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Board Reports 10/05/25

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Itati Serrano

- This week, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Board met on Friday to discuss its initiatives, one of which will begin this Wednesday, a series called 5:5, where students will share their stories with professors to foster understanding and unity. The professors and students will not be from the same departments in order to reach a broader range of the student body. Similarly, during the week of the 16th, the DEI Board will launch a series called Belonging Spaces; the first session will be dedicated to first-generation students. Also on Friday, the newly named Community Leaders Collective met to discuss the upcoming Dinner Dance, which will take place on November 15th at the Poughkeepsie Tennis Courts. Itati Serrano, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, would like to note that the date should now be saved on everyone's calendar. Thankfully, there is now a designated point of contact within the Student Activities Office, Kelli Nienstadt. Itati, along with her two deputies, will meet with Kelli on Monday afternoon to discuss outstanding tasks that need to be completed for the dance. In light of the recent name change from the Office of DEI to the Office of Community and Belonging, Itati has been working closely with SGA President Karina Syrota and Executive Vice President Matt Fox on potentially drafting a statement to reaffirm SGA's continued commitment to the ideals of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Itati would like to affirm all of her colleagues in this year's administration, as she has already done with

her board, that she remains deeply committed to the ideals of DEI and will continue to work with her team, who are passionate about this work and recognize its value. Additionally, Itati met with Andrea Connor this week to discuss the issue of prayer spaces. From that conversation, it was determined that existing spaces on campus should be adapted to make them more suitable for prayer. Itati also met with Dr. Antonio to discuss bringing the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) to SGA. Dr. Antonio will join the SGA Assembly on October 29th to present the team's results from the IDI psychometric tool and discuss how SGA can continue strengthening its collaboration and inclusivity as a team. Students will be contacted with further instructions on when to complete the survey and within what dates.

Club Affairs

Alex Murphy

- This past week, the club affairs board hosted the Club Leadership Conference alongside the Student Activities Office. At the Conference, the VP for Club Affairs, CIO, CFO, the Student Body President and Executive VP, along with others, presented on how to successfully run a club and how to interface with Club Affairs and Student Activities as a club officer. Additionally, the Interim VP for Club Affairs is planning on bringing two bills before the next assembly meeting: a club charter for the Public Speaking Club and a deputy appointment for Chloe Montgomery as the Deputy for the Club Affairs Board.

Safety & Security

Brianna Perez-Quiroz

- This week, Vice President of Safety, Brianna Perez-Quiroz, and her deputy, Stephania Granados, met with Security on Friday to implement potential improvements and bring up students' concerns that have been brought up to the council and to Brianna. Brianna is working with Stephania to best address the concerns that were

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brought up and mitigate the information to the Student Body. One of the recurring issues that was brought up was ticketing errors, which were to be corrected accurately. These problems were resolved within hours and provided clarity to the students. She is also planning to implement more Town Halls to address the concerns of a variety of groups on campus on how to make them safer and confident in Security's ability to address matters. For November, the Security Council is planning to host an event called "Coffee with a Cop". More details to come on those matters. This week, Brianna will hold another Security Council meeting and Security Leadership meeting. Please continue to bring any concerns about security to her.

Academic Affairs

John Genoni

- On Tuesday, September 30th, John Genoni met with James Snyder, Sasha Biro, and Edward Antonio to discuss the Academic Conferences. The new name is Food for Thought with Faculty. We are changing the date of the first conference to October 24th. We have 320 responses from the Academic Survey, and John plans to discuss the results with Carol Rinke on Tuesday October 7th.

Athletic Affairs

Sarah Mazzella

- This week the Athletic Affairs board worked on figuring out a route for the Breast Cancer Awareness 5k. Sarah has a meeting with security this week to finalize details!

Student Well-Being

Amanda Gracia

- Amanda Gracia has had a busy and productive week leading the Student Well-Being Board. The annual Breast Cancer Awareness 5K is scheduled for Saturday, October 11th at 10:00 AM, and will feature participation from the American Cancer Society, Health Services, and Counseling Services. This week, Amanda prioritized connecting her

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board members with their respective offices. Each member was successfully introduced to Health Services, Counseling Services, and Title IX, strengthening relationships that will support both the 5K and future initiatives throughout the semester. In addition, the Well-Being board, along with the Safety and Security board, is hosting the “You Belong in the Fox Den” event on Wednesday, October 8th at 7:00 PM, which aims to engage students and create a sense of community on campus. Amanda and her board have also been focusing on solving two key campus issues this week: improving signage for wellness-related offices to help students navigate campus and increasing the availability of hand sanitizer in key locations. To address these challenges, the board will meet on Thursday, October 9th to plan a signage proposal and organize a wellness giveaway scheduled for late October. Looking ahead, the Student Well-Being Board will be partnering with FEMME and Title IX to host a "Going Out Safety Giveaway" on October 22nd and October 29th, providing students with safety tips, resources, and practical tools to stay safe while on campus and in the community.

