson is coming down to discuss what she is working on. Dress-up meetings are when you wear

business attire and are reserved for special meetings like Senator Velis or the president. This is a chance for you to ask the president questions you may have had, so I encourage you to come up with questions you want to ask! It is a great thing to be able to talk to the president, so this will be an excellent chance to do so. If you have any worries about getting or obtaining business clothing in time, please see me or another executive member after the meeting so we can help you out. There are very few dress-up meetings a semester, only about one, so this will not be a super common thing. I just want to put it on your radar.

There are some other things I want to mention: first, for our new senators, welcome again; we are very excited to have you. If you have a second after the meeting, please stop by and see me or another executive member. Each senator needs to have two committees they sit on, and we want to help you all through that!

Parenzo hall has a grand opening on Friday October 13th at 10:30. This will be an event that SGA members should try to attend if they can, I know I will be there, and I encourage you all to show up if you can too!

Family weekend is this weekend, so there will be many events happening, from mini golf that glows in the dark, to BBQ and blues, as well as a musical bingo, it will be an amazing weekend. The SAIL department, or Student Activities Involvement and leadership will be hosting much of the family weekend this weekend, and you should stop by for some of the activities on the green from 3-7pm on Saturday! Lastly, if you need to contact me, you can email me at president.sga@westfield.ma.edu

Or visit me in my office hours, which are from 12:45-2:00 Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and 12:45-1:30 on Wednesdays.

Finally, I would also like to move to accept the results of the 2023 20204 academic year elections.

A. Director of Student Activities, involvement, and leadership:
Matthew Dellea

Hi, everyone. I don't have a fancy PowerPoint. I apologize next time. So, as Nick said, my name is Matt Dellea. I'm the Director of Student Activities, involvement in Leadership. I trained student leaders on how to use the screen. You just, the training didn't go very well. Amazing makes up. No, thanks. Thanks. So And my oldest director of Sale, I oversee three main areas within the university, one student government association, which is all of you. And I work very closely with your advisor, Laura. Um. I oversee the Campus Activities Board, which is our programming board for the campus. I work very closely with the coordinator of Student Activities Ashley. She works in our department as well. And then the three of us work together to oversee our new student orientation program, which all of you should have had some sort of contact with at some point. And you are participating in SAIL. Over the summer, have developed seven areas of wellness that you would all be introduced to. UM If you attend any of our programs, it's important for us in the sale department that all students, UM, whether they are your average student just attending a program or higher level student leaders, such as your student government executive board, that we're looking at you as a holistic person and that we're helping you in all areas of your life. So the seven areas that we're focusing on this year that you should be aware of are social, professional, social justice, environmental, emotional and spiritual, professional and intellectual. And you're probably saying yourself, how am I going to know that we're hitting all of those? Um, the other thing that working on the series presence. Um, who here has heard of that or the next work? Yes, we're

doing our job. So if you're on our events calendar on the network, all events have these things called tax, um, and all of those seven areas of wellness are tracked. So any events that are hosted through sale campus activities for student government are going to have all of those tax listed so that you're going to know what areas of wellness you're hitting during the year. Nick asked me to share some of our main focuses for the upcoming year so that you can all be aware. The first one is the nest work. This is the third year we've had the program here at the university. Year one was development phase. Year two was continued development and construction, um. And this year were really doing a great job at getting more and more folks on board, getting academic departments to have pages, other offices and services to have pages. And the events calendar is currently running and advertising a total of 57 programs as of 05:00 today. So we're really excited make sure you check it out and see all that Westfield State has to offer. You we're focusing on leadership development. So as senators expect to be participating in some leadership development and professional development trainings throughout the year. We find it very important that all students are being educated in areas, um, as part of your roles here on campus, because education is very important, and it's the reason that you're here. We're looking to increase student engagement across the campus. We're doing this two ways, one, through an increase of events on campus that are more well known, into what students are looking for. Working very closely with your campus Activities Board. Wednesday's 05:30 p.m. in this room, if you have any ideas on programs that you would like to see. And then working very closely with cab and S-G-A student leaders to fill the seats both in student government the seats that, you're in right now and the membership of our campus Activities Board to get that student voice really elevated here at Westfield State. And the last thing that we're focusing on is the promotion of our story a sale. While we're known across campus, we don't do a great job of showcasing all the amazing things that us student leaders are doing, so we're going to be focusing on that this year. One way that we're doing that is with our weekly week at a glance, by showcasing photos of events that have taken place. So if you're doing anything on campus and you want to be showcased, let us know so that we can get photos there. Student government is going to be working on a newsletter. We are working on a newsletter home to champions as well, so that they know all the amazing things that you're doing, um. And we're going to be doing some more outreach to the campus that we well. So we're really excited about the upcoming year. And I would like to congratulate all of you on your positions, whether you were elected last spring or elected over the weekend. And welcome to being members officially of our sales department.

I. Nick Smith: I was wondering if you could walk us through some of the things that's happening this weekend especially where the SAIL department is involved. I know what it is family weekend, so you tell us what's happening, what sales doing, and I walk through that would be great

II. Matt Dellea: So the first big event that you shall be aware of, and it's not technically a sale event, but we help out a little bit, is your athletics pep rally. And that's going to begin at 06:30 p.m. on Thursday night, right out here on your campus green, with teams starting to be introduced in the actual show happening beginning about ten of seven. And I know that somebody in this room is speaking of that event, correct. You are. Yes. Then we roll into Friday, where families will start arriving for family weekend check in is running from three to seven, at which point is just, you know, very casual evening. Families can take you to dinner if they want to. The programming happening that night is do campus activities board. It'll be mini golf. And the batch ice cream truck will be returning to campus

for that night with five different flavors. And fortunately, mocha Chip wasn't available this weekend, so we have chocolate ice cream with crushed cookies mixed in. I hope that's okay. And then on Saturday, we have a lot going on. We have the home football game where there'll be a game side component, so down in the backside of the field, for those of you who are 21 plus, you'll be able to go down there and enjoy some time with your family. Maybe having a truly And then the other big event, where some other sporting events happening, there's women soccer as well, happening during the day. Then down here on the green, from 03:00 p.m. to 07:00 p.m. is our blues and barbecue night. I almost had brews, but it's not no brews. Blues and barbecue. We out on the Green are going to have a blues band. Brother Sow. Look him up. He's pretty cool. He's really excited to come perform. We have a full barbecue dinner being served outside. We will be having carnival games, a photo booth about 15 vendors from off campus coming up. We'll have some pumpkin painting and maybe some inflatables. We'll see about that. We're working on it. Then on that night, we've hired a company come in to do music bingo with Cab. So it's taking your typical bingo event and elevating it to what's on the bingo card, our songs. And you have to guess what songs being played, featuring songs from the eighties, nineties and today. And then on Sunday morning, we have jazz brunch from tended to with some live jazz musicians.

