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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE MARIST
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH,
2025, IN DONNELLY ROOM 225.

Order of Business:

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

- The meeting was called to order at 11:03, by K. Syrota
- Members present:
 - Assembly:
 - Karina Syrota - Student Body President
 - Matt Fox - Executive Vice President
 - Ananya Andrade - Deputy Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - Alex Murphy - Interim Vice President of Club Affairs
 - Brianna Perez-Quiroz - Vice President of Safety and Security
 - Abigail Oliveros- Deputy Vice President of Academic Affairs
 - Olivia Michail - Deputy Vice 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
 - Karina Borysiak - Class of 2028 Vice President
- Judicial Board:
 - Lillian Spoon - Chief Justice
- Associate Members
 - Neil Palmieri - Parliamentarian
- Representatives:
 - Alexa McPadden - East End Representative
- Assistants:
 - Grace Intel - Administrative Coordinator
 - Katie Marrin - Administrative Coordinator

II. Reading of the Minutes

- J. Kerin moved to approve the minutes from the September 17th Assembly without reading them out loud. B. Perez seconded the motion.
- Minutes approved without reading upon voice vote in the affirmative.

III. Announcements

- **Conversation with Michael Caputo for updates on phishing emails**
- N. Stamm motioned to move Announcements before Open Floor.
- Michael mentioned that the attack started as a phishing email from an alumnus who was attending another university, and the email was able to break into the system because alumni don't have multi-factor authentication. From that, they have been able to get into the Marist system.
- JP said that they can stop .25 million messages. JP mentioned that 15 Marist students were hacked, and because they were infiltrated, they had to put a cap on the number of emails that could be sent. The department was able to stop the hacker 44

times due to the restrictions, but 58 people were prevented from sending emails because of these restrictions.

- M. Fox asked if IT would be able to lift the restrictions for certain club leaders or RAs. Michael said that they would be able to temporarily lift restrictions for these people if they reached out.
- A. Bova asked if a student were to have only clicked on the link in the phishing emails would their account be compromised. JP said that these attackers will have your information if you enter it into the form, however, if you click the link and do not enter anything your information is safe but you will still be added to the restricted group.
- Michael asked how many students clicked the link and are now in a restrictive group. JP answered there are about 1007 students.
- Michael mentioned how this is now an insurance problem and that they have to take precautionary measures such as making restricted students change their password. Michael mentioned that they also need help with October cybersecurity month, but they really want to stress that students should never be giving away their duo code.
- N. Stamm asked who should students reach out to in the case that they fall for phishing emails. JP answered to continue forwarding the email and reaching out to phishing@marist.edu.
- G. Carey asked when students can anticipate getting their restrictions lifted on the amount of emails they can send, like club leaders and RAs. JP said they do not have a firm timeline for that at this time, but for students who need to send a large email to reach out to the cybersecurity team so you can temporarily be removed from restrictions. Michael explained that if they could have a list of people that need to send out multiple emails it would be helpful in lifting restrictions.

- Mike explained that the goal of these phishing emails is to get money out of students and faculty. B. Dolansky gave a point of information that if you go to security for help, they will just direct you to cybersecurity as well. If you willingly put in your information it is not criminal, but if you are threatened then law enforcement can step in.
- A. Bova motioned to recognize V. Vogelman to the meeting.
- **Leadership Conference next Wednesday, 10/1/25**
- **Academic Survey by the Academic Affairs Board**
- **Fill out the Board Meeting and Office Hour Calendar**

IV. Open Floor

- Student Concerns
 - (Concern #1)
- Other Inquiries
 - (Inquiry #1)

V. Board Reports

- Advisor Reports
 - Robert Lynch - SGA Advisor
 - Mentioned that family weekend is coming up 10/3-10/5 and the leadership conference is coming up next week as well.
- Guest Reports
 - Safety & Security Report
 - The only thing B. Dolansky wanted to mention that they were able to publish their annual safety and fire safety report online yesterday. Per department of education requirements, there is federal legislation that requires college campuses to disclose what is going on around their campus. It includes crime statistics from previous years, crime prevention information, fire safety legislation, and policy legislation. There was a lot

of time and effort put into creating this report, and he urges students to review it when the email comes out.

- Leadership Reports

- K. Syrota - Student Body President

- Met with Matt McMahon with M. Fox, and she will be meeting with the alumni board this Saturday, and she urges cabinet members to reach out to her about any updates. She also had a meeting with James Snyder about Making Space events. The first one will happen this Saturday. She promises to update the assembly as more information comes out.

