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Board Reports

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

- On Saturday, August 23rd, Itati held her first event as Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: the Affinity Luncheon, which took place in Quieter Dining. The DEI Office entrusted her with full responsibility to organize the event, and she took the lead in coordinating every aspect of it. The luncheon brought together nine leaders of affinity clubs, including the African Student Association, Asian Alliance, Black Student Union, Hispanic/Latino Club, Student Sikh Association, Black Student Athlete Association, and the Marist International Student Association. The event was designed for more than ten first-year students and served as a storytelling forum where each leader shared their experiences on campus and reflected on the importance of their respective clubs. The program concluded with leaders offering advice to the first-year students. Administrators and faculty were also in attendance, making the event well-rounded and impactful. The environment was safe, supportive, and comfortable for everyone present.
- During the summer, she met with several individuals who helped me gain more of an understanding of my role. These included Andrea Matthews, program director of DEI; Miriam Eisenmenger, Chaplain of the Department of Spiritual Life & Service. Miriam suggested the creation of a shared affinity club event calendar, similar to an academic calendar, that would allow students to view and attend upcoming events across campus. She plans to bring this proposal to

the Diversity Council, as she believes it would help foster greater collaboration and visibility among student organizations.

- Itati also conducted interviews with nine board members, completing my board for the year, though additional students continue to express interest in joining. She has identified deputies, pending cabinet approval, who were key in helping her plan and execute the luncheon. Their commitment and teamwork demonstrated their leadership potential, and she is confident in their ability to contribute to the work ahead. A regular board meeting schedule is currently being arranged.
- Looking forward, Itati will continue building connections across campus. She will meet with Dr. Antonio, Vice President for DEI, to discuss action plans for achieving our mutual goals for the academic year. She also intends to remain active in Diversity Council meetings to represent student voices in important conversations.
- Additionally, She has been working with the DEI Office and the Hispanic/Latino Club to organize programming for Hispanic Heritage Month. Together, they have coordinated food options, developed events, and set a collaborative celebration date to honor our Hispanic/Latino students. She is also continuing work on food pantry initiatives. In recent weeks, she has been in contact with Vi Geraci and will meet with Angelica Hibbert to further develop strategies to establish the food pantry.

Club Affairs

- In addition to attending meetings that were a part of the SGA summer session, Alex also spent some time organizing and setting up the Club Affairs Board for its inaugural meeting for the semester. This included getting into contact with all returning members of the board, as well as the two new members, and beginning to figure out a time for our board meetings this semester. Additionally, Bob and Kelli in student activities have forwarded multiple emails from this summer from students interested in starting new clubs, including a Pilates club, girl gains (lifting) club, and letters of love (non-profit)

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club. All of these are in the earliest stages of the club chartering process, but Alex will continue to work with them in the coming weeks.

- In the first week of classes, most efforts will be focused on finishing setting up the board by setting up a meeting time for the board, office hours for Alex, and also interviewing other students who have expressed interest in joining the board. Currently, the board consists of 6 members, and he would like to increase that to the 9-10 people that made up the board last year. Another thing Alex plans on doing is reaching out to the leaders of the 5 clubs that were approved by the Club Affairs Board last semester but did not have an opportunity to present to the SGA assembly yet. Alex wants to make sure that each of these groups are still ready and able to present, hopefully by the second or third week of classes. Also, there are multiple big events that the board will be taking part in, including the activity fair and the club leadership conference. Information on both should be sent out in the next few days. Lastly, Alex wants to meet with Bob and Kelly to discuss setting up a Brightspace page for the Club Affairs Board, as well as the results of the club audit that was conducted over the summer.

Safety & Security

- Currently in the process of interviewing more board members and admitting them to my board. Also, establishing board meeting times this week. The first thing on the agenda is to hold a town hall in regard to the parking and shuttle changes happening on campus. Will be working on event planning details with the Event Planning Chair, the Student Body President, along Security leadership. Also working on appointing a deputy.

Academic Affairs

- On Tuesday, August 19th, John Genoni had a very productive lunch meeting with Provost Kodat. They talked about the course offerings for the fall of 2025. They both felt like there was a disparity among

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the upperclassman classes and first-year class offerings. They both agreed to research it this semester. On that same day, John Genoni received an email from Kate Donham about an external review that occurred on the registrar. John Genoni was invited to a meeting on Thursday, September 25th, with the external reviewer, and John responded that he was attending the meeting. John Genoni also emailed James Snyder to meet about hosting an academic conference together. They are meeting on Friday, August 29th, at 10 am. Over the summer, John Genoni conducted interviews with prospective and returning board members. He has three interviews scheduled this week, two on Monday and 1 on Friday. He hopes to have the board all set at the start of next week.

Athletic Affairs

- This week Sarah participated in a successful summer session! Moving forward, Sarah will be completing her board but conducting interviews and planning future board meetings. She also has meetings scheduled with Harrison and Stephen from Marist Athletics.

