

# MARIST COLLEGE

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE MARIST STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH 2024

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On Wednesday, September 11th at 11:00 in Student Center Room SC 3101 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
    - Vi Geraci - 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:
  - \*Jasper Ladner - North End Representative
  - \*Joshua Guarino - North End Representatives
  - Ethan Deschamps - South End Representative
  - - South End Representative
  - \*Laura Orozco - East End Representative
  - Victor Rivera, Jr. - Distance Representative
  - Sharvhani Manandhar- International Representative
  - - Commuter Representative
  - - Commuter Representative
  - - Transfer Representative
- Assistants:
  - Tyler Mecca - Administrative Coordinator
  - Helena Reis - Administrative Coordinator

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

- K. Syrota moved to approve the minutes from the Assembly Meeting of 09/04/2024 without reading them. H. Tones seconded the motion.
- Minutes approved without reading upon voice vote in the affirmative.

## **III. Board Reports**

- Advisor Reports
  - Robert Lynch - SGA Advisor
    - Met with the outing club and gave credit to Oliver and Justice for their support in working with the club.

- Met with a student interested in Indoor rock climbing
- Recognized Kelly and Jumin for their help with the online portion of club management.
- Wanted to note that the upcoming leadership conference is very important for new and upcoming clubs
- Guest Reports
  - Associate Director of Safer & Security - Brian Dolansky
    - Nothing new to report. Everything has been going smoothly.
    - S. Speight asked about parking in the North end parking lots. B. Dolansky is not aware of an increase in the number of cars registered on campus. However, the parking situation has always remained an issue for S&S, and will continue to provide updates regarding such matters,
  - Associate Director of Operations, Technology & Planning - Al Abdelrahman
    - Off to a good start. Overall successful semester. State inspection for fire safety is at the end of October.
  - Director of Physical Plant - Justin Butwell
    - The elevator in Champ is currently inactive.
    - S. Speight asked about the heat in McCormick gym is very high. Justin mentioned that he would take a look at the heat and make sure that's not a continuous problem
    - A. Zarebczan mentioned the wood panels on the bridge from the east to the west end of campus. Claiming they are a bit unstable. Justin responded by saying he would take a look at it and make sure it was safe
  - Associate Director of Physical Plant - Kim Bodendorf

- The freshman got a lot of tickets for paper towels and due to the air dryer, the paper towels should be removed.
- Associate Director of Physical Plant - Jesse Hewitt
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- Leadership Reports
  - S. Speight - Student Body President
    - Sent the printer feedback back to Kathy Barbra. They are working on a printer location map. If there's any printing station that is out of paper, you can file a message to correct this and refill the paper
    - The Leadership Conference will be in replacement of the Assembly next week (Wednesday, September 18th)
    - Meeting with Gourmet and Andrea Connor
    - Met with Saint Judes for the fundraising information. They will be coming to the Assembly in November.
    - Went to the alumni executive board and talked about the Marist rebrand and the freshman residence hall competition.
    - Met with the co-chair of the AI
    - Completed the state of campus report and it's available in the Brightspace.
  - E. Spillane - Executive Vice President
    - Spoke with Bob and is working on a philanthropic club/group through Marist. Making sure there aren't any roadblocks and trying to make this idea come to life.
  - Karina Syrota - Vice President of Student Life
    - Gathering concerns from the concern boxes. Additionally is looking at a new method of getting proper feedback without any issues.

- Still spreading the word about elections to students.
- 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
    - Working with Hannah to create flyers to submit anonymous concerns through QR codes.
    - Referenced board report. 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
    - Referenced board report. 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
    - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
  - C. Larkin
    - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
  - G. Halliday
    - The first board meeting with Bob coming up.
    - 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.
- Archivist
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- S. Kolmel
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- E. Deschamps
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- S. Manandhar
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.

#### **IV. Old Business**

- There was no old business from the previous meeting.

#### **V. New Business**

- DEI Presentation
- The Appointment of Laretta Russell as Deputy Vice President of Student Well-being
  - S. Mazzella asked what Laretta's favorite thing she did last year in SGA, and Laretta mentioned the MS\* event that she helped conduct last year.
  - P. Cama asked how Laretta plans on reaching out to all students. She responded with the plans to create more unique pop-up events in addition to the already set-in-place Champ Breezeway pop-up events
  - A. Zarebczan asked what specific things she wanted to accomplish here, and Laretta answered that she wanted students to be able to have access to all offices on campus.
  - P. Cama. motioned to move to an informal discussion. V. Rivera seconded the motion
  - V. Rivera motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. K. Syrota seconded this motion
  - Laretta Russell was appointed with 17 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.

