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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE MARIST
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, IN
DONNELLY ROOM 225

Order of Business:

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

- The meeting was called to order at 11:17am by K. Syrota
- Members present:
 - Assembly:
 - Karina Syrota - Student Body President
 - Matt Fox - Executive Vice President
 - Itati Serano - Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - Alex Murphy - Interim Vice President of Club Affairs
 - Brianna Perez-Quiroz - Vice President of Safety and Security
 - John Genoni - Vice President of Academic Affairs
 - Sarah Mazzella - President of Athletic Affairs
 - Amanda Gracia - Vice President of Student Well-Being
 - Megan Connor - Vice President of Sustainability
 - Noelle Stamm - Chief Communications Officer
 - Griffin Carey - Chief Financial Officer
 - Jared Kerin - Chief Information Officer
 - Alyssa Bova - Director of Elections Commissions
 - Class Boards:
 - Vi Geraci - Class of 2026 President

- Noah Yurasko - Class of 2028 President
- Associate Members
 - Neil Palmieri - Parliamentarian
 - Veronica Vogelmann - Event Planning Chair
- Representatives:
 - Alexa McPadden - East End Representative
- Assistants:
 - Grace Mintel - Administrative Coordinator
 - Katie Marrin - Administrative Coordinator

II. Reading of the Minutes

- J. Genoni moved to approve the minutes from the August 27th, 2025 assembly meeting without reading them out loud. B. Perez seconded the motion.
- Minutes approved without reading upon voice vote in the affirmative.

III. Open Floor

- Student Concerns
 - J. Genoni brought up that he heard the appeal process was taken away for parking tickets. An additional concern was that there was no way to pay for parking one semester at a time. Students would need to refund for the whole year to avoid paying for the second semester. D. Gough explained that the Parking Appeal Committee still exists and that they are scheduling their first meeting to occur in two weeks.
 - N. Stamm asked where to find the appeal form for parking tickets. D. Gough explained that the appeal form can be found on the Marist Safe App. D. Gough explained that any student not using a parking pass for the second semester can bring it into the safety and security office before the second semester and they can be reimbursed

- J. Genoni brought up the question of whether there is a way for students who have financial hardship to help afford the parking pass fee. D. Gough explained that they refer these students to Student Financial Services and work together to find a solution. B. Perez brought up a point of information that on the website, there is information on how to be reimbursed for the parking pass.
- M. Connor asked how parking would work for students who are coming back in the spring from abroad, and D. Gough said that these students abroad will only pay fifty dollars for a parking pass.
- B. Perez asked if parking permits would be mailed out in the future instead of having to pick them up in person. D. Gough explained that he had not made that decision yet because of the logistics, as many students could lose them in the mail, and it would leave the possibility of students having more than one parking pass.
- N. Stamm mentioned her experience as a commuter and not being able to find a parking spot in the commuter-only parking lots. D. Gough mentioned that in 51 Fulton there are usually over 100 parking spots available in the less popular lots. He also mentioned in the first couple weeks of the semester, parking is usually more congested. B. Dolansky supported this statement and explained that even when there is congestion 51 Fulton remains usually empty.
- M. Connor mentioned concerns with the new JobX Timesheet that the University is using, and there should be clearer information on how to use it. She mentioned that there could be an opportunity for an event to educate students. R. Torres explained that Angelica would be a good contact to explain this concern with. R. Torres agreed that this is an important topic to get out to

students and provide an explanation with. J. Kerin told people to wait until the end of the week for any corrections, he has been talking with IT. S. Mazzzella mentioned that she has been confused when receiving an email about accepting your job position. M. Connor explained that students will receive an email that your employer is hiring you and it should also be available on My Marist, but there is still confusion on the topic.

- R. Torres mentioned if you are confused about if something is a phishing email, you can forward the suspicious message to Phishing@marist.edu.

IV. Announcements

- Safety & Security Town Hall on 9/10 at 9pm
- Event Planning Form
- Student Spotlight Nomination Form
- Board Meeting Times

V. Board Reports

- Advisor Reports
 - Robin Torres - SGA Advisor
 - R. Torres mentioned that she wanted to share the Office of Safety and Security which is now under the Student Affairs department. She shared that this change is much more student-focused. Title IX and Title XI is also reporting to Student Affairs. Additionally, Matt McMahon is no longer managing the dining contract, it will now be happening under the business office and with Jeff Hershberger. R. Torres also made a point to thank everyone for their board reports.
 - Robert Lynch - SGA Advisor
 - He thanked everyone for a great and successful activities fair. He also shared that clubs can now

pick up their allocation sheets from his office and how he has now begun working on the cultural dinner dance.