III. Desiree Brown: You mentioned that you guys do leadership at all. Is that right. You could tell us a bit more about that. And when next opportunity to that type of leadership would be.

IV. Matt Dellea: So we are going to be doing a couple of different things. So if you are in any sort of club organization, there's going to be a Club Leadership Day, UM, that Laura and I are going to be working on and getting a date announced for later this fall. UM, in your student government meetings, you'll also have some leadership development opportunities as part of the meetings, so it won't be something like additional And then Ashley, now that orientation is over, she's going to be putting together some various workshops. So what you'll have to do is we can connect you with her, um, so she can keep you in a loop on what those extra opportunities are going to be throughout the year. There'll also be some sort of one day leadership event taking place in January, um, as part of that first opening weekend. So you would come back, um, like, one day early and participate before classes begin, so you don't have to worry about missing class for that.

B. President of the MSCA: **Claudia Ciano-Boyce**

MSCA President Claudia Ciano-Boyce gave a presentation on the MSCA.

- i. Jack Guindon: Why did you guys agree to a one year extension instead of three. Or was that just not an option?
- ii. Claudia Ciano-Boyce: It wasn't an option. You go. And what makes her different than the other governor? Well, it's not just that she's a woman. It's also that she is a democrat and so a lot of unions saw this as an opportunity. And this is not the state Democrats are better or whatever, but Democrats at times will be more sympathetic. And so people in various unions took advantage of what they knew about Governor Healey to say this is our time to bring forth a recommendation for higher wages for all these movements. And it was a risk. But it seemed like she and her administration were open to that. Well, we are actually under Massachusetts Teachers Association. We are kind of an offshoot where the higher end part, the Massachusetts Teachers Association is an enormous, powerful union in Massachusetts. I went to their annual conference two days in Springfield this summer. And was really blown away by how amazingly organized it was and how every single person who had question about anything that it's

everything that we do with the working lives of teachers. Something align and referred and everybody's. Is counted. It's very representative and impressive. And so we benefit from them because we're under that. They give us legal advice. So we and we participate in some of the things like right now they're trying to get rid of. What did you paint in high school? There's a vote to get rid of MCAS. So that's a big thing. So we decided that they only gave us. They weren't able to act in the moment. It wasn't going to be on language, but any other issues just about money. So we got this one year. We don't know that it's going to continue these kinds of all the time. But we got this raise and then we'll start negotiating language about all sorts of things and then go from there and they'll still be raises, but they've been very minimal, and this was significant. So that's why.

- iii. Nick Smith: My question today is that for those who are currently on governance committees if the decision hasn't been made yet for us to get the vote so we can vote should we abstain from voting in governance committees or are we allowed to still participate in voting.
- iv. Claudia Ciano-Boyce: No you're not allowed to participate in the voting though you can go and discuss. Technically it's that you are not supposed to vote because that's something that you know you need to ratify but you're not even allowed to ratify until COP do. I'm really hoping that they're meeting yielded a vote on their part and then I will be telling you that you can go and right now. Coming as fast as they will. There's a knowledge too in the committees, and they're waiting. The committees are waiting for you too. I know weekend. So that's what I would recommend and. You know, if you ever have questions about anything, if you want to come down or if there's an issue one to talk about, please feel free. Any number of us on the Executive council, we have an executive council as well are happy to talk with you many of you are there are seven other people and some of them are your professors and we're very happy to talk to you.
- v. Sarah Harrington: Point of information. In regard to the MCAS thing there will be a signature sheet which is available in from of Ely tomorrow but you need to be a Massachusetts resident in order to sign.

C. SGA Advisors: **Laura Cafaro and Ryan Meersman**

- I. Laura Cafaro: Hi Everyone, my name's. Laura Cafaro. I work in the SAIL department with Matt and a part, of my position is advising the lovely student government association I'm happy and proud to be seeing so many new faces with us in our SGA room this year. So congratulations on all of her new positions we're really excited to capitalize and all the different perspectives we have in the room. and to hear all of your ideas and your experiences on campus, and how you all can work together and create some goals for the year to make the year in the nest much better.
- II. Ryan Meersman: Hi, everyone. I'm Ryan Meresman. I'm the Director of Alumni Relations here on campus, So you'll have the pleasure of hearing for me after you graduate. Quite a bit, but I love the opportunity to also interact with you as students. One of the things that we are really looking to do in alumni relations is connect students with our alums. And for instance, matt was just talking about family weekend. Does anybody have parents that went to school here? A couple of you, okay, but if you haven't seen anything yet, your parents went to school here. Or even your grandparents. We're having a legacy reception Saturday morning, from nine to eleven in the Loughman living room. So it's an opportunity for you and your family to come and celebrate the fact that you're leaving that legacy here at Westfield State, that you've got a multigenerational legacy here, and that's really important to us. I know some of our guests, um, this

Saturday are going to include, a grandmother, mother and daughter. So it's really cool to see even multiple generations coming back. And then, for the last six or seven years, I think I've advised SGA and it's wonderful to see a full room again um so welcome back for returning senators welcome to all. New senators I had the privilege of sitting in this room as a student for four years. UM, so very much. Was, you know, in your shoes. And so any opportunity that I must to help you guys have if you have questions about anything, um, don't hesitate to come up to me or Laura and ask those questions. So, thank you.

D. President's Council: No Report

E. Items not listed on Agenda:

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

Good Evening! To our new members, welcome to the Student Government Association (SGA). We thank you for your service on behalf of the student body and look forward to working with you over the course of this academic year.

And to all gathered here today, whether you are a voting member of the Legislature or an observer at today's meeting, your attendance demonstrates your dedication to improving the student experience at Westfield State University. The Executive Council can't sufficiently represent the student body or enact change without your support, your insight, and your commitment. We look forward to partnering with you in our quest to leave Westfield State University better than we found it.

