



**MARIST**  
UNIVERSITY



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE MARIST  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026, IN DONNELLY  
ROOM 225

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**Order of Business:**

**I. Call to Order / Roll Call**

- The meeting was called to order at 11:03 am by K. Syrota

Members present:

■ Assembly:

- Karina Syrota - Student Body President
- Matt Fox - Executive Vice President
- Chella Calcagni - Vice President of Student Life
- Itati Serrano - Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Alex Murphy - Vice President of Club Affairs
- Brianna Perez-Quiroz - Vice President of Safety and Security
- John Genoni- Representative of Academic Affairs
- Ethan Solury- President of Athletic Affairs
- Amanda Gracia - Vice President of Student Well-Being
- Megan Connor - Vice President of Sustainability
- Griffin Carey - Chief Financial Officer
- Jared Kerin - Chief Information Officer
- Brady Merrow - Director of Elections Commissions

■ Class Boards:

- Vi Geraci - Class of 2026 President

**Syrota - Fox Administration**

- Kyla Sevim - Class of 2027 President
- Noah Yurasko - Class of 2028 President
- Adrianna Darosa- Class of 2029 President
- Judicial Board:
- Associate Members
  - Neil Palmieri - Parliamentarian
  - Cole Harvey - Chief Archivist
  - Veronica Vogelmann - Event Planning Chair
- Representatives:
  - Alexa McPadden - North End Representative
  - Joseph McCormack- North End Representatives
  - Clifton Wise - South End Representative
  - Sophia Penchenko - South End Representative
  - Alyssa Comolli - East End Representative
  - Brianna Foley - East End Representative
  - Janel Sarpong - International Representative
  - Lauryn Trader - Commuter Representative
  - Emily Speno - Commuter Representative
  - Devvani Choudhury - Transfer Representative
- Assistants:
  - Grace Intel - Administrative Coordinator
  - Katie Marrin - Administrative Coordinator

## **II. Reading of the Minutes**

- B. Perez moved to approve the minutes from the (Previous Meeting Date) without reading them out loud. V. Geraci seconded the motion.
- Minutes approved without reading upon a voice vote in the affirmative.

## **III. Open Floor**

- Student Concerns
  - M. Connor mentioned concerns with the water quality and the steel plant. She clarifies that the water is foggy,

and she has been told that this can be due to aeration, but she wanted to know if anyone else noticed this problem.

- C. Calcagni explained that the drama department is experiencing water quality issues at the Nelli Golletti Theatre.
- B. Dolansky gave a point of information that the safety and security office hired an environmental employee, Nesta Edwards-Dunkin, as the environmental health and safety analyst
- J. Genoni explained that he has heard there are a lot of mice around campus.
- R. Lynch asked if anyone had seen a mouse in the office
- N. Palimieri explained that the weather is the reason for the increase in mice inside the buildings.
- J. Sarpong said that she tried to take the shuttle to the shopping center, but the shuttle was not on the route. B. Donalsky asked what time that was, and J. Sarpong explained it was around 5:30.
- C. Foreshaw mentioned that handicap locations are not working in the Caberat and in the Midrise.
- B. Donalsky said maintenance is responsible for the handicap buttons, so he recommends putting in a TDX ticket in
- V. Geraci explained that students have asked her if Marist has active shooter drills on campus with the police.
- B. Dolansky responded that they do that, but emergency response and management will be a major focus in the future because they are getting new software. There will be upgrades. However, the safety and security office does train with the police; however, the entire campus is not involved because it would be disruptive. The training

is a joint effort, and they each have different responses if an emergency should arise.

- R. Torres explained that there have been many physical plant reports in the past assemblies and that it would be beneficial for them to attend assemblies and have them get the chance to address these issues.

