



MARIST
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE MARIST
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ON SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2025, IN
DONNELLY 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 Serano - Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - Stephania Granados - Deputy 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

- N. Yurasko moved to approve the minutes from the Assembly meeting on September 10th without reading them out loud. J. Genoni seconded the motion.
- Minutes approved without reading upon voice vote in the affirmative.

III. Open Floor

- Student Concerns
 - M. Connor brought up a concern about accessing water on campus. The dining hall does not allow students to enter the dining hall to fill up their water without paying. Access to filtered water throughout campus is inconsistent, and townhouses on campus do not have water stations. N. Yurasko shared his experience in trying to get filtered water stations in freshman residence halls. He confirmed working with Physical Plant for this. A. Bova mentioned that the Allied Health building has a filtered water station, but is unaware of other stations near the townhouses. N. Stamm explained that Steel Plant also has filter problems.
 - N. Yurasko mentioned a concern about maintenance not getting to submitted student tickets. Students have had to start laying their clothes on clotheslines because dryers are not functional. Furthermore, recycling and

trash bins have been an area of concern. Also, in the Lower New Townhouse trash area there are some sanitary concerns.

- V. Vogelman brought up how students are not able to send more than 50 emails a day which is affecting RAs. M. Fox explained that IT made it so students could not send out large amounts of emails to prevent the spread of phishing emails reaching students. R. Torres clarified that the cap is 100 sent emails per hour and no more than 200 per day. A. Bova brought up the point that club emails are also being affected and they are struggling to get information out to all members. A. Bova explained that she was able to speed up the process of getting her email approved but not all other clubs get the privilege. J. Kerin confirmed what the assembly has brought up, and he is encouraging students who are struggling with this new cap to reach out to email services. R. Torres mentioned that she believes this issue would be appropriate to bring to Mike Caputo. J. Kerin explained that he has a meeting with the email services representative and that he will bring up this issue.
- M. Connor mentioned that she has not heard back from the RDs about recycling, pertaining to the issues of students not having recycling bins. R. Torres suggested that reaching out to Kim Bodendorf would be helpful, because she is involved in both housekeeping and physical plant. R. Lynch mentioned that he thought that there was universal dumping, and then it will be sorted at the facilities.
- J. Genoni mentioned that one of his representatives told him that resume building with career services is unhelpful for science majors. J. Kerin agreed and said that a lot of the sciences have trouble with resume building in career services. He mentioned that they

should get more support. R. Torress suggested that Alicia Slater would be a good person to reach out to for the STEM students.

- A. McPadden mentioned that in North End, some of the dining staff have been swapping protein options for students' orders. M. Fox explained that the executive board had a meeting with Gourmet to explain a majority of the issues students are facing, and Gourmet promised to talk to dining staff to fix this issue.

IV. Announcements

- Peer note-taking is no longer being used for Accommodations; there is a new software available for students
- Angelica Pavelock is working on publicity that will help with JobX clarity
- Upcoming event for DEI Board with Hispanic/Latino Club, Gourmet, and the DEI Office on Thursday, September 18th at 4:00pm.
- The date for SGA Takeover in the Dining Hall is October 13th, please reach out if you are interested in participating.
- M. Connor mentioned she has her first event outside of the library on Sunday from 1pm-3pm for a “Sun” Day celebration

V. Board Reports

- Advisor Reports
 - Robin Torres - SGA Advisor
 - Reinstated that the office of Accommodations is no longer doing peer note taking. There are the Gleam note-taking pens and other software. This means that it took a while for it to get up to date, but all students now either have access to the pens or to the software. JobX concerns have been resolved with Angela Pavelock by working on publicity to help with clarity of the program.

- Robert Lynch - SGA Advisor
 - Mentioned how family weekend is coming up soon, and that there have been many new club charters coming in as well. There will also be a car show coming up this October with the car club.
- Guest Reports
 - Safety & Security Report
 - Expressed gratitude for the support received for the Town Hall last week.
- Leadership Reports
 - K. Syrota - Student Body President
 - Mentioned meeting with President Kevin Weinman and how SGA can help with student spirit. Also explained was a meeting with Gourmet in the dining hall, and they expressed willingness to collaborate.
 - M. Fox - Executive Vice President
 - Mentioned how they have met with Kim Bodendorf from physical plant and how they discussed how to bring more student awareness to Physical Plant forms. Water testing was also an issue that was brought up in the meeting and it is something that will be addressed.
- Cabinet and Representative Reports
 - I. Serano
 - Met with Dr. Antonio and mentioned the introduction of a psychometric tool that would be able to identify unconscious biases. He would be able to come into the assembly and speak to our group about our results.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.