Sustainability

Megan Connor

- Megan Connor met with her board to go over future event plans and meeting plans with faculty. The board has plans to run a repair cafe at the Sustainable Action Plan Event. If you have fashion students you know who would like to participate let her know.

Communications

Noelle Stamm

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Financial

Griffin Carey

- The financial board met for the first time this week, it was a productive meeting where the various functions of the board and

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project plans for the year were outlined. The financial board also successfully helped lead the Leadership Conference on 10/1. Griffin also met with Neil Palmieri and Bob Lynch separately to begin the process to review the Finance Board bylaws.

Information

Jared Kerin

- This week's initiatives included adding all approved candidates to the ballot for the upcoming election and continuing quality assurance testing for the new ballot software to ensure functionality and accuracy. Jared also made several updates to the SGA website. Additional notes from the week included a meeting with the CIO Board to discuss the current phase of the elections and next steps needed to ensure a smooth rollout of the new voting system. The team also reviewed ongoing email updates and discussed expanding the board by adding a member focused on cybersecurity initiatives. The presentation covering CIO-associated information was delivered successfully. Jared additionally met with Alyssa Bova (Elections Director) to confirm that all candidate names were correctly listed on the ballot. Jared also reached out to IT to ensure we are all set for the upcoming voting period.

Election Commission

Alyssa Bova

- This past week was part of the campaigning period, in addition to having Meet the Candidates and Speech Night, both of which went incredibly well! As issues arose throughout the week, the Elections Commission had a quorum and met to discuss what type of infractions to issue. The voting period begins tomorrow, Monday, October 6th, at 8:00 am through Wednesday, October 8th, at 5:00 pm!

Class of 2026

Vi Geraci

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- Vi Geraci, the President of Class 2026, has completed setting up the Microsoft SharePoint for the board, this tool will be utilized as the main point for resources and communication for the students part of the board. Vi Geraci is also working on a binder containing all the information relevant to the creation of a video for the senior class, this binder serves the purpose of not only starting a new tradition at Marist University but also facilitating the realization of this process for all the future Class Presidents, this binder will be provided to the current other three Class Presidents (2027, 2028, 2029) as soon as the video is completed. The board of class 2026, once completed after the Fall '25 election cycle, will have designated meetings with faculty and staff to encourage the creation of new traditions across campus, with the goal of improving the overall school spirit. The President of Class 2026 and the Events Coordinator for Class of 2026, Jared Kerin, have attended the first meeting of the "Senior Legacy Committee" and will continue to meet on a regular biweekly schedule. During the first introductory meeting of the committee, various ideas on how to ensure a high attendance and participation at events were discussed among the members present, with a focus on collaboration with S.T.A.T. (Students Today Alumni Tomorrow).

Class of 2027

Haley Won

- The class of 2027 board will be holding their "Midterm Midnight Munchies" event on Tuesday, November 14th, from 9:30-11 pm in the Gartland grassy area. The board is also starting to work on planning and buying materials for the second event, "Totes excited for Fall." This will be on Wednesday, November 5th, during activity hour, and it will be a tote bag painting event. That is all the board has to report at this time.

Class of 2028

Noah Yurasko

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- The class of 2028 hosted its first event of the year! And despite a less than preferable turnout for the event, the event was still for the most part a success. However there are a great many things the board will begin to do for future events, firstly cross referencing our planned event dates with the dates of any large sporting events (both for the university and in major leagues), and we are considering starting a monthly 'newsletter' of sorts for the class of 2028 to not only send out reminders for our events, but also keep students informed on events and initiatives. In terms of events, the board is planning a small pop up to 'guess the candy corn' on October the 14th. Additionally, we have received tacit approval from admin regarding board's primary projects, and are now looking into the specifics of implementation on Grubhub Drop Stations (which will become a larger conversation both with stakeholders in different areas on campus along with campus security), and the Marist Minecraft Server, for which Yurasko.N has a meeting this week to discuss using the enterprise computing system beneath Hancock.

Class of 2029

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Chief Justice

Lillian Spoon

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Parliamentarian

Neil Palmieri

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Chief Archivist

Robert Harvey

- The archival counsel met for the first time last week and discussed some ideas. Robert Harvey has also begun asking around for a summary of events that happened in September. Robert Harvey has

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also begun contacting people to get their board minutes or anything to be archived.

Event Planning Chair

Veronica Vogelman

- Veronica Vogelman met with her board to discuss upcoming events that they will be planning. Additionally, Veronica finalized planning for several events, including St. Baldrick's tabling, Puppies for Midterms, You Belong in the Fox Den, and the Speaker Event with Sean Dague.

North-End Representatives

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South-End Representatives

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East-End Representatives

Alexa McPadden

- Alexa McPadden met with the Accommodations Office this week to address several concerns raised by students over the past few weeks. She worked with Maryellen to find solutions for some of the issues, including ordering new digital clocks for each testing room after multiple students reported that the existing clocks were not working properly, which had been causing additional stress during exams.
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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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