My name is Daniel Currier, and I am a junior from Attleboro, MA. I double major in accounting and finance and double minor in English and economics. I am also a member of the Honors Program. Outside of SGA, I am a tour guide, peer tutor, and a new student orientation leader.

This year, I have the honor of serving as the Student Trustee. In this position, I provide the student perspective as a voting member of the Board of Trustees - the governing board of the institution. I serve alongside ten members who bring diverse experience to the table, including the Mayor of West Springfield, the Chief Financial Officer of Big Y Foods, and a former Interim President of Framingham State University. While each of our perspectives may differ, we serve on the Board for one central purpose: to support Westfield State University and its students. We accomplish this through significant discussion and votes on key matters, including the annual budget, non-academic policies, the annual evaluation of the President, and much more. While we

do not manage the institution day-to-day and do not have authority over all aspects of the institution, our role is central to the success of the University.

Westfield State University, like other regional public universities, is facing a grave outlook. Enrollments have dwindled, balance sheets are bleak, and the value of higher education has been called into question. The Board of Trustees, alongside President Thompson, her Cabinet, and other stakeholders, are ready to take on this challenge.

This was made evident at our Board retreat last Tuesday, which was held at the Great Horse Country Club in Hampden, MA from 8:00am-6:00pm. In addition to an important governance training with former President of Northeastern University and Commissioner of Higher Education Dr. Richard Freeland, the Board had the opportunity to participate in a strategic visioning session to tackle these very issues, which you have read about in a recent email from the President.

For context, the University is approaching the end of its five-year strategic plan as approved by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education (BHE). To ensure that the next strategic plan is built with a shared vision from across the campus community, the University has engaged SME Strategy Consulting to conduct strategic visioning sessions with each constituency on-campus. One such session will involve students, so I strongly encourage you to attend if possible once that session is finalized. These sessions will yield a treasure trove of data and allow SME Strategy Consulting to identify key similarities. This will help to inform the work of the Strategic Planning Committee, a representative working group of Westfield State administration, faculty, staff, and students, who will craft our next five-year strategic plan, subject to Board of Trustees and Board of Higher Education approval. The strategic plan is our roadmap to success as an institution, and is woven into the fabric of our decision-making, including resource allocation.

With this in mind, the Board had the opportunity to discuss our strengths, challenges, and opportunities in the first of these strategic visioning sessions. As you would expect, enrollment and financial health were the primary issues that were identified. The consultants the University hired also challenged us to consider how to solve these issues and quantify these actions, whether that be a certain number of new academic programs by 2029, a set number of students enrolled in that year, or not using

any cash reserves to offset a budget deficit. The Board appeared to be in general agreement that we must grow our enrollment (particularly at the graduate level), end the use of cash reserves to offset our budget deficit, emphasize career preparation throughout a student's experience, and focus on adult learners and non-traditional populations.

Yesterday, I met with Provost David Caruso. For those new to SGA, the Provost is the Chief Academic Officer for the institution and oversees the Division of Academic Affairs, which includes all faculty, their academic departments, and schools; the Center for Student Success & Engagement; Ely Library; the Registrar's Office; and much more. I met with him for a general meet and greet given my new role on the Board, and we discussed our recent NECHE reaccreditation visit, academic innovation, plans in partnership with the Division of Enrollment Management & Student Affairs, and much more.

Just a few highlights from that meeting: First, Provost Caruso, President Thompson, and Chief of Staff Michael Freeman met with the New England Commission of Higher Education last week following the issuance of the site team visit report from March. This site visit report has been shared with the President and the Board of Trustees, but has not been released publicly. The Commission asked expected questions and they have indicated that we are reaccredited for roughly the next decade. Many thanks to those in SGA who participated in the NECHE site visit last March. Your participation led the site team to say that the greatest strength of Westfield State University is "student commitment to the success of the campus and their continued desire to be involved in all aspects of campus life."

The Provost is working in tandem with Associate Provost Brian Jennings, Executive Director of the Center for Student Success & Engagement Azanda Seymour, and Vice President for Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion LaRue Pierce to address the Student Achievement Gap. The gap in student achievement between white and non-white students has been noted as an area that we need to focus on over the next decade. I am pleased to see the Division of Academic Affairs taking this issue

seriously. Vice President of Academic Life Sarah Harrington, Vice President of Student Equity Joseph Bonilla, and I have been actively working to meet with Dr. Seymour on this issue and other matters, but have not been able to schedule a meeting at this time.

Finally, we discussed academic innovation. New programs and courses are in the process of being submitted to Governance. These new programs will address growing demand from students and the needs of our society while utilizing the talent that we already have on our campus. We discussed the need for more interdisciplinary collaboration and the expansion of certificate programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

I am currently working on a project to centralize student employment postings on-campus. For those new to Westfield State University, you probably found it frustrating to find a job on-campus. I am working with the Career Center, Financial Aid, and Human Resources to correct this issue. I will be having another meeting on this topic with Human Resources next Wednesday, October 4th from 2:00pm-4:00pm in the Horace Mann Center. If anyone is interested in sharing their experience or would like to participate, please see me after the meeting or email me directly.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be on Wednesday, October 11th in the President's Boardroom at the Horace Mann Center. You will be receiving an email about this from the President within the next week-and-a-half. I encourage you to sit in on our meetings, which are open to the public, or watch the livestream of our discussions at westfield.ma.edu/live.

And finally, if you would like to connect with me, please email me directly at trustee.sga@westfield.ma.edu or text me at (413) 642-1892. My office hours this semester are Mondays 3:30pm-4:30pm, Tuesdays 8:30am-9:30am & 4:00pm-5:00pm, Wednesdays 10:00am-11:00am, and Fridays 2:00pm-3:00pm.

