

MARIST COLLEGE

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE MARIST STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ON SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2024

On September 4th, 2024 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- 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
 - - Class of 2028 President

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

II. Reading of the Minutes

- K. Syrota motioned to modify the minutes. O. Dunn seconded the motion
- Oliver moved to approve the minutes from the assembly meeting of August 28th, 2024 without reading them. Vi seconded the motion.
- Minutes approved without reading upon voice vote in the affirmative.

III. Board Reports

- Advisor Reports
 - Robin Torres - SGA Advisor
 - Was not present.
 - Robert Lynch - SGA Advisor
 - Congrats to Justice regarding the Activities fair.
 - All the club allocations have been picked up, if they haven't we have a problem with the administration of the club.
- Guest Reports
 - Director of Safety & Security - Daniel Gough

- Saw emails about the Dyson center hours regarding 24/7 access. This will be the case with a caveat. Safety concerns are being open to the public after 11 pm or midnight. The intention is to give all students 24/7 access to swipe cards. But the doors will be locked at 11 pm.
- This past weekend we had students who entered a resident hall and were not Marist students. The police were involved and it emphasized the role of swipe access. This is why we never want a building open to the public 24/7.
- Working on the swipe card access. There is currently only swipe access on the back door which is not appropriate for proper foot traffic. Currently installing new software to give access to all swipe cards.
- Regarding the incident in the resident's hall, Daniel Gough already met with student affairs. Now RA's and RD's will talk to students about the importance of those requiring specific access. There is an increase in security and officers to better prepare and prevent similar situations from happening again.
- This is an education issue, not a technology issue.
- Meeting with regional police stations and security to help be aware of such incidents from happening.
- Safety and Security is working on following up on leads regarding this group of students.
- K. Syrota asked about the lamp lights on some parts of campus not working properly. B. Gough took note
- E. Spillane stated there are not many dorms on campus that require swipe access but rather keys.
- A. Domenici stated that when students walk from Upper Fulton to Fox Run it's dangerous and slippery. She suggested concrete pathing. B. Gough

took note of the location but found trouble when noticed that the location of the new path is not on campus. Therefore, it might be a challenge to create a concrete pathing.

- P. Cama motioned to move New Business before Leadership Reports. V. Rivera Jr. Seconded the motion.

IV. New Business

- The Appointment of John Genoni as Deputy of Academic Affairs
 - K. Syrota asked what John is most excited about this SGA year. John responded that he's most excited about the faculty of the year rewards. And planning it to be better than ever.
 - S. Speight asked how being an RA is going to help him. John answered that he learned how to be professional and he plans to apply this in his new position
 - G. Halliday asked how his work in 4 years of football might help him in regards to his position. John responded by discussing the work ethic and responsibility tied into his football and how he can apply this to this SGA position
 - E. Spillane questioned how to balance time with his position as RA, he plans on being really organized with a calendar to make sure he is able to be both an RA and Deputy.
 - Amy Z. motioned to move to an informal discussion. V. Rivera Jr. seconded the motion
 - V. Rivera Jr. motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. O. Dunn seconded this motion
 - John Genoni was appointed with 18 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.
- The Appointment of Hannah Elmallah as the Associate Justice

- V. Rivera Jr. asked what excites her the most. She answers that being on the SGA alone is exciting. She looks forward to understanding the role.
 - K. Syrota asked what Hannah's main focus would be for this position. Hannah responded by discussing that first, she wants to learn the role better, and then improve the position that she is in.
 - P. Cama motioned to move to an informal discussion. A. Domenici seconded the motion
 - E. Spillane motioned to amend the bill's grammar. A. Domenici seconded this motion.
 - C. Larkin motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. K. Syrota seconded this motion
 - Hannah Elmallah was appointed with 19 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 0 abstention. The Bill passes.
- The Appointment of Olivia Michail as Deputy of Athletic Affairs
 - H. Tone asked what her ideas are for engaging the student body. Olivia responded with more "Themed" based activities such as "freshman dorm wars". Do a partnership with the booster club
 - M. O'Donoghue asked what she did with her deputy position last year. Olivia discussed the "Red-out" game last year, and how she expects to do similar things this time.
 - C. Larkin motioned to move to an informal discussion. V. Rivera seconded the motion
 - V. Rivera motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. C. Larkin seconded this motion
 - Olivia Michail was appointed with 18 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.
- Leadership Reports
 - S. Speight - Student Body President

- Met with a UN member during the student activities fair to possibly do a voting event.
- Printer feedback was sent to Kathy Barbra to help with any questions.
- Created a state-of-campus report to send out regarding the quality of life on campus
- This week S. Speight and E. Spillane met with everyone 1-1 to talk about their goals and initiatives for this year.
- Meet with Dining to give some feedback and talk about the allergy committee.
- Meet with Saint Judes and they will be at the next Assembly to talk more about donations.
- E. Spillane - Executive Vice President
 - Yielded time to the chair.
- K. Syrota - Vice President of Student Life
 - Met with Sheridan to discuss goals for the year
 - Planning on meeting with Andrea Connor to increase the quality of student life.
- Cabinet and Senate Reports
 - P. Cama
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
 - J. Seymour
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
 - A. Zarebczan
 - Meeting with the security department on Friday to possibly collaborate with her and her board
 - Still looking for a deputy and plans on meeting with the criminal justice club to find a deputy
 - Yielded time to the chair.
 - A. Domenici
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
 - S. Mazzella
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
 - M. O'Donoghue

- Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- E. Ligouri
 - Meeting with the Dining. Yielded time to the chair.
- H. Tone
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- O. Dunn
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- J. Shrestha
 - Met with a possible deputy and showed interest in this.
 - Yielded time to the chair.
- C. Larkin
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- G. Halliday
 - Met with S. Speight and E. Spillane about future events for the senior class..
 - 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. Merrow
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- N. Palmieri
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- S. Kolmel
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- E. Deschamps
 - Yielded time to the chair.
- L. Orozco
 - Yielded time to the chair.
- V. Rivera Jr.
 - Planning a possible event with freshman
 - Yielded time to the chair.
- S. Manandhar
 - Yielded time to the chair.

V. Old Business

- There was no old business from the previous meeting.

VI. Open Floor

- Student Concerns
 - N/A
- Other Inquiries
 - K. Sevim asked if there is any way for the bookstore to show if a book is not available anymore. S. Speight said that we can reach out to the bookstore to clarify this issue.
 - H. Tone is meeting with a photographer today. Hopefully scheduling headshots next Wednesday
 - L. Orozco was wondering if there was a way to fix intramurals from being gender separated to just one league because there are not enough women in the female league.
 - S. Mazzella mentioned how it was separated only if the team is unanimously female or male for the vision of fairness. This was not the case, so Sarah stated she would ask to fix this situation.

VII. Announcements

- **FILL OUT THE BOARD MEETING TIME AND LOCATION BY SEP 16TH**
- **READ POLICY FOR FREE EXPRESSION & DEMONSTRATION**
 - [Policy on Free Expression and Demonstrations](#)
- **DYSON RIBBON CUTTING SEP. 13TH AT 3:30 PM**
- **OFFICE SWIPE ACCESS!**
- **BRIGHTSPACE PAGE UPDATES**
- **HAPPY BIRTHDAY JUMIN SHRESTHA!!**

VIII. Miracle of the Week

- **Fantastic Activities Fair!**
- **Jumin's Birthday!!**

IX. Meeting Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyler Mecca & Helena Reis

Administrative Coordinators