- S. Granados
 - Yesterday there was a mass email sent about the town hall that answered all of the students' questions about parking.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- J. Genoni
 - Referenced 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
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- N. Stamm
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- G. Carey
 - 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.
- N. Yurasko

- Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- N. Palmieri
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- V. Vogelman
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- A. McPadden
 - Announced that she is meeting with the accommodations on Tuesday to discuss concerns.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.

VI. Old Business

- There was no old business from the previous meeting.

VII. New Business

- **The Appointment of Emily Ramirez as Deputy Chief Information Officer**
- I. Serrano asked how she plans on being of assistance to the board. E. Ramirez mentioned that her and J. Kerin have been meeting weekly and they have been working on initiatives together.
- N. Yurasko asked how J. Kerin plans on passing down this role since both he and E. Ramirez are seniors. E. Ramirez mentioned that she is graduating early, and the other board member is a sophomore and would be eligible for appointment once she graduated.
- K. Syrota asked what she is most excited about in her new role. E. Ramirez mentioned that she loved to be involved and having this opportunity is the most exciting for her.
- I. Serrano motioned to move to an informal discussion. A. Bova seconded the motion.

- N. Palimeri motioned to amend the bill to change “Chief Information Officer” in the conclusion to read “Deputy Chief Information Officer”. N. Stamm seconded this motion.
- J. Genoni motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. V. Geraci seconded this motion.
- E. Ramirez was appointed with 12 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.
- **The Appointment of Carina Pascucci as Deputy Vice President of Sustainability**
- N. Palimeri motioned to amend the bill to change “Vice President of Sustainability” in the conclusion to read “Deputy Vice President of Sustainability”. V. Geraci seconded this motion.
- R. Torres asked what we should know about C. Pascucci that is not described in her bio. C. Pascucci explained that she has a lot of interests such as kayaking, canoeing, art, and crochet. She also loves her studies.
- N. Stamm mentioned her experiences abroad, and wanted to know how she would be able to bring these efforts to a college campus. C. Pascucci explained that abroad she saw people being more aware of how their actions affect the environment and she explained that the same awareness would be good to have on campus.
- K. Syrota asked what were some of the ideas that she had for sustainability efforts this semester. C. Pascucci explained that one of her ideas is to have more fairs and information go out to the student body.
- A. Bova motioned to move to an informal discussion. V. Vogelmann seconded the motion.
- G. Carey motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. J. Kerin seconded this motion.
- C. Pascucci was appointed with 12 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.
- **The Appointment of Lillian Spoon as the Chief Justice**

- L. Spoon expressed her interest and excitement about getting this opportunity to be considered for Chief Justice. She expressed how she wishes to hear from the assembly.
- J. Genoni asked if she has any SGA experience and why she wants to be Chief Justice. L. Spoon said she has not done SGA before. When she started school she was worried about her academics and didn't really have the opportunity to join anything before. When she got back from abroad she realized she wanted to do something meaningful. She went to an SGA Information Session where she was able to learn about the several opportunities that SGA has to offer.
- N. Stamm asked if she could speak more on her legal internships. L. Spoon mentioned she had two opportunities, one was for personal interest with immigration law. She worked with asylum-seeking individuals who had to trust her to keep her information confidential and relied on her for support. This role gave her the opportunity for her to understand the full story behind experiences. Her second internship was working in a community of lawyers that taught her more about the transparency and general trust that is needed for a legal team in an organization where everyone is working together.
- G. Carey asked L. Spoon if she could share an experience of when she has had to make a difficult decision. L. Spoon mentioned she has two different examples of this. She acknowledges that telling someone hard information is never easy. In her internship for immigration law, she has had to have several hard conversations with families. In her other internship, she had an interaction with another intern who had not been showing up to work. She had to be part of a meeting where her coworker who was similar in age had to be let go.
- I. Serrano asked L. Spoon to give an example of when she had to be impartial. L. Spoon mentioned her previous example with

her coworker. Her other example was having to represent people in court whom she did not agree with.

- J. Kerin asked what are some skills that she was able to gain abroad and how that lends into her being a leader. L. Spoon mentioned her ability to step outside of her comfort zone. She mentioned being eager and open, as well as listening in a new environment are the most important when it comes to having new and unfamiliar experiences.
- G. Carey motioned to move to an informal discussion. A. Bova seconded the motion.
- G. Carey motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. N. Stamm seconded this motion.
- L. Spoon was appointed with 13 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 0 abstentions. The Bill passes.
- N. Stamm motioned to recognize H. Won to the meeting

VIII. Miracle of the Week

- **Everyone submitted their Board Report!**
- **CHIEF JUSTICE! :)**

IX. Meeting Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace Mintel & Katie Marrin

Administrative Coordinators