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

- i. Joseph Bonilla: For those of us who are new in the room, can you explain it little bit more what NECHE is?
- ii. Dan Currier: Yes, certainly. So, NECHE is the New England Commission of Higher Education. They are a non, governing, accrediting body. So they oversee institutions in New England and and some outside New England. And in order for us to receive federal aid or for, or for any view to receive any financial aid, um, with the facts up, we need to be in accredited, accredited institution. And next she is the body that does that. So every ten years, they come to the university and they conduct a case. Um. They conduct a site visit. We do a self study. And then they, they look at what are the issues that are going on to university, what are our strengths as well. So we can, we created a very lengthy document, which you're able to find on the Westfield State website, UM that was created, created by faculty, staff, administration students. The team reviewed that site of that report. They also, they visit us again in March for a few days and had interviews with staff and students to make sure that report was accurate. And then they um, release some recommendations for us to consider. And they also issued a re, credit. The commission said, if we are re credited based on our report, we certainly have stuff to work on what we are. In essence, we are credited, and we do not have anything to worry about from that standpoint.
 - A. All University Committee: No Report

B. Student Advisory Council: No Report

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

Good Evening everyone, first off, I wanted to congratulate everyone who had won there election over the weekend and are here tonight with us. I look forward to working with all of you, For those who don't know me my name is Jack Guindon I am a junior commuter student, studying political science with a minor in English and history. I am the Vice President of student life, meaning my job is to help advocate for the students needs in the area of Res life, dinning and any other area that effects students day to day.

Over this past week I have been working on the grand opening of the commuter lounge, which is tomorrow at 9am in the commuter lounge. There will be free samples of food from owl café so please stop by and help celebrate this space for commuters. In fact after this meeting, I need to go to Walmart to buy ribbon for the cutting tomorrow Also if you go stay as CAB hosting Trivia for Commuter students.

I also meet with VP Hearn Yesterday and we discussed enrollment. He talked about the strategic plan for this going forward and how once he has it finalized, he will show to it groups around campus. Including Sga before it is submitted to the board for them to vote on it.

I am also looking for students to be on student affairs committee. So, if you are interested in this please find me after the meeting to discuss this.

Thank you

- i. Dan Currier: Hi, jack. Can you just explain what the Student Affairs committee does?
- ii. Jack Guindon: Oh, um. So Student Affairs Committee is basically a good committee for students that their voices heard. You meet with faculty and staff and you talk about student issues, you just talk about student issues and work together to solve them. Like last our meeting so far this year, we brought up professors hosting events. So we were going to work going forward in meetings on how to get professors to be able to have events, like if a professor is in a bird watching, that they can do bird watching with their students. Or on the National Day of Service, having professors cancel class and go out and pick up trash in Stanley Park with students. That way, we see them more outside the classroom, and it kind of humanizes them as well.
- iii. Chistopher Piro: Sure. Hello, jack. Um, do you have any information on laundry machines?
- iv. Jack Guindon: So, all the laundry machines are through a contract with the other state schools, and they are currently being changed out for newer ones, each building individually
 - A. Student Affairs Committee: No Report
 - B. Food Services Committee: Jack Guindon

This report was very last minute, so sorry about that. It's also my first Conservative report I've got to give, so I'm happy about that. Yesterday, exec met with Bill and Sarah from dining. We discussed quite a few topics. Um, the first topic, fish Friday. There's no longer going to be fish at dinner every Friday, just the third Friday of every month. And fish still for lunch, because a lot of professors enjoy it. The third thing was breakfast for dinner. Every Thursday, every Thursday, one of the stations will have a different breakfast food at dinner. So there's that now. And then the big thing that got brought up was meal plans. Basically, if you're first year, you have to have the unlimited plan. And if you're a senior and you're living in the

apartments or new hall where you have a stove, you're allowed to get the Hoot five meal plan. Great. And point was brought up that we shouldn't restrict meal plans based on what class people are in. So going forward, food Services will discuss that to see if we will be able to let students in any grade level decide what meal plan they can have. Because there's a lot of costs with, say, the ten concern, or compared to the five. So for some students, the idea was, if they're not going to eat in the DC as often, and they don't need the ten meal swipes, that that shouldn't be restricted for them not to be able to get the five. So going forward, we're going to try to work to get that. Also, the last thing I have free food services is more of a general thing. It's and a lot of hosts on the parents and students Facebook group relates to food. And I would just like to say that I don't think as members of SGA we should comment on this as it just causes problems within the Facebook group and causes fighting and also at food services it gets brought up and then it just takes a lot of time away from the meetings where we to be focusing on talking about stuff. Such as the new plans. So I just wanted to put that out there.

- i. Joseph Bonilla: So as far as like, the fish thing, it's not just because of professors, it has to do with contract. Some, it's a fisherman out in Boston. We're in a contract there, so we have to, like, you know, get, we pay for. That being said, there's also, from September 15, October 15, there's going to be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, you can be Latinx food, in the global station for lunch. So enjoy that. And on October 5, after a Latinx panel, um talking about that bunny and what they're doing. There's going to be, um, food in the DC for dinner that is Latinx focused. And um, any commuter or anyone who can't pay or at JEDI will be paid with food or something.
- ii. Kaitlyn Egan: Hi jack Um i was wondering if meal plans um you said they're going to be like people from different classes will be able to pick their meal plan. Is it going to still be restricted for residence halls too? Because I know that some seniors living in university hall want a lower meal plan, but can't have one because they only have kitchen on their floor and not in their room.
- iii. Jack Guindon: I plan, but can't have one because they only have kitchen on their floor and not in their room. So there's no clear plan currently of how we're going to change the meal plan. So this is something food service is going to work on, but hopefully, once it's all resolved, it'll be that, um, anyone will be able to pick whatever meal plan they see fit. For the most part, I still a point brought up for first years was that they should have the unlimited plan because they're adjusting to living on their own the first time. And I feel that that might not be a bad idea to keep the first year meal plan to the unlimited. But after that that, you should be able to, if you're not gonna eat in the DC and your sophomore and say a new hall, that you should be able to get the meal five. That way you're not spending money when you can buy groceries.
- iv. Nick Smith: believe there is a time that Food Services meets. Can you go over that and look at this moment?
- v. Jack Guindon: Food Services meets every Friday during the Common Meeting hour, which is 01:40 to 02:50 right in the DC. The table moved. We used to be by the window. Now we're kind of centralized in the DC, so all you have to do is just walk in. So you're going to food services, and you'll see me and Adam Bill and everyone that goes that week at a table. So you can join UM, talk about whatever food concerns you have, or you here on campus, and you get a free meal out of it, too. So it's always the best part.

