

MARIST COLLEGE

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE
MARIST STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ON AUGUST 28th, 2024

On 8/28/2024 at 11:00 AM in Donnelly 225, a meeting of the Senate of the Marist College Student Government Association was held.

Order of Business:

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

- The meeting was called to order at (time, by whom)
- Members present:
 - Assembly:
 - Sheridan Speight- Student Body President
 - Evan Spillane- Executive Vice President
 - Karina Syrota - Vice President of Student of Life
 - Paschalyn Cama - Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - Justice Seymour- Vice President of Club Affairs
 - Amy Zarebczan- Interim Vice President of Safety and Security
 - Ana Domenici- Vice President of Academic Affairs
 - Sarah Mazzella - President of Athletic Affairs
 - Molly O'Donoghue - Vice President of Student Well-Being
 - Emily Ligouri - Vice President of Sustainability
 - Hannah Tone - Chief Communications Officer
 - Oliver Dunn- Chief Financial Officer
 - Jumin Shrestha - Chief Information Officer
 - Conor Larkin - Director of Elections Commissions
 - Class Boards:
 - Glenn Halliday - Class of 2025 President
 - Ethan Solury - Class of 2026 President
 - Kyla Sevim- Class of 2027 President
 - Judicial Board:

Speight - Spillane Administration

- Noah Merrow - Chief Justice
- Neil Palmieri - Parliamentarian
- Event Planning Chair
 - Suzie Kolmel - Event Planning Chair
- Representatives:
 - Ethan Deschamps - South End Representative
 - Victor Rivera - Distance Representative
 - Sharvhani Manandhar- International Representative
- Assistants:
 - Tyler Mecca - Administrative Coordinator
 - Helena Reis - Administrative Coordinator

II. Reading of the Minutes

- **A. Domenici** moved to approve the minutes from the (Previous Meeting Date) without reading them. K. Syrota seconded the motion.
- Minutes approved without reading upon voice vote in the affirmative.

III. Board Reports

- Advisor Reports
 - Robin Torres - SGA Advisor
 - I welcome everyone and am excited to work with everyone in SGA. Good job on the welcome week with the Freshman Students. Excited for the start of the club fair this Friday, August 30th. Looks forward to the Sga to meet with the new VP of Student Affairs.
 - When you are a part of this meeting, you are welcome to go to lunch in the Dining Hall. The entrance is close to the mail room.
 - Robert Lynch - SGA Advisor
 - Welcome everyone. The SGA office was used by a visiting office. Would to meet Kelly's assistant

director. Would like to inform the SGA that KEelly works closely with Becky. Club affairs project trying to legitimize a calendar for the club. Jumin was helpful with the SGA website. Family weekend is on the horizon, which typically has a large showout. Work closely to work on preparation for the family weekend.

- Guest Reports

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- Leadership Reports

- S. Speight - Student Body President

- Very successful summer session and welcoming week.

- E. Spillane - Executive Vice President

- We will be meeting with everyone and all the boards and if anyone needs help with board members.

- K. Syrota - Vice President of Student Life

- So excited to be a part of SGA. Nothing new to report. Looking forward to the semester

- Cabinet and Senate Reports

- P. Cama

- Started to plan Queer and trans-focus events. And have been working on a food pantry that has been supported by Mat McMann and Andrea Connors.

- J. Seymour

- The club fair on Friday, needs people to help set up.

- A. Domenici

- Having interviews for new members on your board. Yielded time to the chair.

- S. Mazzella

- The main goal is meeting with high admin to start planning events for the semester. Yielded time to the chair.

- M. O'Donoghue
 - Started interviews this week. Will continue next week. The first board meeting this week Yielded time to the chair.
- E. Ligouri
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- H. Tone
 - Searching for a deputy. Started working on headshots for the SGA. Yielded time to the chair.
- O. Dunn
 - Meet with Bob and the car club and MNA. I Need to find a deputy. Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- J. Shrestha
 - Additional progress on the website. Looking for a deputy as well. Yielded time to the chair.
- C. Larkin
 - Working on finding a deputy and board members. Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- G. Halliday
 - Met with Robin and Bob yesterday. Setting up something next week for potential ideas and events next week with his board. Yielded time to the chair.
- V. Geraci
 - Going to start working on events soon. Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- K. Sevim
 - Discussing potential events for the class of 2027. Potential Tie-Dye Event. Yielded time to the chair.
- N. Merrow
 - Preparing to get associates into the SGA. Additional ones are to be appointed next week. Yielded time to the chair.
- N. Palmieri
 - Nothing new to report.. Yielded time to the chair.
- S. Kolmel

- Getting organized and preparing for events.
Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- E. Deschamps
 - Nothing new to report, just letting his name out.
Yielded time to the chair.
- S. Nanandhar
 - There is nothing new to report. Excited for the new SGA year
- V. Rivera
 - Started to talk with freshmen regarding possible ideas. Yielded time to the chair.

IV. Old Business

- There was no old business from the previous meeting.