- Guest Reports

- Safety & Security Report

- D. Gough explained how Safety & Security is now moved under Student Affairs. He feels as though this change will allow him to support students more closely. Additionally, they are doing a parking and transportation town hall next Wednesday in Dyson Lecture Hall at 9pm. He explains how much Marist's parking situation has improved. D. Gough also mentioned they have been ticketing as a warning, not a fine, to educate students who have been parked illegally on campus. For the mobile safety app, there is also more widespread use and reported digital tips. Furthermore, there is an increase in shuttle use, and there were about 500 riders on the shuttle system for the football game last Friday. He also mentioned that there have been two shuttles approved to run during family weekend, from 8:00am to 5:00pm.
 - B. Perez motioned to recognize R. Harvey to the meeting.

- Leadership Reports

- K. Syrota - Student Body President

- She discussed how her and M. Fox has been meeting to discuss goals for the semester, which will be shared with the assembly soon. She and M. Fox also had a meeting with Physical Plant and encouraged the assembly to come to her with concerns so she could discuss them with faculty.

- M. Fox - Executive Vice President
 - Mentioned that he was able to meet with Safety and Security to discuss student concerns with P. Perez and K. Syrota.
- Cabinet and Senate Reports
 - I. Serano
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
 - A. Murphy
 - Mentioned that club leaders should pick up their allocations at the office of Student Activities.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
 - B. Perez-Quiroz
 - Mentioned how she has been meeting to organize the Town Hall. This event will occur on September 10th at 9pm. She also mentioned her deputy will be appointed today. She encouraged the assembly to reach out to her through email with any student concerns. She then yielded time to the chair.
 - J. Genoni
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
 - S. Mazzella
 - Mentioned that the football game of Friday was a huge success, and there is another game happening this Saturday.
 - 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.
- N. Stamm
 - She has two meetings tomorrow morning with Marist Social Media and Career Services.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- G. Carey
 - Mentioned how he has his first interviews for his board and he is going to be meeting with clubs this week to discuss budgets.
 - R. Torres made a point of information to remind the assembly to send deputy names before appointment to her as well.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- J. Kerin
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- A. Bova
 - 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
 - The Class of 2028 had a board meeting yesterday where they were able to begin planning events.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- N. Palmieri

- Mentioned he will have two new amendments to bring to the next meeting.
- Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- R. Harvey
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- V. Vogelmann
 - Currently conducting interviews for her board. She will be working more extensively on an event calendar for the full semester.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- A. McPadden
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.

VI. Old Business

- Marist Money

VII. New Business

- **Elections Calendar Presentation**
 - A. Bova started the presentation by mentioning that there is a pop-up event happening during the assembly meeting. Information Sessions will begin next week. These sessions include general information that students should know before running in the elections. The Declaration of Candidacy is due on the Friday after Information Sessions conclude. Petitioning will begin the following Monday and end on Sunday. Campaigning will begin on September 28th and continue through October 5th. Meet the Candidates will be happening

during Activity on Wednesday the 1st. Speech Night will be in Dyson 1008 Lecture Hall at 9:30pm

- N. Stamm motioned to recognize H. Won to the meeting.

- **Appointment of Taormina Amelio as Deputy Director of the Elections Commission**

- T. Amelio began by introducing herself to the assembly N. Stamm first asked about her plans for the board since T. Amelio will be studying abroad in the spring. T. Amelio said that she is confident in her board and they are all interested in taking on her position when she leaves. She answers that it is important to allow her board to gain experience. J. Genoni asked how she will take her experience from last semester regarding elections and use that experience to make this year's elections smoother. T. Amelio said that it is important to allow the elections to remain democratic. This semester, there are clear rules and limited leniency so the elections are clear. B. Perez asked if they have a plan in place to fill the director position for next semester. A. Bova said that all members on the board who have experience with elections will all be going abroad or leaving. The continuation of the board depends on communication and transparency. T. Amelio also mentioned that she plans on attending A. Bova's office hours so she becomes more familiar with the role of Director for next year.
- J. Genoni motioned to move to an informal discussion. I. Serano seconded the motion.
- I. Serano motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. N. Stamm seconded this motion.
- T. Amelio was appointed with 14 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.

