EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE MARIST STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, IN DONNELLY ROOM 225.

Order of Business:

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

- The meeting was called to order at 11:01, by K. Syrota.
- Members present:
  - Assembly:
    - Karina Syrota - Student Body President
    - Matt Fox - Executive Vice President
    - Itati Serrano - Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
    - Alex Murphy - Interim Vice President of Club Affairs
    - Brianna Perez-Quiroz - Vice President of Safety and Security
    - 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
    - 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
        - Cole Harvey - Student Body Historian
    - Representatives:
        - Alexa McPadden - East End Representative
    - Assistants:
        - Grace Mintel - Administrative Coordinator
        - Katie Marrin - Administrative Coordinator

II. Reading of the Minutes

- I. Serrano moved to approve the minutes from the September 3rd assembly meeting without reading them out loud. A. Bova seconded the motion.
- Minutes approved without reading upon voice vote in the affirmative.

III. Open Floor

- Student Concerns
    - S. Mazella brought up that North End parking has been a concern for some students, including the subject of fines for parking stickers displayed on the wrong side of vehicles. B. Dolansky explained that the officer who issued the ticket most likely made a mistake in ticketing the car. He also explained that the appeals process is in place for things like that.
    - A. Bova motioned to recognize A. Oliveros to the meeting.
    - A. McPadden explained that there have been students who need accommodations, such as note takers, who have not been available, and that students are struggling because of that. Many students are upset because they are paying money for the accommodations services that are not up to par. R. Torres answered that students who are used to in-class note taking may not enjoy using the new technology that is more student-focused, and her

advice is to talk to Maryellen on behalf of the concerned students, and to try the new note-taking program. A. McPadden explained that students have emailed Maryellen, and that there has been no response from her. R. Torres thanked A. McPadden for her concern and said she will reach out to Maryellen herself. She also mentioned that drop-in appointments are not seen at the Accommodations Office.

- M. Connor brought up concerns with JobX from last week, and confusion with applying for the jobs on Handshake versus accepting the job on JobX. R. Torres thanked M. Connor for bringing it up and explained that she will reach out to get more information available to students.
- A. Bova motioned to recognize V. Vogelman into the meeting.
- A. Bova asked what happens to guests who receive parking tickets from the University. B. Dolansky explained that they run the plate and see if it is in their database. If their plate is not in the system, then they can not be tracked. If there are multiple offenses, however, then they will boot the vehicle.
- M. Connor brought up concerns about North End dining, specifically with staff making substitutions to people's meals without notifying the students who purchased them. V. Geraci brought up the concern that the food on campus is too overpriced for the quality to be worse and not as consistent. N. Palmieri agreed to the previous statements and shared his experience with staff at North End adding substitutions into his meal. R. Torres advised K. Syrota to draft an email to send to Andrea Connor about inconsistencies with Gourmet in North End. N. Yurasko brought up an additional concern about inconsistencies in the amount of food that students are

receiving in the Cabaret. R. Torres suggested that a Dining Town Hall may be a good idea, especially with all the concerns with meals students are receiving. M. Connor added that students who get less options in their meal bowls should not have to pay the same amount as students who select more options.

IV. Announcements

- Parking Town Hall at 9:00 pm in Dyson Lecture Hall

V. Board Reports

- Advisor Reports
  - Robin Torres - SGA Advisor
    - Yielded time to the chair.
  - Robert Lynch - SGA Advisor
    - He brought up how there have been many clubs that have come into the office to get their allocation money.
    - He explained that they want to meet with cabinet members to help with the leadership conference.
- Guest Reports
  - Safety & Security Report
    - Mentioned that September is National Safety Month, so every September during activity hour Safety & Security is outside of champ.
- Leadership Reports
  - K. Syrota - Student Body President
    - She is preparing for the Marist 100 implementation. She also encouraged members to meet with her one-on-one and that she will be posting time slots too.
  - M. Fox - Executive Vice President
    - Nothing new to report.