#### **IV. Announcements**

- **Day of Giving is March 25th**
- **Fox Fest is on April 15th**
- **Senior Portraits start February 23rd**
- **Do the Marist Wellness Survey while we eat lunch today!**
- **Student Life Town Hall at 1:00 pm today after Assembly!**
- **SGA is making a team for polar plunge**

#### **V. Board Reports**

- Advisor Reports
  - Robin Torres - SGA Advisor
    - R. Torres yielded her time to the chair.
  - Robert Lynch - SGA Advisor
    - Senior portraits will start on February 23rd, and the seniors will receive that schedule. He will be meeting with Griffin and Alex about club charters; there is an excessive amount of club charters that need to be done.
- Guest Reports
  - Safety & Security Report
    - B. Dolansky yielded time to the chair.
- Leadership Reports
  - K. Syrota - Student Body President
    - Met with Andrea Connor, Matt, and Chella and brought forth concerns mentioned during the assembly. She will also be meeting with the

president this weekend, so she urged assembly members to reach out if there are any questions. There was a board of trustees meeting where she shared the goals and projects of the administration.

- M. Fox - Executive Vice President
  - M. Fox explained that everything is finished for Marist Spark, and there have been 6 different projects that have been selected to fund out of 22 different responses.
- C. Calcagni - Vice President of Student Life
  - She met with sustainability and gourmet, and she has been working to finalize the town hall that will be happening today.
- Cabinet and Senate Reports
  - I. Serano
    - Announced that the Anderson Training was moved from 5 pm to 6 pm.
    - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
  - A. Murphy
    - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
  - B. Perez-Quiroz
    - Explained that she will be getting in contact with maintenance to see if they can come to assembly in the future. Said that if there are related issues, then reach out to them. She is also planning three events with the communications board and event planning board.
    - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
  - J. Genoni

- Tabling for St. Baldrick's will be happening today, and assembly members are encouraged donate.
- Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- E. Solury
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- A. Gracia
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- M. Connor
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- G. Carey
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- J. Kerin
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- B. Merrow
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- V. Geraci
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- K. Sevim
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- N. Yurasko
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- A. Darosa
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.

- N. Palmieri
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- V. Vogelman
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- J. McCormack
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- C. Wise
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- S. Penchenko
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- A. Comolli
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- B. Foley
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- J. Sarpong
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- L. Trader
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- E. Speno
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- D. Choudhury
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.

## **VI. Old Business**

- There was no old business from the previous meeting.

## **VII. New Business**

- **Charter of the Marist Amnesty International Club**
- J. Kerin motioned to recognize C. Harvey and N. Stamm to the meeting. M. Connor seconded
- Club representatives introduced themselves to the assembly,
- G. Carey asked what you can get out of this student led organization in general, with being recognized.
- Club representatives said that receiving a budget to work with would be helpful, and having easier access to scheduling rooms would make organizing events easier
- V. Gercaci explained that she had access to Adastra, but being recognized would make it easier for other club members to book rooms for events, and it would also make it easier to access things such as computers and displays.
- Club representatives added that priority points add to the appeal of joining a club, which is a benefit that only chartered clubs can have.
- J. Genoni asked, with the board being made up of seniors and their advisor retiring, if there is a plan in place for the longevity of the club.
- Club representatives explained they did not know their advisor would be retiring, and made plans to speak with them about creating a plan for the future. The representative explained that there are underclassmen on the executive board for the club, so that ensures that there will be someone to step into the president roles in the future to ensure the longevity of the club
- G. Carey asked if there are resources available for them to get funding for conferences.
- Club representatives explained that students only have to pay the ticket to the conference, and the Amnesty International chapter will pay for accommodations, transportation, and

some meals. Representatives explained that members would also need to pay \$15 dues if they wanted to become a voting member in the national general members meeting.