- M. Fox - Executive Vice President

- M. Fox mentioned how he was able to meet with James Snyder and during their discussions that brought up student retention and improving the FYS classes. Another topic they discussed is advising and what improvements could be made to make advisors a more involved aspect of student life. He also mentioned that he and K. Syrota will be meeting with Andrea O'Connor.
 - N. Stamm motioned to recognize R. Harvey to the meeting

- Cabinet and Senate Reports

- A. Andrade

- Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.

- A. Murphy

- Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.

- B. Perez-Quiroz

- The partnership with the wellbeing board and Health Services for combatting first year home sickness will be moved to next Friday on October third. Urged assembly to come to her with safety concerns.
- Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- A. Oliveros
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- O. Michail
 - 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
 - Mentioned that she wishes to do more headshots for assembly so they are all uniform, and she created a page for SGA for the St. Judes fundraiser.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- G. Carey
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- J. Kerin
 - Everyone's bios have been added to the website along with headshots and office hours.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- A. Bova

- Meet the Candidates is next Wednesday in the Champ courtyard, and speech night is the following Thursday.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- V. Geraci
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- K. Borysiak
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- L. Spoon
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- N. Palmieri
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- V. Vogelmann
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- A. McPadden
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.

VI. Old Business

- There was no old business from the previous meeting.

VII. New Business

- **Charter of Girls Gains Club**
- G. Mintel asked if they have to be weight lifting certified to give out instructions and advice. Club representatives explained that they have to be certified to give out this advice.
- N. Stamm asked if members are currently paying dues. Club representatives explain that there are some members who

have already started paying dues, but they just began advertising so once the word spreads around more there will be more people that start paying again.

- N. Stamm asked if members who are not paying dues are welcome at events. Representatives explained that all members are welcome to all their events right now.
- G. Carey asked if the dues being paid help with paying for their events, or if the cost for their events is coming out of their club budget. Representatives responded that this would be coming out of the proposed budget, and dues would be going directly to the Girls Gains national chapter.
- G. Carey asked if the amount of money they asked for, \$400 dollars, would be enough for the amount of members they have in the club already. Representatives explained that some events will require money and others will not. Representatives also explained that they wanted to see how a hands-on learning experience would work for club members tonight during their protein-ball making.
- B. Perez asked if students are able to join the club without having to pay dues. Girls Gains representatives explained they have to pay the dues to participate in the club, but they do have events for people who still want to figure out if they want to be in the club or not. Girls Gains reiterated that they believe the cost of the club to be worth the value that they get out of the club.
- B. Perez asked if Girls Gains is open to including people who don't identify as a biological female.
- Members explained that they are open to all people joining their club, including non-binary people and men if they want to be members. They have an open door policy and there is financial assistance for those students who need it.
- M. Connor asked how club members would incorporate the necessity of dues during their meetings. Representatives explained that the event they are having tonight is through

volunteers and dues are not required. They did not want to close the meetings to exclude people who did not pay their dues yet.

- G. Carey asked what gym they will be using in McCann and if they used the gym would they book it out. Representatives explained that the D1 gym has availability and they would ask club members to see their schedule and plan accordingly.
- L. Spoon asked how they are planning their workout plans. Representatives explained that their first event is just a form lifting event, to learn the basics. When they have more intensive lifting sessions, supervisors will be present and they will have their certifications. Through Girls Gains, members all have to do a fitness course training.
- V. Vogelman asked what their schedule was going to look like. Members said their goal is to do weekly lifts, but they need to gauge out when most of their members are available and they want to make sure that everyone has a fair chance to go to some of their events. They explained that they would boost engagement and see when people are available through publicity on their social media pages. Calendars will also be available on the first of every month for all members.
- G. Carey asked if they were planning on using other gyms on campus. They explained that they would be open to that idea, but they base their gym locations would be best for what kind of workout they are doing ,and which gyms are actually available for student use in McCann and which can actually be booked out.
- R. Lynch asked if they had contact with the national chapter and asked if they were getting certified to teach these weight-lifting certifications. Members do have contact with the national chapter, and explained that every time they have a weight lifting session, there is someone who is certified. They have been trying to get in contact with someone in McCann.