- vi. Daniel Lyons: Quick question about the Facebook viewpoint. UM, so are you saying that students, part of a student government association should not comment on anything or just only food?
- vii. Jack Guindon: And my opinion, probably nothing, just because I feel like it causes a lot of fighting. And, um, it's a very unproductive Facebook group, but I guess there's nothing I feel like. I mean, I just, you know, as association, every member represents student government. So what you say, even if it is a private Facebook group, still reflects the Student Government Association itself. Those who've been here, um, just so we don't get in the weeds, um, basically, as an executive board, we just like, highly suggest that you don't, um, engage in commentary, because we know they spiral from last semester. If you were here last semester, and, you know, to mitigate misinformation and just disruptions to life on campus, we should probably not engage with anything that. I'm here representing, to a group or representing university.
- C. Substance Advisory Committee: No Report
- D. Student Athletic Advisory Board: No Report
- E. Veteran Affairs Report: No Report
- F. Enrollment Management Committee: No Report

VI. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: **Sarah Harrington**

Hey y'all! I would first like to reintroduce myself to our new members of SGA! My name is Sarah Harrington, and I am the Vice President of Academic Life on this year's Executive Board. In my position, I listen for student concerns about academics and parking (registration, issues with professors, parking tickets, graduation status, etc.) I meet with the provost, which I plan on doing once a month. Make sure academic-related committees have student reps. This year I am a junior and I am studying elementary education. I live in the Welch Apartments on the first floor. I can't wait to get to know all of our new members. Please feel free to reach out if you need anything and don't be afraid to say hi on campus. Heading into my actual report, I am looking for two students to sit on the Camp Academic Master Plan or CAMP. There is no set meeting time yet so they will be able to adapt to your schedules. I also need one more person to sit alongside me on ACAP or Advisory Committee for Academic Planning. Meetings are held on Fridays at 3. Kaolin will be sitting in my place at the first meeting this Friday since I will be unable to attend. If you need to reach out my email is vpacademiclife.sga@westfield.ma.edu. My office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11-12:30 and Fridays from 12:30-1:30

- i. Katie Egan: I have a friend who got ticketed in south lot the other day and she was in south lot and has the right parking pass. . Um. And normally I would send them to the parking appeals board, but there is not one. Um. So what would you suggest? Because I've heard it a couple of times, just from my friends, from a couple of people, we're getting tickets. And then, like, I know, like the, the, the system for the parking details is different, and we did it online. So there's problems there. Like, what, um, what do you suggest that we do to make your link to you?
- ii. Sarah Harrington: I think right now you should still submit appeal on the website that it says on the ticket. Um, I will get back to you on that, because I'm also wondering what to do, because we still need to be able to have people be able to appeal tickets.
- iii. Nick Smith: They did change the parking clerk to Joshua Headrick. Um, I got a parking ticket and I didn't email Joshua Headrick. And so information, josh should be able to redirect you where it needs to go for now, um, and I believe parking appeals

is still going to be a thing. It's just kind of shifting house right now.

- iv. Chris Piro: Do you know if all seniors got their UM graduation diplomas last year from last year?
- v. Sarah Harrington: I have no idea. I-I ask you I-I honestly i could ask Emily Fluett and see what she knows.
- vi. Dan Currier: hat's an issue um it's a lot of People, complain about that um it's apparently. From what my understanding is that it's a third party provider that's printing these diplomas, and they're not getting out to them in times. Some people have them, some people don't. So if anyone has a concern, they should reach out to the registrars office. I'm sure they'd be happy to hear those concerns. They probably receive thousands of them already. So, um, hopefully that issue is fixed. If not, then we define a new provider
- vii. Tony Casiano: For the parking ticket still fill out the appeal on the back of the ticket received. If it not there contact Josh.

A. Academic Policies Committee: No Report

B. Curriculum Committee: No Report

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

Chris Piro

Good evening fellow senators. For those who don't know me, I'll introduce myself. My name is Chris Lannan. I am a sophomore history secondary education major with a minor in political science. This year I will serve as one of nine representatives at large, along with my other fellow eight that I sit with. I also serve as the class of 2026 historian and on the campus activities board. Last year, I served as my class's treasurer as well as a rep at large, and the student representative for the SCORE committee under our former vice president of academic life. This is now my second semester reporting on the SCORE committee. Now onto my report. For those who don't know, this report is about SCORE, the Special Committee on Revising General Education. This committee falls under the Academic Life position, a role that Sarah oversees. What this committee entails is reforming the general education common core for the class of 2028, the new freshman class when they arrive on campus in a short eleven months. The SCORE committee values all of your feedback, so I encourage respectful discussion and sharing your ideas to myself, Sarah and SCORE committee leadership faculty. We only have a few short months, because by December this year, we have to send our final model over to President Thompson for a final approval. So, diving into the meat and potatoes of this report. This report is progress report number 5, the first one of this year and the last one until the first formal report card comes out in October. This new common core will include four main headings and then subcategories individually in each category. The four categories are Westfield State Journey, which include a first year academic and social seminar for all first year students in their major. This also includes a current events class, which includes material based in caring for one's holistic self and maintaining proper health and wellbeing throughout students' college careers. The second category is analysis, rhetoric and inquiry classes that tackle topics in the natural world. This block will include classes similar to what we have now with classes such as Symbolic Logic I and II, Research Methods, and Composition I. Speaking of Composition I, my biggest concern that many students have now, and that I have with the current common core, is that first year students who do not take ENGL 0101: Composition I in their first semester, tend to fall behind when writing essays in their other classes. Speaking from personal experience, Composition I was really effective in helping me write essays in my first semester, and in my writing intensive major, and I am strongly advocating for all first year students to take their Comp I class in their first semester

of college. The third block is problem solving, which includes a mathematics course, humanities and anchored problems in social, physical and health sciences. Some classes that will be offered in this block will be courses in mathematics, history and current events. The fourth block will be similar to the diversity and social understanding structure we have now. It's temporarily labeled as perspectives but will almost definitely change. As well as a major dependent fifth block, there is a secondary writing course that will be offered at the 300 level for students in writing intensive majors like education, nursing, communications and psychology. I am strongly advocating for the SCORE committee to send out a draft of what classes will be offered under each section and subsection. I believe this is crucial in understanding what goes where and how to make any changes if need be, because I know changes will need to be made. If I may level with you for a moment, this common core is not what the majority of students who I have talked to want. According to Massachusetts college standards, most state schools have a common core that is one third or less of the number of credits that is needed to graduate. Our current common core is 38 credits total, and this proposed common core is 43 credits, give or take a few. Also according to state law and propositions sent out by former Governor Charlie Baker, students should be spending more time on classes focused on their future career and less time taking classes that will not be helpful to their eventual major, even though it is good to be well versed in many different facets. Tonight, I want to gauge the room and see what you all are thinking. Please provide any and all feedback you can to this new core. Again, this must be finished and rolled out by December to be sent to the President in time for the fall 2024 semester. I encourage thoughtful and engaging discussion in this crucial time in which we determine our new common core for our future Owls. Should you need any further information on anything SCORE committee related, please seek out myself, Sarah, or any faculty member on SCORE committee. My email is clannan2075@westfield.ma.edu and my office hours this semester are to be determined. Thank you all and have a great night.