- **Appointment of Abigail Oliveros as Deputy Vice President of Academic Affairs**

- B. Perez motioned to move the appointment of Abigail Oliveros as Deputy Vice President of Academic Affairs before the appointment of Stephania Granados as Deputy Vice President of Safety and Security. I. Serano seconded this motion. A. Oliveros began her introduction by saying that she is excited to step into this role B. Perez asked what are some new ideas and plans that A. Oliveros has for this year. A. Oliveros mentions she wants to bring back the Breast Cancer walk and bring back Puppies from Hudson Valley Animal Rescue for midterm. She also wants to bring back the registration event to help students and to answer questions about helping students develop their schedules. N. Stamm asked how her previous experience on Academic Affairs will help her be more of a leader on the board. A. Oliveros responded that they are all very responsible for developing their own events for their respective schools. She explained that learning that ability to take initiative will help her be a resource to other boards in the future. N. Yurasko asked how they plan to pass on the experience to the future board because of the deputy being a senior. A. Oliveros mentioned that the previous Vice President of Academic Affairs will be coming back in the spring, and also her and J. Genoni have been focusing on bringing first-year students and sophomores on to the board.
- N. Stamm motioned to move to an informal discussion. G. Carey seconded the motion.
- A. Bova motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. J. Kerin seconded this motion.
- A. Oliveros was appointed with 14 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.
- **Appointment of Stephania Granados as Deputy Vice President of Safety and Security**

- A. Bova asked if she had any initiatives for her to take on for the board. S. Granados explained that the sports and athlete culture has a stigma, and she wants to get athletes and the rest of the student body together to break down those walls. A. McPadden asked if she had any ideas to collaborate with Title IX in the future. S. Granados explained that they are trying to do an information session on domestic violence, and she is hopeful about collaborating with them in the future. She also thinks it is especially important that students know what a healthy relationship looks like. R. Torres asked what research had been done to prepare for this role. S. Granados answered that she is generally interested in safety and security as a whole, and she wants to communicate the available resources effectively.
- R. Harvey motioned to move to an informal discussion. J. Kerin seconded the motion.
- G. Carey motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. V. Vogelmann seconded this motion.
- S. Granados was appointed with 14 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.
- **Appointment of Ananya Andrade as Deputy Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**
 - A. Andrade explained how before coming to Marist, she was Student Body President in her high school. Her main focus in this leadership position was connecting and educating the student body. She also explained her initiatives with sex education in high school. Furthermore, she explained how she feels confident speaking up for international students, and this is something that she holds close to her heart and she will continue her efforts. N. Stamm asked when her involvement in these clubs listed took place, whether it was before or after coming to Marist. A. Andrade

explained that these were initiatives prior to coming to Marist. She was head of event planning. R. Torres commented on how she remembered A. Andrade in her town hall and how she appreciates her courage.

- N. Stamm motioned to move to an informal discussion. J. Genoni seconded the motion.
- A. Bova motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. B. Perez seconded this motion.
- A. Andrade was appointed with 14 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.
- **Appointment of Marcus Francis as Deputy Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**
 - M. Francis mentioned his experience on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion board. He also serves as the president of the Criminal Justice Honor Society on campus. G. Carey asked what he believes to be the biggest concern on campus regarding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. M. Francis mentioned that there is a big division in the affinity groups on campus, and he wants to plan more events to bring these groups together. With these groups together, there can be improvements on campus. I. Serrano explained how M. Francis is already in contact with these groups and is planning the Cultural Dinner Dance. H. Won asked about any previous events he has played a role in in the past, or if there are any plans to collaborate with other offices on campus. M. Francis explained how he already works closely with the Black Student Athlete Association and how they have just lost their funding and how he wants to continue working with them in order to help with their concerns and problems.
 - N. Stamm motioned to move to an informal discussion. J. Genoni seconded the motion.

- V. Vogelmann motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. G. Carey seconded this motion.
- M. Francis was appointed with 14 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.

VIII. Miracle of the Week

- **The Activities Fair was super successful!**

IX. Meeting Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace Mintel & Katie Marrin

Administrative Coordinators