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Board Reports

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Itati Serrano

- This week, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Board has made strong progress on several ongoing initiatives. Flyer #1 for the Cultural Dinner Dance was released last Thursday, marking the start of our promotional campaign. Our two digital designers from the DEI Board, in collaboration with Noelle Stamm, have been working diligently to refine both designs and communication strategies. Together, they've discussed ways to continue improving and incorporating feedback to strengthen our visual outreach and message. On Friday, the Community Leaders Collective (CLC) held its weekly meeting, where we were joined by Karina Syrota and Matt Fox to discuss the upcoming annual Cultural Dinner Dance. After an engaging conversation among the leaders, it was decided that the event will continue to be called the Cultural Dinner Dance. However, the group emphasized the importance of redefining how culture is presented to the Marist student body. The discussion focused on highlighting that culture is not limited to ethnicity. This approach reinforces that the event is meant for everyone, where all students, regardless of background, are welcome to celebrate culture through food, dance, and connection. The CLC also introduced a new marketing team that will work together to shape messaging around inclusivity. Other leaders are taking charge of essential areas like catering, decorations, programming, and activities to ensure the success of this year's event. On Wednesday, members of the DEI

Board participated in Joy Fest, where four of our board members tabled from 12–2 p.m. to engage directly with students. They gathered student feedback, addressed concerns, and shared information about two upcoming initiatives: the Cultural Dinner Dance and our new Belonging Spaces series. The first Belonging Space will take place on October 16 and is dedicated to first-generation students. We are proud to partner with local nonprofit Casa Comunitaria de Recursos and Counseling Services for this session. Students will participate in a Jenga activity with reflection questions designed to spark conversation and storytelling, fostering connection and belonging. For safety reasons, the flyers for this series will not include the location, but careful measures have been taken to ensure accessibility while prioritizing privacy and student comfort. The DEI Board is also celebrating the success of two of our members who helped launch the 5:5 Series this week during activity hour. This event brought together five professors, including Dr. Kevin Gaugler and Dr. Laura Quijano, and five students from across campus to share personal stories about their experiences, challenges, and achievements. The goal of this series is to bridge the gap between students and professors by fostering understanding, empathy, and kindness. Both faculty and students contributed meaningfully to the dialogue, and we look forward to continuing this series with new participants in the future. Looking ahead, the DEI Board will be tabling on Tuesday, October 14, from 12–3 p.m. to gather student perspectives and reactions regarding the name change from Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to Community and Belonging. In addition, following our communications schedule, Flyer #2 for the Cultural Dinner Dance will be released this Thursday.

Club Affairs

Alex Murphy

- In the past week, the Club Affairs Board sent out an email to each of the club councils, recapping important information from the Leadership Conference. Additionally, the VP for Club Affairs has been

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in communication with multiple students interested in starting clubs on campus, including Beyond the Needle (an extension of SNR) and an Amnesty International Chapter. Lastly, the Deputy for the Club Affairs Board was appointed, and they have begun to review a set of club bylaws.

Safety & Security

Brianna Perez-Quiroz

- Last week the Safety and Security Council held their second event, You Belong in the Fox Den, and it went well. The turnout was decently big, and we are hoping to possibly recreate this in the future. VP, Brianna Perez, did not hold a meeting with Security but was in contact with them throughout the week with various student concerns that were sent to her. Brianna and her council met on Friday to discuss some logistics for the following weeks. They are getting in contact with the Grace Smith House to see if they can formulate an event this month for Domestic Violence Awareness. They are also finalizing the event details for November, called Coffee with the Cop. They hope to have some of the Poughkeepsie Police Department officers come to campus to attend this event, and other retired officers. If there are continued concerns related to parking or Campus Safety, please direct them to Brianna Perez-Quiroz and/or her deputy Stephania Granados.

Academic Affairs

John Genoni

- On Tuesday, October 7th, John Genoni met with Carol Rinke for their monthly one-on-one. They discussed the results of the Academic Survey and concerns that arise within the student body. On Wednesday, October 8th, John Genoni and the Academic Affairs Board held their puppies for midterms event. The turnout for that event was very good. John Genoni attended AAC on Wednesday, where they discussed a new major and head from the committee of professional programs, which is changing to the division of extended

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learning. On Thursday, October 9th, John Genoni attended the Advising Council meeting, where everyone gave an update on what they have been working on. There was also a presentation from Mary Jones on career readiness. On Saturday, October 11th, the Academic Affairs, Athletic Affairs, and Student Well-Being Board held the annual Breast Cancer 5k. It went very well!

Athletic Affairs

Sarah Mazzella

- On Saturday, the Athletic Affairs Board, in collaboration with the Academic and Well-Being Boards, hosted the annual Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Walk/Run. It was an amazing turnout and a great day - thank you to everyone who made it possible. On Thursday, the board held a meeting and discussed their Tye-Dye event in November. Finally, one of the board members, Peter, joined SAAC at their general meeting.