- R. Lynch asked for off campus events is there a waiver for students to sign. Representatives said that there is a waiver for off campus events and that those go to the national Girls Gains chapter.
- R. Lynch also explained that personal gear can not be purchased with student activity budget.
- C. Harvey motioned to recognize H. Won to the meeting.
- B. Perez motioned to recognize S. Mazzella to the meeting.
- V. Vogelmann motioned to move to an informal discussion. A. Bova seconded the motion.
- G. Carey motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. A. Oliveros seconded this motion.
- The Girl Gains Club was appointed with 8 affirmatives, 1 negative, and 4 abstentions. The bill passed, and the club was chartered.
- V. Geraci motioned to recognize J. Genoni and A. McPadden
- **The Appointment of Gabriella Meir as Deputy Vice President of Student Well-Being**
- S. Mazzella asked G. Meir if there were any events or plans we wanted to see happen on the well-being board while she is deputy. G. Meir explained that in high school, she was involved in various activities that helped her gain experience in well-being.
- J. Genoni asked how she plans to balance her role as deputy with other commitments that she has. G. Meir explained that she has time management skills and knows her limits so she is confident in going into this position.
- A. Andrade asked how she plans to help all students feel included and feel like they belong. G. Meir explained that she thinks it is important to keep people educated on events on campus and ensure that all the events are inclusive.
- J. Kerin asked if being a freshman would lend to this role. G. Meir explained that she views her class year as an advantage because she knows what first-year students are thinking.

- J. Genoni motioned to move to an informal discussion. B. Perez seconded the motion.
- N. Palimeri motioned to amend the bill to say Meir instead of Weir. A. Bova seconded the motion.
- N. Stamm motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. G. Carey seconded this motion.
- G. Meir was appointed with 12 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.
- **The Appointment of Sampurna Bose as Deputy Chief Financial Officer**
- S. Bose explained that she comes from an international high school where she has gained experiences in student government.
- G. Mintel asked how her experiences in high school could translate into her role on the financial board. S. Bose explained that she did community front events. She also explained how there would be a clash with funding and events that come up, and evaluated the students' events and goals and how to appropriately allocate funds.
- K. Syrota asked if there are any specific projects that she is excited to work on this year. S. Bose explained that she is looking to make the financial process more transparent, and ensure that there is efficiency within the board. She also wants to implement a feedback system to explore any student concerns.
- J. Kerin motioned to move to an informal discussion. V. Geraci seconded the motion
- J. Genoni motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. N. Stamm seconded this motion.
- S. Bose was appointed with 13 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.
- **The Appointment of Scarlett Richartz as Deputy Chief Communications Officer**

- J. Kerin asked if she plans to bring some of her photography skills to the board. S. Richartz explained that he has been a photographer for a long time and has been recognized by both her schools and outside programs as well.
- G. Carey asked what her favorite part of her internship was. S. Richartz said her favorite part was the connections aspect of the program and how she was able to gain insight into what she wanted to pursue in her own career.
- K. Syrota asked what she is looking forward to with being in this role. S. Richartz says that she loved being a part of her community in high school, and she hopes to find this community here.
- J. Kerin motioned to move to an informal discussion. G. Carey seconded the motion
- B. Perez motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. J. Kerin seconded this motion.
- S. Richartz was appointed with 12 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.
- **Amendment to Fix the Chief Archivist's Board**
- V. Vogelmann motioned to move the Amendment to Fix the Chief Archivist Board to the agenda.
- N. Palmieri explained that this amendment is to change the bylaws to include more than just the class archivist to the Chief Archivists board, because the class archivist position no longer exists.
- N. Palimieri explained that this council will serve SGA as a whole and the individual class boards as well.
- J. Kerin motioned to move from formal discussion to voting. N. Stamm seconded this motion
- The Amendment to Fix the Chief Archivist's Board Bylaw Change was brought into fruition with 12 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 0 abstention. The Bill passes.
- **Communications Plan Presentation**

- N. Stamm gave this presentation to make the goals of the communication board more clear. N. Stamm introduced the brand guidelines to the Assembly for all visual communications. She requests that all students use the brand kit if they are creating their own visuals. Their goals for the year are to build a strong and recognizable SGA brand , and to increase awareness and engagement, as well as growing and diversifying their digital reach. Also, the board wishes to create more video content instead of static content.
- She urges the assembly to reach out if they have any information that they wish to promote so that the communications board can help. She shared a calendar for the people who reached out to her looking to do a “day in the life” video.
- **Event Planning Calendar Presentation**
- V. Vogelman made an event planning calendar to organize events. All assembly members have access to this link. As soon as the event is approved, she has added them.
- She asked anyone who does not plan an event with her to still text her the details so that she can still add it to the calendar.

VIII. Miracle of the Week

- **Megan’s event on Sunday**
- **Jared updated the website**
- **Thanks for an amazing week!**

IX. Meeting Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:21

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace Mintel & Katie Marrin

Administrative Coordinators