- Cabinet and Senate Reports
  - I. Serano
    - Met with the Affinity council. Additionally mentioned that the board is hosting an event at the Dining Hall for National Hispanic Heritage month with the DEI office, Hispanic Latino club, and the DEI Board.
    - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
  - A. Murphy
    - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
  - B. Perez-Quiroz
    - Reminded the assembly to come to the town hall and thanked members for their time. She also mentioned that fire safety month is something that she and her board have been working on.
    - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
  - A. Oliveros
    - Referenced J. Genoni's board report. Yielded time to the chair.
  - S. Mazzella
    - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
  - A. Gracia
    - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
  - M. Connor
    - Added that she may be late to the Town Hall meeting.
    - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
  - N. Stamm

            - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
        - J. Kerin
            - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
        - A. Bova
            - Asked assembly members to support the elections board during Information Sessions.
            - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
        - V. Geraci
            - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
        - N. Yurasko
            - There is an event his board is hosting with smores on the Campus Green.
            - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
        - N. Palmieri
            - Going to send out an email today regarding his committee.
            - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
        - R. Harvey
            - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
        - V. Vogelman
            - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
        - A. McPadden
            - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.

VI. Old Business

Syrota - Fox Administration

- There was no old business from the previous meeting.

VII. New Business

- **Bill to Charter the American Greek Society Club**
- J. Kerin asked what previous engagement looks like for the club and what the interest levels are. Club members explained that they did a few surveys and that there was a considerable number of students who were interested.
- I. Serano added that there is a Greek festival that happens in the Hudson Valley, and added that the Affinity council is open for collaboration and opened up the opportunity for the Greek American Society to open up and collaborate on the Cultural Dinner Dance. Club members agreed that they would love to collaborate with the affinity club to help spread the word about their club, and also join the cultural dinner dance.
- B. Perez asked if the budget they allocated would cover the trips they have planned. Club members mentioned that they have to talk to student activities to find out the specifics, and that there could be options for fundraising to provide for field trips. R. Lynch explained that each new club gets $400 to start and that clubs can ask for more money through the linktree.
- A. McPadden asked when and where club members plan to host their events. Club members explained that they would like to collaborate with the dining hall for these events.
- R. Lynch had a question about what a "shadow" is in reference to their bylaws. The club explained it meant there would be someone who shadows upperclassmen within the board.
- R. Lynch also asked what quorum would be for The Greek American Society. Club members explained that they need a little more time to look over the Bylaws for any corrections.
- A. Bova motioned to move to an informal discussion. C. Harvey seconded the motion.
- C. Harvey motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. N. Stamm seconded this motion.

- The American Greek Society Club was appointed with 11 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 2 abstentions. The bill passed, and the club was chartered.
- V. Geraci motioned to recognize H. Won to the meeting.
- **Amendment to Change the Term Length of the Vice President of Student Life**
- N. Stamm asked why the rule exists for the VP of Student Life to come in after other elected positions are filled. N. Palmieri explained that it is called a special election, and it is a position that can only be voted on unless other representative positions are filled.
- B. Perez asked what exactly the term length of the position would be. N. Palmieri explained that the term for VP of student life would not end when the administration ends, but rather end in the beginning of the next administration.
- J. Kerin asked if there would be any implications for seniors who may want to run for the position. N. Palmieri explained that he does not believe that this new amendment will affect people who may want to run for this position.
- N. Yurasko motioned to move from formal discussion to voting. A. Bova seconded this motion.
- The Amendment to Change the Term Length of the Vice President of Student Life Bylaw Change was brought into fruition with 14 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 0 abstention. The Bill passes.
- B. Perez motioned to move the Appointment of Olivia Feliz as Chief Justice after The Appointment of Olivia Michail as Deputy Vice President of Athletic Affairs.
- **Amendment to Fix Expectations Regarding Assembly Members and the Marist Abroad Program**
- S. Mazzella had concerns about this bill, explaining that if there are students who want to go abroad and have a plan for their board, then they should be able to go abroad while maintaining their position in SGA. N. Palmieri responded,

saying that the many roles in SGA would allow for students who want to go abroad in an academic year to still participate in SGA when they are home.

