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Board Reports

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

- The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Board held its first official meeting on Friday, September 5th, with over 10 members in attendance. During this meeting, we discussed upcoming initiatives, including tabling to uplift student voices and beginning the creation of safe spaces on campus.
- Over the past week, Itati attended several important meetings. She participated in an introductory meeting about the 2025 Cultural Dinner Dance, where she suggested a potential change of venue, and she will have a follow-up meeting with Rebecca from Student Activities next week. Additionally, she met with Miriam Eisenmenger to discuss student accessibility to local parishes. Miriam shared that Spiritual Life and Services is always a resource available to students and that she is willing to help coordinate transportation to local temples. She also expressed interest in increasing communication about campus resources, such as the bi-monthly Shabbat dinners. Together, Miriam and Itati agreed to propose at the first Affinity Council meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, September 9th at 9:15 a.m., that religious affinity clubs appoint a Cultural and Tradition Representative. This role would serve students who value both the cultural and traditional aspects of their respective religions. The DEI Board is also working on creating a comprehensive interfaith calendar highlighting important religious dates. A broader conversation that Itati will continue with Miriam involves developing dedicated prayer spaces on campus.

- Her deputies, Marcus Francis and Ananya Andrade, have been instrumental in interviewing the remaining board members who expressed interest after the Activity Fair. These interviews will be finalized within the next week to complete the board. On Monday, September 8th, Itati will meet with Dr. Edward Antonio to discuss the semester ahead and begin projects as soon as possible. She has also successfully established ongoing meetings for the remainder of the semester to ensure smooth progress.
- In collaboration with the Wellness Board, the DEI Board recently introduced fidget toys and stress relief cards across campus to provide support and inclusivity for all students. This initiative represents a small but meaningful step toward creating a campus where every student feels seen and valued. Itati strongly encourages all leaders to make use of these resources and to encourage their board members to do the same.
- Finally, the DEI Board is excited to announce an upcoming Hispanic Heritage Month event that our board is putting on in collaboration with the Hispanic/Latino Club (HLC), Gourmet Dining, and the DEI Office. Itati has been actively facilitating dialogue among all partners to bring this vision to life. On Thursday, September 18th, from 4–5 p.m. in the Cabaret, students will be making papel picado. From 5–8:30 p.m., a community dinner will follow, featuring a meal specially curated by students and prepared by Gourmet Dining. This event is designed to uplift our Hispanic/Latino students while inviting the entire student body to come together, celebrate culture, and strengthen community.

Club Affairs

- This week Alex's board met for the first time to introduce each other and discuss some of the future projects for the board this year. Also, he had meetings with multiple clubs that are in the process of the chartering process, or are planning big events and wanted his help. Lastly, Alex met with multiple people who were interested in joining the board. From the club fair, nearly 30 people expressed interest in

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joining the board, so he is working through interviewing all of the applicants this week. In this upcoming week, He plans on having the first club go in front of the assembly for this semester. In addition, he has another club coming in for their presentation in front of the club affairs board this week as well.

Safety & Security

- This past week Brianna held meetings with Campus Safety Leadership to discuss student concerns and commence the Town Hall planning. The following was discussed at this meeting: Shuttle Bus Route, Parking Ticket Implementation, Ticket Appealing, Exemption Passes, and Marist Safe App usage. Also this past week, Brianna and the rest of the Safety & Security Committee held their first meeting. Discussing details for the upcoming Town Hall, new roles being introduced to the board, and event brainstorming. The Safety Town Hall will be on Wednesday, September 10th at 9pm, where we will discuss Transportation, Parking, and Marist Safe App changes. This will be an opportunity for students to be informed and voice their concerns on these changes. There will be a Question and Answer session at the end. There will also be further opportunities for students to ask questions after the town hall.

Academic Affairs

- John Genoni met with Dabby Hines on Tuesday, September 2nd. They discussed ways to improve advising and to bring back the registration event. Dabby also expressed a lot of excitement about a resource fair that John Genoni wants to run. John Genoni finalized his board and will have his first board meeting on Thursday, 9/11 at 9:00 pm. John Genoni has a meeting with Carole Rinke on Tuesday, 9/9.

Athletic Affairs

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- This week, the Athletic Affairs Board held their first meeting! They discussed potential events and student concerns as well as plans for the semester!

Student Well-Being

- This week Amanda met with Kimberly Marsden from Counseling Services. They discussed the wide range of services they offer to students and explored potential collaborations between Counseling Services and the Student Well-Being Board. Amanda has also scheduled interviews with Eliza Benfer from Title IX and Eileen McDowell from Health Services to continue building relationships with key campus partners. Currently, she is in the process of conducting board and deputy interviews, which she plans to complete by September 12, 2025. Additionally, she is formulating ideas for upcoming events and initiatives. Event planning will begin once the board is fully established to ensure full participation and input from all members.

Sustainability

- Megan Connor worked with Alexa McPadden (East End Representative) this past week to work on recycling issues found throughout campus. A survey was sent to all RDs in the North end and East end to send out to their residents. The board is still waiting to hear back. Interviews were conducted and will end at the beginning of this week where the board will be finalized. A deputy will be appointed at the following weekly meeting. Megan has hopes to plan a SUN Day celebration on the last Sunday of the month for students as a celebration of clean energy and the positivity surrounding this.