- i. Joseph Bonilla: was wondering, I was curious about, I don't know. It's, it seemed a little contradictory. And the idea of, like, um, removing, like, common Core requirements because they're not pertaining to, like, the future careers of students, then also removing the double debiting. I'm curious to see, like, of the respondents, how many students were responding to that?
- ii. Chris Piro: The future career portion was a, was a number that the former governor sent out because he thought it would be more important for common cores to be less than what they are now. And with the common core increasing from 30 to 43, it seems a little bit, you know, why is it being like this? And then what was the second party asked? Oh, the double dipping. Um. I personally support double dipping. I think it's an easy way to get as any premises you can, and cover more classes. Um. but the faculty don't seem to support that. So I do want to ask what you guys think about that.
- iii. Joseph Bonilla: So in this report, they're sending to the President by December. Are you going to, you know, since you're on that committee, um, in support of double tipping? Are you going to try make policy against what the reporting was? Or what's the movement?
- iv. Chris Piro: I am in support of double dipping and will make that known.
- v. Adam Carpenter: I just wanted to ask if you knew, perchance, what the rationale was behind the plan to remove double dipping, because I know for majors such as education, you have to be done all of your credits, basically by halfway through soft or through senior year. So this makes it kind of a challenge. If you have more credits and less time. Do you have an insight into that?

- vi. Chris Piro: I'm not sure if I would have to look back in the report is like, 20 something pages. So I and definitely look at that and give you an answer, um, But I will probably report on that next meeting, or whenever I do my next report, just because I'm assuming you guys want an answer as to why they're eliminating double dipping.
- vii. Dan Currier: Just as a first as a point of information, I know there are some nervous faces around here that new and general education does not apply to you. So you are under the current system. So don't worry at all. This is affecting next year's students, and years after that, you guys are from, from next, from there. I have three concerns really, about UM, for school, for score. The first is governance. Do we really think that UC C will get this done with the involved? UM is they're gonna have to go through every course, um, every, every area. And governance is notoriously slow. We spend two years focusing on the philosophy of general education, and not in the actual general education, so we really need to focus on that. The second is on resources. We're removing professors from teaching other areas that could potentially be another issue. We're already in a deficit that could put us further into a deficit. We may ask how they think they don't need to hire more faculty. They may have to with some of the new forces. And the third is, there's a area of the perspectives area, um, um. In the fourth area that's really focused on the activism, UM component. My concern is not necessarily the activism component. It's that the professors will dictate what students will learn in that area. Students should have to say about what they care about. We should not be doing any bidding for the faculty. It's really our decision. What we care about. That's my concern is that the faculty will dictate what we care about and not the students.
- viii. Chris Piro: it's probably not gonna be done by the fall or be even by December. Um, that was the goal they set in 2021. Ah, sam probably knows he was doing this back then. But, um, I'm gonna be honest, I don't think it's gonna be done by December 2023, when we have to send it over to President Thompson, um, they are gonna have to hire more professors, probably because there's going to be a lot more classes in the core. And especially if enrollment's going down, unless students, you're gonna shift your ratios. So that's kind of gonna be a little weird, um. And then, so the thing with the surveys is the students will be getting a survey, but I don't know how many current students care about what the new common course in place, since it doesn't apply to them. So that's why I'm concerned about a student survey.
- ix. Dan Currier: Also redress, um, if you could, if you can get the chairs of Scorn. We also have a new executive Director of General Education, doctor Beverly Army Williams. We can get them to come to SIA at some point. I would greatly appreciate it. I think we would all have great questions for them, um, because if they're trying to ram this through for next year, we probably want to have a conversation
- x. Chris Piro: Are you, sarah? Are you working? Do we think we could have that work with that? Have them come down a meeting? Like when Elizabeth come down to a meeting, like the chairs of Score,
- xi. Katie Egan: I know that a lot of students are double majors because they don't know fully what they want to. I'm a double major at a minor. Dan's a double major and a double minor. We, we couldn't do what we do. If we didn't double dip, it wouldn't be possible. So in order to get all of our academic interests met I think that it is very important that double dipping remains a thing.
- xii. Chris Piro: I think that's I was very upset when I saw that statistic. I was like, this isn't going to be something that goes over well.

- xiii. Sarah Harrington: I know you mentioned that. You don't think many students will care, um, about it, since it's not there for film. But I still strongly urge for you to push on the committee putting out a survey. UM, we none of us even knew if it would be covering us our curriculums, and we were all really shocked immediately. And I think it's very strong point on campus, like, it's a really nice thing to be able to have. And, um, I think it's, I'm kind of reiterating the need for a survey to be sent out, but I-I just wanted to point really urge you to push for a student survey and if that doesn't go through then putting up a petition of some sort, having students signed that. They're, we're actively against this. And I don't think you get done from the students directly to SCORE directors.
- xiv. Chris Piro: I think surveys are the best way for anything even when, whether it's dining res life or this so I'm very IN favor of a survey and i think that would even if no, one responds or a very limited number of people respond, um, I think that would be something we have to do in those out
- xv. Dan Currier: Motion to end debate. Motion carried
D. Campus Academic Master Plan (CAMP): No Report
E. Parking Control Board: No Report
F. Parking Appeals Board: No Report

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

Welcome, owls!

Thank you for coming down and meeting with us today. It is wonderful to see so many familiar and some new faces. I will briefly reintroduce myself for those of you in the room who do not already know me. My name is Joseph Bonilla, I am a Psychology major and Gerontology minor, and I will be serving as the Student Government Association Vice President of Student Equity for the Fall 2023 - Spring 2024 academic year.