- B. Perez asked if this bill included students who are graduating early. N. Palmieri said the bill does include students who are not going to be here in the spring semester, including students who are graduating early.
- J. Kerin asked what the ramifications would be if there were unexpected conflicts that occurred during someone who was serving in a position. N. Palmieri explained that you would be removed from your position, and the Student Body President and Executive Vice President would be able to search for a new person to fill your position.
- B. Perez then asked if this amendment affected the class president. N. Palmieri explained that class presidents do not have the clause about going abroad, therefore this amendment would not apply to them and only cabinet members.
- M. Connor asked if this would affect the demographic of the cabinet members as some classes have more people abroad then other classes. N. Palmieri explained that they would still be able to have their voice represented as a member of a board or as a deputy member.
- S. Mazzella raised the concern that putting someone in a role that doesn't have experience would not be the best idea, and if there is early graduation or abroad plans that they should just have a plan in place. N. Palmieri explained that this bill is just removing the expectation that you can go abroad and automatically have a position when coming back from abroad, and remove the allowance.
- A. Bova asked for clarification on someone who might be spontaneous in wanting to go abroad, if they would be prevented from doing so. N. Palmieri explained that they cannot prohibit someone from going abroad, this bill just removes the expectation that you can step into your role aft

- S. Mazzella asked what the plans are for people who are currently abroad and members who are going abroad in the spring. N. Palmieri said that for anyone who is abroad currently, this bill will not affect them, but for those who plan on going abroad in the spring will forfeit their role.
- I. Serrano asked why people would even expect their roles back if they were abroad. N. Palmieri explained that it only concerns people who are abroad currently.
- N. Yurasko motioned to move from formal discussion to voting. V. Vogelman seconded this motion.
- The Amendment to Fix Expectations Regarding Assembly Members and the Marist Abroad Program Bylaw Change was brought into fruition with 8 affirmatives, 3 negatives, and 3 abstention. The Bill passes.
- **The Appointment of Olivia Michail as Deputy Vice President of Athletic Affairs**
- N. Stamm asked if she felt prepared to take over the position of Vice President in the spring after S. Mazzella went abroad. O. Michail explained that they have spoken to people on their board about the succession of the Athletic Affairs board with the new abroad amendment.
- A. McPadden asked what plans the Athletic Board has to prepare the next person to take over the Vice President Position. O. Michail explained that in their board meetings, they have a notebook that keeps track of everyone's duties and what is completed during the week. S. Mazzella added that the person who is interested in taking over the position of VP in the spring.
- N. Stamm motioned to recognize J. Genoni at the meeting.
- M. Connor asked if there was anything new or different that they wanted to do regarding events this semester. O. Michail said they have a lot of fun events planned, some of which she cannot say, but she is excited to continue what has been done in the past while also making it more exciting.

- M. Connor asked if there were any plans to bring more attention to the women's sports games. O. Michail explained that they were thinking of doing colored games and also bringing in half-time show elements.
- J. Kerin motioned to move to an informal discussion. B. Perez seconded the motion.
- V. Vogelman motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. I. Serrano seconded this motion
- Olivia Michail was appointed with 13 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.
- **The Appointment of Olivia Feliz as Chief Justice**
- N. Yurasko added that as Chief Justice, the position may be dealing with conflicts. He asked how she would be able to manage conflict between two people. O. Feliz explained that over the summer, she has experience dealing with conflicts because of her experience as an RA. She also explained that as a waitress, she is experienced with conflict and how she is used to working under pressure.
- J. Genoni asked why O. Feliz wanted to be involved in Student Government and the Chief Justice Position. O. Feliz explained that she has been involved in Student Government in high school and how she has applied for roles in SGA in the past. Overall she explained that she is very interested in the different aspects of the role.
- J. Kerin asked how she plans to dedicate enough time to Student Government. O. Feliz added that she has vacancies in her schedule because she wanted to plan time for activities like this.
- B. Perez brought up how this role has a lot of need for communication and asked how she plans on communicating with SGA members effectively. O. Feliz explained that working off campus as a waitress and being an RA required having tough conversations, and she has gotten used to that through those experiences.

- A. Bova asked if there has been a time or experience that she has had to deal with confidential information and how she handled that. O. Feliz answered that she has never had direct experience with dealing with confidential information besides her experience in high school.
- J. Genoni motioned to move to an informal discussion. B. Perez seconded the motion.
- A. Bova motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. V. Geraci seconded this motion.
- O. Feliz was not appointed with 0 affirmatives, 14 negatives, and 0 abstentions. The Bill does not pass.

VIII. Miracle of the Week

- **Karina's Birthday! :)**
- **Elections have started!**
- **The DEI and Wellness board put fidget toys in the office!**

IX. Meeting Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace Mintel & Katie Marrin

Administrative Coordinators