- J. McCormack asked if they had an example of their participation in protests or student advocacy.
- The club representative explained that he has started some efforts and has been involved in Write for Rights, but has not attended any protests through Amnesty International yet.
- V. Geraci explained that because of her visa status, she does not protest, but rather participates in volunteering and uses her platform as a leader within the Marist community to ensure people are safe.
- Club representatives explained that they have also done community service work
- A. Commoli asked if they had an idea of what their local events could be to volunteer or protest at.
- Representatives explained they included that information on the slide in case there were a protest or event, or even a collaboration event opportunity.
- A. Commoli asked if any events had happened last semester that they would have liked to attend if they had funding then.
- The representative explained that there was an author hosted by the MidHudson group; she did a presentation on her book, and the club would have liked to attend that event. He also explained that having the opportunity to collaborate on some events rather than just attend them could be beneficial to the club.
- R. Torres thanked the club members for coming to present in front of the assembly today. She asked what level of autonomy a campus chapter has and if they can choose from a range of things.
- Representatives explained that they are mandated to work on the three mobilizations that were explained in the presentation. However, there is a lot of flexibility. Other than

that, they have the freedom to choose what campaigns or advocacy work they are involved in.

- R. Lynch explained that there was once an Amnesty International club on campus and asked what conferences they were planning on attending. He asked what conferences members have attended. Members explained that they have attended conferences in Manhattan and got the chance to see speakers there.
- R. Lynch asked if the 30 involved members pay membership fees. Representatives said there would be no fees unless members wanted to participate in conferences. R. Lynch also asked for clarification on the name of the chapter at Marist
- Members explained that there are different names for student groups, and there is little difference between the names chapter and club.
- J. Kerin asked if the club were to get chartered, how do representatives plan to maintain a consistent level of interest in the club.
- Members responded that being chartered will allow them to table at the activity fair, and that would help them solicit more interest as well.
- V. Geraci also mentioned that when you are chartered, you can be more recognized with other clubs, and they would be more willing to collaborate on some events.
- J. Kerin asked if it was a requirement for the chapter to pay for transportation, or if the chapter on campus could technically act as an independent organization.
- Members explained that they are already considered a chapter under Amnesty International, and funding for transportation to conferences is already given.
- V. Vogelmann motioned to move to an informal discussion. C. Calcagni seconded the motion
- J. Genoni motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. E. Solury seconded this motion

- The Marist Amnesty International Club was appointed with 18 affirmatives, 1 negative, and 2 abstentions. The bill passed, and the club was chartered.
- **The Appointment of Peter Martinich as the Deputy Vice President of Athletic Affairs**
- P. Martinich introduced himself to the assembly and explained that it is his fourth year on the athletics board and is also a member of the rowing team.
- N. Yurasko asked if there are any plans to pass on their knowledge to board members next year.
- P. Martinich explained that there are juniors who will be returning to the board who are interested in taking the role of vice president and deputy.
- E. Solury explained that there are also plenty of underclassmen on the board who would be interested in taking on a leadership position.
- N. Stamm asked what something is that he is looking to improve within the next few months.
- P. Martinich explained he read the minutes from the last meeting and saw how important communication is with the booster club and in the athletics department. He says his identity as an athlete helped him gain many connections in McCann.
- E. Solury also mentioned that there are meetings set up with the administration in McCann.
- B. Perez asked, apart from communication, are there any events that the athletics board has planned for this semester
- P. Martinich mentioned how rowing is a big thing at Marist, and there is a home race this Spring on April 25th, and they are planning on doing an event around that race. E. Solury also mentioned how they are partnering with the St. Baldericks initiative.
- G. Carey asked what his favorite song is.

- P. Martinich said he likes a song by the Almond Brothers and how he resonates with songs by them.
- N. Palmieri motioned to move to an informal discussion. N. Stamm seconded the motion
- B. Perez motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. A. Darossa seconded this motion
- P. Martinich was appointed with 19 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.

### **VIII. Miracle of the Week**

- **Good job to Brady and the Elections Commission**
- **Good job to the Class of 2026**
- **Awesome job to the Academic Affairs board!**
- **The Newsletter looks great, thank you, Noelle :)**

### **IX. Meeting Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:25

Respectfully Submitted,

*Grace Mintel & Katie Marrin*

Administrative Coordinators