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Board Reports 03/04/26

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Itati Serrano

- The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Board hosted several successful initiatives last week to conclude Black History Month. The “Desserts from Black Origins” tabling initiative took place at various campus locations throughout the week, and each day’s desserts were fully distributed. On Tuesday, the Board collaborated with the Black Student Union and Gourmet Dining to host “Make Your Own Banana Pudding,” which was a complete success. These efforts marked a meaningful and impactful close to Black History Month, reflecting planning and strong campus engagement. Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Itati Serrano, would like to acknowledge that the University has now entered Women’s History Month. This month serves as an opportunity to recognize the achievements, leadership, resilience, and lasting contributions of women across disciplines, identities, and generations. It is also a time to reflect on the continued pursuit of equity and inclusion. Vice President Serrano would also like to remind all Student Government leaders to attend the Anderson Center for Autism workshop this Friday, 03/06. The workshop will be tailored specifically for the Student Government and will focus on strengthening inclusive leadership practices toward autistic and neurodivergent students. Regardless of individual roles within Student Government, all leaders serve the same student body and share a collective responsibility to uphold principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Looking ahead, the DEI

Board will continue finalizing preparations for the events scheduled for March 12. The day will begin with “Intersectionality Matters,” a roundtable discussion exploring the intersectionality of Black Queer Theory. The roundtable discussion will be facilitated by Dr. Bayer and Dr. Chagas. Later that afternoon, the Board will host its Women’s History Month event. This campus-wide initiative is in partnership with Gourmet Dining, Tau Beta Sigma, and FEMME. From 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., a Women in Leadership discussion will take place featuring discussions with faculty members, including Dr. Ferrer, and student organizations such as Girl Gains. Each discussion will be unique and focus on subjects such as “Women in Music” and “Women in Sports.” From 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., a banner signing will be held with a designated prompt to encourage reflection and engagement. Dining Hall women workers will be recognized with their pictures and names, and the menu will highlight recipes created by women chefs, which Gourmet Dining will replicate for the evening. All members of the campus community are encouraged to attend these events in recognition of Women’s History Month and the continued commitment to inclusive excellence

Club Affairs

Alex Murphy

- In the past week, the Club Affairs Board met with members of Morgan's Message and Women's Club Field Hockey, both of which were seeking an official SGA charter for their clubs. In addition, the board began to prepare for important end of year events such as the Club of the Year Award and the Club Magazine. The Vice President of Club Affairs had their regular meeting with the SGA CFO and Student Activities, where they discussed upcoming events, budget requests, and club charters.

Safety & Security

Brianna Perez-Quiroz

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- Vice President Brianna had her first event of the semester last week, where they had an extensive turnout! The kits were given to the students, and they will be able to use all that they came with during the school year. Brianna plans to make this an event per semester, as students are in need of safety materials in their dorms. Brianna has also met with Safety to make some final details on the Women's Safety Program, which will be happening during assembly in Dyson O'Shea Hall! This event will have officers from the Poughkeepsie Police Department come and educate our students on how best to protect themselves. Brianna will meet once more with the Council alongside Campus Safety to discuss some upcoming projects. If there are any regards, comments, or concerns, please direct them to her or Deputy Vice President Stephania Granados.

Academic Affairs

Ana Domenici

- Cut for a Cure is this week, and there will be another Food for Thought. Faculty of the Year nominations are open until the end of this week. An email has been sent out to the student body, and tabling will also happen for it this week.

Athletic Affairs

Ethan Solury

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Student Well-Being

Amanda Gracia

- Amanda Gracia reports that the Title IX subgroup of the Well-Being Board is currently working on planning the "Sandwiches and Self-Defense" event. The group is finalizing logistics, including securing a date and continuing overall event coordination. The Counseling Services subgroup is also developing a collaborative event with Counseling Services. The event details are currently to be determined, as members are meeting with Counseling Services to

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assess feasibility and determine the most impactful and realistic programming option for students. The Student Support and Advocacy subgroup is planning a tableting event to raise awareness about the services and resources provided by that office. In addition, the entire Well-Being Board is actively preparing for the Walk to End Suicide event scheduled for April 19, 2026, at 11:00 AM. The board will be tabling in advance of the event to spread awareness, promote participation, and encourage campus engagement. Lastly, the Well-Being Board is collaborating with the DEI Board to create a joint wellness and DEI video initiative. The video will feature students responding to the prompt, “What was the best part of your day?” along with an additional DEI-focused question to promote reflection, positivity, and inclusive dialogue across campus.

Sustainability

Megan Connor

- Megan met with her board to finalize clubs and theme for earth week. She will be meeting with Jeff Hershberger to discuss Gourmet's contract details pertaining to sustainability. She will be meeting with Sonia Roy to discuss a clothing repair cafe this semester.

Communications

Noelle Stamm

- This week for Communications & Engagement, our main focus has been promoting elections, A Cut for a Cure, Faculty of the Year, and other upcoming board events. We’ve also been refining our newsletter workflow and execution to ensure smoother turnaround and consistency. Overall, our team is balancing several high-visibility initiatives at once and working to keep all messaging timely, cohesive, and aligned with SGA’s goals. Instagram analytics show profile activity for February increased by 208.3% compared to January, gaining 47 new followers and nearly 60% audience engagement!!! It’s exciting to see our efforts translating into

measurable reach as we continue working to expand SGA's visibility across campus!