Throughout the year I will be serving on two committees of particular importance to you all: the Academic Policies Committee and the Massachusetts Governor's Advisory Council for the Advancement of Representation in Education. Academic Policies Committee (APC), a governance committee, makes recommendations with respect to the following: the academic calendar, academic standards, standards for admission to the university, policies governing selective retention, educational services that the University should render to the local community, and library services. On this committee, I intend to address the achievement disparity across racial/ethnic groups on campus. To put it simple, the typical white student at Westfield earns full credit accumulation after 4 years 74% of the time whereas, comparatively, non-white students are at a 20-22-point deficit to the aforementioned statistic. If anyone is interested in joining this committee, please see me after this meeting as we have one more available seat for a student on this committee.

Over the summer, I was one of 8 students in Massachusetts appointed to the Governor's Advisory Council for the Advancement of Representation in Education, a body made up of "stakeholders with expertise in higher education; civil rights advocacy; diversity, equity, and inclusion work; and the experience of students of color". This advisory group was created after the United States Supreme Court deemed Affirmative Action unconstitutional in late June. For those of you who are unfamiliar with Affirmative Action, it is a program of positive action, undertaken with conviction and effort to overcome the present effects of past practices, or barriers to equal opportunity in higher education.

Just a couple of reminders: if you are interested in attending the Association of Latino Professionals for America Boston Student Summit

on Empowering Access this Saturday, September 30th, please reach out to Dr. Pierce, our Vice President for Justice, Equity,

Diversity, and Inclusion, as soon as possible. Additionally, the Voices of Resilience Exhibit will be running tomorrow starting at 4:30PM in Scanlon.

So far this week, I have met with the Unity Council which is composed of leaders across the Student Activities, Involvement, and Leadership team (S.A.I.L.), the Black Student Union (B.S.U.), the Latinx Association for Empowerment (LAFÉ), the Asian and Pacific Islander Union (A.P.I.S.U.), the Muslim Student Organization (M.S.O.), and the Queer Straight Alliance (Q.S.A.). We are in the talks of hosting more collaborative Unity events throughout the year potentially including the fall semester.

Later this week, I have meetings set up with Dr. Pierce, Sierra Alexander, the Senior Coordinator for Diversity and Inclusion, and La-toya Wilson, the Director of the Urban Education Program. Please let me know if there is anything that you would like me to bring up during these respective meetings after my report.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns either after my report, during my office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00AM-1:00PM, or via email at vpequity.sga@westfield.ma.edu.

As always, I will leave you with a quote. Maya Angelou once said, "I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw some things back." With that said, I cannot wait to see all the great things you all will accomplish.

- i. Sarah Harrington: Just as a point of information. I told Joseph he only needs one more person for academic policies but he actually needs 2. So sign up if you are interested.

A. Diversity and Inclusion Committee: No Report

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

Hello, my name is Kaolin Westcott and I am the new VP of Finance for the 2023/2024 Academic Year. I am a business Management Major with a Minor in Economics.

This position focuses on building relationships with club leadership and the allocation of fund to clubs on campus. Throughout the next year I will be presenting finance proposals voted on by the Finance committee for review and a final vote to allocate the funds. I will also be working with Steve Taksar the Vice President of Administration and Finance for the College and updating him on how things are going in SGA from a Finance perspective and vice versa from the universities perspective. I am also, the Student representative to the foundation board of directors. The foundation is the scholarship branch of the university.

Gong back to finance committee, I need one student on SGA to serve as a representative on the committee. This position include meeting to discuss finance proposals from clubs, and budget, among a few other responsibilities. and we will meet weekly unless there is no business to discuss.

Please approach me after the meeting if you are interested, or you can email me at vpfinance.sga@westfield.ma.edu.

My office Hours are Monday 9-11 in the commuter lounge and Tuesday 3-5 in the SGA room

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

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

Congratulations to the newly elected people. Um, firstly, I'm here for you if you need anything, whether it's SGA related or just to talk my position I'm chair of NAB committee which stands for the neighborhood advisory board and I'm meeting with them on Thursday to discuss How we can create a better relationship with the residents um who live in your campus. UM I'll update you what we discuss in my report next week. UM also my position. UM I announced. UM SAIL and cab events. So here are other events this week. UM Commuter Trivia is on Wednesday, from 09:00 a.m. To 1130 in the Wilson commuter area, and from 06:30 to 09:00 p.m. UM Doctor Wilma Ortiz, will be speaking. UM in the hours Nest to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. On Thursday, from 04:30 to 06:30 p.m., the Book of Life will be playing in Wilson Auditorium Room C UM And that covered most of the events for this weekend, for family weekend. But, um, check the cab and sale Instagram and presence for more updates. Thank you.

- I. Kaolin Westcott: Just a point of information? So the commuter trivia that's happening tomorrow is nine to eleven, um, and it's immediately following the opening of the commuter lounge.

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

IX. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT: *Adam Carpenter*

Good Evening SGA,

Congratulations to those of you who were elected this past weekend. I'm Adam Carpenter or as you may know me the person who has been pestering you with emails about elections constantly. I am a senior elementary education major and liberal arts double major with a concentration in history. I am quite involved on campus whether it be here, serving as an orientation leader, being an RA in Courtney Hall. shout out to the 4th floor or as I like to call it the sauna because they weren't lying in your science class when they told you that heat rises. and as I was just introduced I'm entering my second year as your SGA executive secretary. The basic gist of what I do as executive secretary is a whole lot of paperwork which is done a lot behind the scenes but I promise that I'm doing things you just don't immediately see it. My primary three roles are running elections, taking minutes for the SGA meetings, and making sure that y'all show up to meetings and committees. I want to let you know in reference to this that it is very important that you attend as many of our meetings as humanly possible and I intend on being much more strict than I was last year due to the large amount of issues that have come into prominence and your presence is essential to this process. If you do need to miss a meeting please reach out to me at execsec.sga@westfield.ma.edu so that I know what is going on because we are all human and things happen and you may need to miss a meeting. Also in terms of my duties, The elections for this fall have just ended with results coming out yesterday. We had 211 voters which is about 7% of the student body which is believe it or not an

increase on previous years. I would like to end by sharing what my goals are for the year. The first of these is that I would like to have at least two representatives in each constituency by the end of the semester in order to increase representation of the student voice on campus. The second is to increase communication inside of SGA both on the executive level and senator to senator by the end of the semester in order to keep miscommunications to a minimum. The final goal is to rethink the way that senate works with your help in order to make senate feel like they are doing more and that there is a reason behind the requirements for the positions. Please let me know what it is that I can do to make this final goal come to fruition. My office hours are still TBD at this point but I promise that I will have them out by the end of the week.