Student Well-Being

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Sustainability

- Megan's goal for this week is to set up and send out a form for people to apply to be part of my board officially. She has already received interest personally so she's excited to see how the board shapes up. This past summer she worked at the Missouri Botanical Garden where she got to see how they implement sustainable practices and advocate at a larger scale. She is excited to put what I've learned to use! This year she would like to apply sustainable practices and education to various aspects of student life to hopefully bring positive impacts not only to our environment but also our student population. While Megan has specific ideas in mind, she will be

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honing in on specific goals when she has her new board. She has also had interest from housing representatives on implementing sustainable practices in dorms.

Communications

- Noelle is excited to really start bringing everything together this semester with the ideas she's had, and working with everyone to make that happen.
- Noelle helped with Itati's flyer, doing stickers and certificates for the Cabinet, and she is in the process of editing headshots and preparing posts/flyers for everyone and their boards. She is going to reach out to everyone this week to get a summary of each board so they can be ready for the Clubs/Activities Fair on Friday. She is working on making updated SGA tablecloths as well, and slides to put on our TV outside the office to promote SGA/talk about what we're doing. She can also work on making stickers/labels for the mail slots in the office.
- Her first board meeting will be Wednesday at 5pm. Not sure if this will be the recurring time or not. As of right now (if the board meeting stays on Wednesday at 5), Her office hours for the semester will be:
 - Tuesday 2-5
 - Wednesday 5-6
 - Thursday 2-4

Financial

- Griffin's board is still being constructed. The form is being built and he has met with both Michele Williams (Director of Student Engagement for the School of Management) and Professor Finnigan to confirm that they would be willing to spread the form to every business club to solicit interest. Once the form is sent out (target is Monday) interviews will begin ASAP. His preliminary target size of the board is likely four people and a deputy but that is subject to change.

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Information

- Jared interviewed two candidates for the deputy position, and submitted a new email ticket for the American Marketing Association. He has met with Michael Caputo (Marist IT Director) and discussed the two new apps being released this year, new tech store coming to 51 Fulton, better ways of getting IT issues fixed (Using TDX). Mike was interested in coming to assembly more often to talk about technology related issues on campus.

Election Commission

- The Election Bylaws were rewritten and will be presented at the upcoming assembly meeting, and the system used for voting in the elections was redone to take into account all of the students' information. The goals for this upcoming semester include increasing student engagement and making the rules of the election more clearly known to the candidates, as well as the student body, in hopes of having a smoother election.

Class of 2026

- The President of Class 2026 met with Jared Kerin, the Event Coordinator for the Class 2026 Board, to create a social media posting schedule for the semester and improve engagement on the Class 2026 Instagram page. During the meeting, a list of events and a calendar were created, to utilize and optimize time once the board is complete after the Fall 2025 elections, the President of Class 2026 will meet with Robert Lynch, Director of Student Activities and SGA Advisor, to consolidate the logistics of each event.

Class of 2027

- Goals this year are to host more events with departments and services on campus to increase exposure. More welcoming social media. Collab with other classes.

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Class of 2028

- The Class Board of 2028 is looking forward to the new year with new systems in place for event planning, social media scheduling, and task management. The board has a tentative event schedule already out for the first semester and will be continually reviewing and updating it accordingly. The board has yet to meet and will attempt to in the first week of classes, in the event this does not happen the board already has a time set and WILL meet the second week of the academic school year.

Class of 2029

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Chief Justice

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Parliamentarian

- Neil met with Alyssa, Matt, and Karina this week to proofread and finalize the comprehensive edits to the SGA Bylaws regarding elections. Neil intends to present these in the form of an amendment bill at the next assembly meeting, and wishes to garner interest in building the Rules and Administration Committee in order to find and make necessary changes like these in the future.

Chief Archivist

- There are a few goals that Cole wants to accomplish this year which are starting to work on the end of year report and start deep diving into the archives to see the different things he can learn about Marist tradition. There were a lot of different things that he learned during the summer sessions which included all of the changes to the parking, campus safety, and housing.

Event Planning Chair

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- Veronica is currently recruiting members for her board, and will mostly recruit during the activity fair, but she is also currently asking around for people who may be interested. She is also working on planning Bri's Safety and Security Town Hall for sometime in September. She will be reaching out to James Snyder this week to plan a student networking event (monthly networking event for underclassmen to connect with upperclassmen to find opportunities. Conferences, abroad, scholarships, etc., make it easier/more approachable for students to double major in opposite disciplines)

North-End Representatives

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South-End Representatives

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East-End Representatives

- This week, Alexa put together a list of event ideas and initiatives focused on sustainability and community building, especially for the North End. She also came up with different ways to gather student concerns, like tabling with postcards for certain departments, and started looking into collaborations with other boards to bring more variety and engagement to the side of campus. Alexa also organized all of the event ideas into a calendar to coordinate possible events to different months.
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Distance Representative

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International Representative

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Commuter Representatives

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Transfer Representative

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