Communications

- This week, Noelle was excited to share the Summer Session Rewind post and appointment photos, both of which brought strong traffic to the SGA Instagram page. She has also been working on promoting the

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upcoming election info sessions and will continue to highlight them on Instagram stories throughout the week. Noelle plans to attend the info sessions in order to showcase student interest in SGA, as well as create strong recaps to inform students about next steps. In addition, the flyer for the Parking & Transportation Town Hall has been created and will be distributed around campus. It will also be promoted on Instagram this week, and the Communications & Engagement team is hoping to create a TikTok to boost visibility. The board recently posted a TikTok about Marist's new lawnmowers, which is generating strong engagement and contributing to a rise in followers - everyone is encouraged to follow and repost! Noelle is excited to keep expanding communication methods, particularly on TikTok, and welcomes any content ideas from the team. During this week's board meeting, Noelle will be giving her team access to the Canva team account so members can begin working with the brand kit and take on independent design projects as needed. Finally, Noelle is still seeking a photographer to support coverage of upcoming SGA events and has interviews scheduled this week.

Financial

- Griffin's first interviews for his board went well. He is still looking for a strong deputy candidate and to draw up more interest. He is going to follow up with individuals he previously reached out to after they indicated interest at the activity fair.

Information

- New business for the Information board includes submitting tickets for access updates for Model UN Club, Habitat for Humanities, Social Work Association, the CIO Board, Student Sikh Association, Pre-PT, CRAMP, Crime and Justice Studies Club, and Hispanic/Latino Club. This past week, Jared has requested access for SGA desktops for all necessary members. He also spoke to Kelli Nienstadt, and she said she would submit a ticket for the access update. He will be checking periodically to see when it is updated and will let the assembly know.

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Additionally, He held his first board meeting on 9/2, and they went over procedures and set up the shared technology that will be used. He also went over each role of the board, and had a meeting with Noelle Stamm and Karina Syrota to go over a first wave of website updates. They mainly discussed updating the main page pictures and the side for each cabinet member with photos and office hours. Since elections are coming up, he reached out to Webservices and digital services to start aligning on dates and procedures for the coming week. Furthermore, he began speaking with Brightspace services to start working on club brightspace requests.

Election Commission

- The Elections Commission met on Friday to discuss information sessions and plan what foods to purchase for the various election events. The commission brainstormed ideas for promoting the election and increasing student engagement. Additional interviews were also conducted throughout the week.

Class of 2026

- The board of class 2026 is currently waiting on the Fall '25 Election to complete their board and start working on the events dedicated to the Senior class. The President of Class 2028, Noah Yourasko, and the President of Class 2026, Vi Geraci, have planned to meet on a biweekly basis with all class Presidents, aiming to improve communication and create opportunities for larger events that involve all classes. The board of Class 2026 will soon begin meeting with the "Senior Legacy Committee." At this time, there is nothing else to report.

Class of 2027

- The Class of 2027 board met last week and decided on three events they plan to hold this semester. The board will also create a "Meet the board" post for this year. The board will discuss the schedule for events and plans to make the "Marist.2027" Instagram account more

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welcoming and the primary source for students to communicate and address concerns at our upcoming meeting on Tuesday this week. There is nothing else to report as of now.

Class of 2028

- This week the Class of 2028 finalized plans for an upcoming tabling event this coming Wednesday, ordered tablecloths and printing materials accordingly. As well as a MOVIE NIGHT (+ S'mores) on the campus green, so stay tuned for more information in the coming days. They also reached out to a few different on campus departments regarding the possibility of creating GrubHub Drop Stations by different residence areas (so drivers can easily know where to drop off food). N. Yurasko is also trying to get in contact with the systems administrator for Marist Data Center, regarding the possibility of a Marist Minecraft Server.

Class of 2029

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Chief Justice

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Parliamentarian

- Neil Palmieri drafted two new amendments to the Bylaws this week, and began reaching out to people interested in serving on the Rules and Administration Committee.

Chief Archivist

- Cole met with John Ashely from the Marist Archives, and they discussed several important points. One key topic was creating a system to archive all available SGA history. They also agreed on setting up two regular drop-off dates, in November and April, for adding materials to the archives.

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Event Planning Chair

- Veronica helped Noah Yurasko book rooms for his Sophomore class events this month. Additionally, she conducted several interviews for her board, and will continue to do interviews through this week & will decide on her board early next week.

North-End Representatives

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South-End Representatives

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East-End Representatives

- After receiving a complaint from a student in Lower West who reported not having a recycling bin and not knowing of any friends' houses that did, Alexa McPadden contacted residents and RAs in Upper West, Lower West, Lower New, and Lower Fulton. The RAs confirmed during their walkthroughs that many houses in these areas also did not have a recycling bin. Alexa McPadden and Megan Connor have been working to identify which parts of the East End and North End also lack recycling bins. Alexa McPadden and Megan Connor created a form for students to complete, which was sent to all of the RDs and then will hopefully be distributed by the RAs through their group chats. This form will help identify which residence areas still need bins and whether students know what items can be placed in them. Based on the feedback, Alexa McPadden and Megan Connor are also considering providing additional education, such as a handout with pictures, to help students understand how to recycle properly and consistently across campus.

Distance Representative

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International Representative

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Commuter Representatives

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