i. Nick Smith: I have a good question about attending so is there a penalty for missing meetings if it's unexcused and how many do I get?

ii. Adam Carpenter: There is a penalty for missing meetings if it's unexcused if it's excused you've reached out to me beforehand you've kind of cleared it with me. I prefer having it like, at least an hour or so in advance, just so I can just plan it out. Don't think that's too much of an ask. But obviously emergencies happen. And you have four absences for the year from unexcused absences. You have four absences that are unexcused. UM. And if you miss a committee meeting, that is a half absence. Also, if you are lead to the meeting and you are not checked in during attendance, UM, that is a half absence, because you're missing half the meeting. And if you miss the second half of the meetings, kind of the same deals going on. Um, I think that what's so important is just that you communicate with me because I'm not trying to get anyone in trouble over attendance, but communications essential, so we kind of just know what's going on,

iii. Dan Lyons: I had a question because there was something else a little bit unclear about last year. I'll be part. You could still, like, if you're part SGA whether you're represent about large or a hall rep etc um are, you. Still required to have um at least one office hour per week?

iv. Adam Carpenter: Yes. Okay. So you're required to keep one office hour per week. UM, for now, in the SCA room, we're looking into alternatives such as um getting, like commuter lounge, maybe for commuter representatives, as a place that you can hold your office hours, stuff like that, or DC just so you have more exposure to a general student, because we're kind of off in the basement here. And you only really go down here for Dunkin Donuts for the most part, so just trying to make us more accessible.

v. Chris Piro: Point of information. Um, if you're at a large in your on class council as whether it's like historian, treasurer or secretary, does not count as a committee.

vi. Adam Carpenter: That is not true. If you are on class council, that is one of your committees because class council is a committee. The same is true for the commuter council for our commuter students.

X. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT:

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

XI. COMMUTER COUNCIL AND CLASS COUNCIL REPORTS:

- A. Commuter Council: No Report
- B. Senior Class: No Report
- C. Junior Class: No Report
- D. Sophomore Class: No Report
- E. First Year Class: No Report
- F. Apartment Complex: No Report
- G. Courtney Hall: No Report

- H. Davis Hall: No Report
- I. Dickinson Hall: No Report
- J. Lammers Hall: No Report
- K. New Hall: No Report
- L. University Hall: No Report

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Nick Smith: The reason we're a new business for those we that are new is today is the first official SCA meeting, or the fourth SCA meeting of the academic year. This is when we have to elect our parliamentarian. So I'm going to run you guys through quickly what a parliamentarian does. And then you guys in the legislature, if you feel comfortable nominating someone, you will put your hand out. You'll nominate a person when they're nominated, um, we'll do a vote on it, kind of like we did to open new business, and we will elect our parliamentarian. So the parliamentary, until service, the SGA authority of Roberts rules, proves that are new as the way we're speaking so motioning second name um point of information and privilege these all happen. And make certain of all meetings are run in accordance with the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order, or in the fourteenth edition. So that's the one that we will stick by. The parliamentarian will serve as chair, whenever there is motion on the floor as directed, they'll serve as chair of the SGA meetings whenever directed by the president. they'll serve as chair of rules and regs committee And she monitor all SGA club's organization and class council constitutions and ensure that all constitutions need current SGA standards the parliamentarians also will be an exec member so they'll be sitting up here with us and they have to serve 4 hour per week in the SGA offices. the parliamentarian does get one of our cubes so you will have a cube to do your own work. would that be settled or any questions about parliamentarians before you move on to the voting.

Desiree Brown: you said the parliamentarian watches over all of the meetings. They have to go all to all those meetings.

Nick Smith: So the parliamentarian is considered during the meetings an exact member, meaning they sit with us up here. Um. So the parliamentarian does have to attend all of the meetings.

Adam Carpenter: Point of information. It is exclusively referring to the SGA meetings, not every committee meeting.

Nominations for Parliamentarian: Ethan Haynes, William Connor, Isabella Moniz, and Desiree Brown were nominated and all accepted the nomination

Nick Smith: Since it is a contested race we will be voting on secret ballots. We are going to pass out index cards. Once you vote give it to our advisors. Please give a quick blurb of why you feel that you would be good for the role.

Ethan Haynes: I hope to make a good parliamentarian. During my time in previous experiences, such as leadership, I was parliamentarian as part of my student debate team. Along with that, I was on rules and reggs last year. So I do know how the gist of a parliamentarian works and their duties, and you hope I can earn your vote

William Connor: I was parliamentarian last year and was the chair of rules and regulations committee then. I'm about two things, results and being humble. I'm hoping to continue from where I left off last year.

Isabella Moniz: I think I would be a very good parliamentarian because I would bring some fun but also organization to the position.

Desiree Brown: I think I would be a good parliamentarian because I could bring some structure to the position as well as some organization and fun.

Laura Cafaro: The winner of the secret ballot for our 23-24 SGA Parliamentarian is Ethan Haynes.

Nick Smith: Ethan do you accept?

Ethan Haynes: Yes

Nick Smith Congratulations.

Motion to end new business. Motion Carries

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

John Zocco: Just to clarify about the washing machines. We already have traded them out for new ones and we are working with the company to make sure that they are all operational and want to ensure you that we are just as frustrated as you are. I would also like to share that there is an app which you can use to see which machines are in use and operational.

Nick Smith: Just a reminder that athletics is having its pep rally on the green at 6:30pm this Thursday. Please go and support the athletes because we are trying to support athletics more this year as an SGA.

Chris Piro: The EGST Department is hosting a values group working group from 4:30 to 6 in Scanlon Hall.

Laura Cafaro: Just a quick reminder for new senators to meet with Adam and Nick quickly after the meeting for some training based details and information on a larger training later.

Dan Carrier: The accounting and finance club is hosting an event on Thursday regarding cyber security, internal controls and risk management. Someone will be coming into talk about this that I used to work with.

Katie Egan: Please support the calendar fundraiser for the class of 2024. Buy it on university tickets and you will have a chance to win some big prizes. Also there are 234 days until commencement.

Austin Morgan: CAB is meeting tomorrow and we are really trying to increase student input on events so please stop by because any feedback would be appreciated.

XV. ROLL CALL: Iris Cerda and James McDonald were absent.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 until Tuesday October 3rd.

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