- The Appointment of David Galindo Delgado as Deputy Chief Information Officer
  - David introduced himself and looks forward to working alongside the members of Marist SGA
  - V. Rivera asked what excites David the most. He is excited to work with the School's software.
  - P. Cama asked what are some ways he plans on helping Jumin. David responded by talking about his experience with web design. He plans on applying these skills to the help and support of Jumin.
  - E. Spillane asked what his favorite class was. He responded with his favorite tech class.
  - A. Zarebczan motioned to move to an informal discussion. V. Rivera seconded the motion
  - V. Rivera motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. V. Geraci seconded this motion
  - David Galindo Delgado was appointed with 17 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.
  
- The Appointment of Matthew Eastman as Deputy Chief Communications Officer
  - Matt introduced himself and stated he looks forward to a new year in SGA
  - S. Speight asked about user-generated content. After clarification, Matthew stated that there have been many ideas about new types of content such as "Day-in-the-life" and other trendy ideas.
  - P. Cama asked Matt what he was excited about in regard to his appointed position. Matt stated he is excited to make the work in the communication board more unique and make sure that people are not intimidated by SGA.
  - M. O'Donoghue motioned to move to an informal discussion. V. Rivera seconded the motion
  - C. Larkin motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. P. Cama seconded this motion

- Matthew Eastman was appointed with 17 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.
- The Appointment of Lilian Hardwick as Deputy Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
  - Lilian introduced herself and mentioned they are excited to be a part of SGA in the upcoming school year
  - C. Larkin asked how their experience in high school was helpful for this position. Lilian mentioned that although DEI is always changing, they have been working in positions regarding DEI for the past 6 years.
  - S. Speight asked what Lilian is most looking forward to. Lilian stated that they plan to have more inclusive voting registration for the election season and that's her priority this semester.
  - A. Zarebczan motioned to move to an informal discussion. K. Syrota seconded the motion
  - V. Rivera motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. K. Syrota seconded this motion
  - Lilian Hardwick was appointed with 17 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.
- The Appointment of Andrew Dekhtyar as Deputy Chief Financial Officer
  - Andrew introduced himself and emphasized his willingness to be a part of SGA and his major being in Finance. Additionally, Andrew is part of the Consulting club and has learned a lot and plans to use that to allocate the SGA budget, having a positive impact on this organization.
  - C. Larkin asked what Andrew learned from his community college. Andrew mentioned that he went there to further his base-level education. However, now that he learned about being active on campus and joining clubs, he would like to apply these concepts of hard work and dedication to the SGA

- G. Halliday asked him how his involvement in the Marist consulting club would help him in SGA. Andrew mentioned that he has had an elaborative involvement with finance, and would love to apply this knowledge as well.
  - C. Larkin. motioned to move to an informal discussion. A. Zarebczan seconded the motion
  - P. Cama motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. V. Rivera seconded this motion
  - Andrew Dekhtyar was appointed with 17 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.
- The Appointment of Sydney Scheels as Deputy Vice President of Club Affairs
    - Sydney stated she's excited to work with the SGA this year
    - P. Cama asked what Sydney was looking forward to. Sydney is looking forward to meeting more people and getting more involved.
    - V. Rivera motioned to move to an informal discussion. A. Zarebczan seconded the motion
    - K. Syrota motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. O. Dunn seconded this motion
    - Sydney Scheels was appointed with 17 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.

## **VI. Open Floor**

- Student Concerns
  - A. Zarebczan met with security last week and they are potentially looking to see who is allowed to park in certain places. The students were concerned about why they couldn't park in the Dyson parking lot and the reason is that they are not moving their cars at 6 AM for faculty to park in the morning.

**VII. Announcements**

- LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY 11-2 PM
- VACCINE CLINICS - WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> AND OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup> AT 11:00 AM
  - ROOM 3414 THEATER LOUNGE
- DYSON RIBBON CUTTING
  - SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> AT 3:30 PM
- TRANSITION BINDERS
- 9/11 REMEMBRANCE DAY
- COO HEADSHOTS 1:00 PM WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>
  - THERE WILL ALSO BE RETAKES
- ALL BOARD REPORTS WERE SUBMITTED ON TIME
- REGISTER TO VOTE

**VIII. Miracle of the Week**

- All appointments were completed very quickly and efficiently

**IX. Meeting Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at (12:23 PM)

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tyler Mecca & Helena Reis*

Administrative Coordinators