Financial

Griffin Carey

- Griffin Carey met with Bob Lynch, Kelli Nienstadt, and Alex Murphy on Thursday to discuss ongoing club affairs. All previous physical SGA budget requests from last semester were recorded and digitized. Cross-checking is ongoing for the finalization of the spending report for the last semester to be shared with the Student Body President and Executive Vice President. All other projects are ongoing with nothing new to report.

Information

Jared Kerin

- This week's initiatives included completing email access updates for the Class of 2026. In preparation for the upcoming election voting period, Jared worked closely with Brady Merrow (Elections Director) and IT to refine and enhance the new candidate bios section of the SGA website. He also verified that the voting period was properly configured and approved by the Elections Director and coordinated with IT to ensure the election was correctly added to myMarist.

Election Commission

Brady Merrow

- This past week, the Elections Commission hosted Speech Night on February 24 and Debate Night on February 26. Both events saw a solid turnout, with additional engagement from students viewing the livestream, making the events an overall success. The campaigning period concluded on Sunday, March 1st, and the voting period will begin this week. Brady Merrow worked with CIO Jared Kerin to finalize the voting link and candidate bio page, ensuring it was properly displayed on MyMarist. Voting will be open from Monday (3/2) at 8:00 a.m. through Wednesday (3/4) at 5:00 p.m. The Elections

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Commission will also host voting booths in the Champ Breezeway and Dyson Atrium from 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday to encourage student participation.

Class of 2026

Vi Geraci

- The Class of 2026 board is currently working on their first event dedicated to the Senior Class for the semester, the “Senior Legacy Dinner” that will be held on Tuesday, March 10th, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The dinner is a collaboration with the “Senior Legacy Committee” to give students an additional date to donate 20.26 dollars and receive a special gift for their donation. Tickets to participate in this event are currently available on the HomeTown App; all Seniors are invited to join us for this special event. Additionally the board of Class 2026 would like to bring to the attention of all students graduating that “Senior Portraits” are happening until March 12th, session can be booked online, and in the case a student is not able to attend their session, to inform the company via email (contact present in the confirmation email they received after booking a session) or have a friend/other student attend their session. At the moment, the Class of 2026 board is still working on their events that will be held for “Senior Week”.

Class of 2027

Kyla Sevim

- The class of 2027 board is planning two events. The first event is an Acai bowl-making event in Dyson to obtain students' opinions regarding meal plan changes. The board is also planning a bouquet-making event with Career Services, scheduled for the end of March.

Class of 2028

Noah Yurasko

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- The Class Board of 28' and picked out its necessary supplies and is currently choosing a date for its upcoming Easter Bunny Event (a repeat of an event we ran last Easter). Additionally, the board has been discussing the idea of a campus-wide 'tag' event, in which pieces of paper with the words 'you're it' are passed between students. The object of the game is simple: pass off the tag to any other student without them knowing. If they spot you, you must choose someone else. While the concept is simple, we are still working on the details and are open to any suggestions. Work on MaristMC continues with a meeting scheduled this Wednesday with the administrator of the ECRL (the on-campus facility physically hosting the server), Professor Algozzine.

Class of 2029

Adrianna Darosa

- The class of 2029 board held a cocoa and concerns event this past week. Listened to student concerns and had cocoa. Currently planning on further events.

Chief Justice

Lillian Spoon

- Nothing new to report.

Parliamentarian

Neil Palmieri

- Neil worked on two amendments to the bylaws this week.

Chief Archivist

Robert Harvey

- Robert Harvey and his board began work on the rest of the Archival reports for the rest of the semester. Robert Harvey and his board has also begun the process of working on a signing party for the new physical constitution.

Event Planning Chair

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Veronica Vogelman

- Nothing new to report.

North-End Representative

Joseph McCormack

- North End Representative, Joseph McCormack has nothing new to report.

South-End Representatives

Clifton Wise

- This past week, South End Representative Clifton Wise met with the Student Life Board to work on updating the new complaint boxes with messages and QR codes.

Sophia Pechenko

- South End Representative, Sophia Pechenko, met with the student life board this week to discuss and prepare for an upcoming meeting with Gourmet, as well as the discussion of priority points and their presence at Marist.

East-End Representatives

Alyssa Comolli

- East End Representative, Alyssa Comolli, has nothing new to report.

Brianna Foley

- Brianna met with the Student Life Board to discuss some student concerns, the ‘Take Back the Night’ event, and the meeting that will take place next week with Andrea Conner. The Life Board also re-decorated the concern boxes. Brianna is in charge of the concern box at Marketplace and will continue to collect concerns from the East End.

Distance Representative

Natalie DiLena

- The Marist Distance Representative, Natalie DiLena, has nothing new to report at this time.

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International Representative

Janel A.D. Sarpong

- ASA had a very successful game night last Tuesday at the student centre. Tabling for Mon Afrique was held in Dyson on Thursday to gather students' concerns on how the previous one went, how they would like to help, etc. Planning for Mon Afrique with the different departments and meeting with Bob and Kelly.

Commuter Representatives

Lauryn Trader

- Commuter Representative, Lauryn Trader, met with the Student Life Board to discuss future meetings addressing student concerns as well as potential future events. Additionally, worked on updated concern boxes, which have since been partially distributed throughout campus.

Emily Speno

- Commuter Representative Emily Speno met with the student life board on Thursday to discuss an upcoming meeting with gourmet as well as work on the new concern boxes to put around campus

Transfer Representative

Devvani Choudhury

- Transfer Representative, Devvani Choudhury, is preparing work alongside faculty for the Marist Transfer Assessment, evaluating resources and accessibility on campus.