V. New Business

- Appointment of Matthew Pater:
 - Is more than qualified for this position and is going to do great. Has already served on the Judicial Board for many years. Excited to work with SGA it was a big part of his Marist experience.
 - Learned a lot from his internship in Washington so he will use that for his position. View his role as something to make sure everything is going constitution and bylaws
 - Always enjoyed being part of SGA.
 - Ability to be impartial by using the constitution and the bylaws.
 - A. Domenici motioned to move from formal discussion to informal discussion and K. Syrota Seconded. P. Cama motioned to move from informal discussion to voting and A. Domenici seconded. Matthew Pater was appointed with 16 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 0 abstentions. The Bill passes
- Appointment of Leah Bauder:
 - It's her first position on SGA but she is excited to work and be part of the organization. Was very interested in

the position on the Judicial Board. Powerful student and seems driven in regard to the position

- Leah stated that she's very excited for the position and looks forward to working with SGA
- In response to Oliver, Leah stated that she had an internship with a law firm and she learned how to be patient and that listening to other people is really important.
- In response to Ana, Leah stated that she's most excited for the position because she loves Law. Adores the movie Legally Blonde, and feels the protagonist's drive forward in her wanting to be appointed in the position.
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- Appointment of Amy Zarebczan VP of Safety and Security
 - So happy to be back in SGA. Excited to take experience from the summer in her internship to apply for the position
 - In response to Ana: there are a lot of scams that target students in the Poughkeepsie area take the initiative to make students aware of possible dangers online.
 - In response to Robin, no conflicts between being the VP and an RA.
 - A. Domenici motioned to move from formal discussion to informal discussion and C. Larkin Seconded. V. Rivera motioned to move from informal discussion to voting and V. Geraci seconded. Leah Bauder was appointed with 16 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 0 abstentions. The Bill passes
- V. Rivera motioned to recognize Emily Liguori to the meeting and P. Cama seconded.

VI. Open Floor

- Student Concerns
 - There were no student concerns
- Other Inquiries:
- Bagel Issues:
 - A. Dominici: The price of the bagel is over \$10. Molly and Ana went to Gourmet and they think it should be changed. Robin questioned if there was anything additional to the bagel such as “Lox”. A. Domenici questioned the pricing of all food on campus because of this.
 - H. Tone discussed she is interning with Marist Dining and they are working on what is included in the meal plan.
 - An allergy committee attempted to be established by the previous administration. Students want to circle back to this idea.
 - Conor Larkin got a bagel for only 2.95 for a blueberry bagel.
 - Evan Spillane suggests an online bug rather than an actual 10.00 bagel
 - Food that we are getting on campus is decreasing, thus increasing the prices of the restaurants on campus
 - The RAs are unable to get groceries because they don't have time for an on-campus job. Their main source of food is on-campus dining.
 - Robin: Nobody on the campus should be dealing with food insecurity. Speak to Matt McMann about food insecurity.
- Printer Issue:
 - The marketplace printer is no longer there, So students don't have a printer close to Lower West and Upper West.
 - There are additional printers in the lower-end laundry room. Evan noticed that there was a “printer desert”. It was recommended to set up a map for the new printer location.

- Possible Instagram post regarding the new printers to answer new students' questions
- Evan: Put a sign or something to show students that they are not actually paying for the printers. Sheridan noticed that the printers don't print in color. Additionally, the SGA executives are sending out a printer feedback form
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- Dyson Issue:
 - When is it going to start being 24/7
 - Make sure that professors are not saying that it's always open but security doesn't let you stay.
 - Evan knows a lot of people who stay in Dyson late. It raised questions about the whole building being open or more of a swipe access thing. Evan is doubtful that it will be open 24/7 until construction is finished OR when the main opening is... September 13th
 - Saxbys is opening on the 24th
- Add/Drop Period is "too short"
 - The add/Drop period is really short and wants an adjustment for timing
 - Robin: you are supposed to have more the one class a week and decide by the second class if you want to drop or add classes. After the add/drop week, you can still drop but you cannot add any more and you would still pay for the class you dropped. The chance of the add/drop timing block being lengthened is unlikely, due to the policy of financial aid.
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VII. Announcements

- CLUB FAIR:
 - Friday, August 30th, 3 Pm to 6 Pm. Everyone who does not have class would be welcome to come help set up.
 - Class boards make sure to be there.
- ALL DEPUTIES APPOINTED BY SEP. 25th:

- Over the next month or so, work on interviewing and connecting to find interest around campus and with students
- SUBMIT GOALS AND INITIATIVES FORM BY AUG. 30th:
 - Plans to guide our SGA meetings and more
- PRINTER FEEDBACK
 - Was referenced in “additional concerns”
- OFFICE HOURS SUBMISSION
 - Submit as soon as possible.

VIII. Miracle of the Week

- **Had a great summer session YAYAYAY!!**
- **First successful ASSEMBLY MEETING!!! HOW FUN!!**

IX. Meeting Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyler Mecca & Helena Reis

Administrative Coordinators