Student Well-Being

Amanda Gracia

- Amanda Gracia reports that the Breast Cancer Awareness Run/Walk 5K was a great success. The event brought together students, campus partners, and community organizations to support an important cause while promoting health and wellness across campus. This week, Amanda met with Bob Lynch and Rebecca Sellmeyer to take a walk through Health Services and Counseling Services to discuss campus signage and ways to improve visibility and accessibility for students seeking these offices. A detailed report and proposal will be submitted soon to address this concern and enhance student navigation on campus. 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. These events will provide students with safety tips, educational resources, and practical tools to promote personal well-being and safe social experiences both on and off campus.

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Sustainability

Megan Connor

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Communications

Noelle Stamm

- The Comm. & Engagement Board has been killing it these past few weeks, with lots of great ideas and thoughtful work. An SGA newsletter is in the works! We are so excited for this rollout, and would love any feedback/ideas from the assembly. More info to come about how to share info., etc. If anyone has ideas about content for socials please let me know. We are hoping to do new headshots this week after Assembly for the cabinet & all newly elected members! Headshots only - no body shots.

Financial

Griffin Carey

- Griffin met with his board last Wednesday 10/8 where they provided project updates. The paper SGA budget request forms should be moved to an online format soon. He met with Bob Lynch, Kelli Nienstadt, and the president and treasurers of the Fox Pride club to discuss and approve an increase to their budget to account for their greater membership. Furthermore, Bob, Kelli, Alex and Griffin met Friday 10/10 to continue their biweekly meetings and discuss any club topics of interest.

Information

Jared Kerin

- This week's initiatives included submitting multiple email access requests for the Italian American Society, Pre-Law Society, Class of 2028, Mindfulness Club, and the SGA general email. Jared also added new photos to the main SGA website page to keep the site updated and visually consistent with recent changes across organizational pages. Additional notes from the week included managing the

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election process, which saw the ballot released on Monday, closed on Wednesday, reopened later that day for a run-off election, and officially closed that evening. Jared also noted an increase in cybersecurity-related concerns being brought to his attention. In response, his board is in the process of adding a new role dedicated to overseeing cybersecurity initiatives and addressing these issues proactively.

Election Commission

Alyssa Bova

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Class of 2026

Vi Geraci

- The Class of 2026 continues working on old business. The Fall '25 election cycle has officially ended, and the board will be completed next week (October 13th - 19th, 2025) with no vacancies, additionally to the elected positions and Events Coordinator, there will be two new appointed positions: Senior Year Experience Coordinator and Communication Coordinator. There is nothing new to report at this time.

Class of 2027

Haley Won

- The Class of 2027 board is hosting its "Midterm Midnight Munchies" event this Tuesday from 9:30-11:00 p.m. The board sent their Amazon list to order tote bags and decorations for their "Totes Excited for Fall" event on Wednesday, November 5th, during activity hour. That is all the board has to report at this time.

Class of 2028

Noah Yurasko

- The Class of 2028 board met to discuss upcoming events and initiatives, first and foremost its candy corn guessing game, which due to scheduling conflicts will actually have to be postponed until

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next week, Oct. 22nd. Discussions are underway regarding the possibility of a larger pumpkin painting event the following week. The board has also committed to using a new task managing system through Microsoft SharePoint. N.Yurasko had a very successful meeting with faculty from the computer science and mathematics department last week regarding the Minecraft server (which has been given the greenlight) and is planning on sending out a survey this coming week.

Class of 2029

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Chief Justice

Lillian Spoon

- This week, Lillian Spoon finalized all appeal related documentation and continued working on the judicial board. She sent nomination requests to department heads and teachers. Moving forward she will be meeting with interested students and plans to hold formal interviews.

Parliamentarian

Neil Palmieri

- Neil Palmieri worked on two amendments to the SGA Bylaws, advised the Chief Justice on matters regarding elections, and assisted with the SGA Dining Hall Takeover this week.

Chief Archivist

Robert Harvey

- Robert Harvey set up a meeting with John Ansley for a one on one meeting and set up another meeting in two weeks with Karina and Matt to meet with John Ansley to talk about how to strengthen the relationship with archives. Robert Harvey started working on the first Archival Report about the Fall Election cycle. Robert Harvey has begun meeting with his Archival Board to start organizing things.

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Event Planning Chair

Veronica Vogelman

- Veronica Vogelman had individual meetings with each of her board members this week, going over expectations and goals for their roles this year. Veronica helped book rooms and order catering for several upcoming events, and met with Itati Serrano, VP of DEI, regarding upcoming collaborative events between the DEI board, affinity council, and the Event Planning Board.

North-End Representatives

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South-End Representatives

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East-End Representatives

Alexa McPadden

- Nothing new to report this week for the East End.
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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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