

MARIST COLLEGE

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE MARIST STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND 2024

On October 2nd, 2024 at 11:03 AM 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
 - 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
 - Hannah Tone - Chief Communications Officer
 - Oliver Dunn- Chief Financial Officer
 - Jumin Shrestha - Chief Information Officer
 - Class Boards:
 - Glenn Halliday - Class of 2025 President
 - Ethan Solury - Class of 2026 President
 - Kyla Sevim- Class of 2027 President
 - Judicial Board:
 - Noah Merrow - Chief Justice
 - Neil Palmieri - Parliamentarian

- Event Planning Chair
 - Suzie Kolmel - Event Planning Chair
- Representatives:
 - Victor Rivera - Distance Representative
 - Ethan Deschamps - South-End Representative
 - Sharvhani Manandhar- International Representative
- Assistants:
 - Tyler Mecca - Administrative Coordinator
 - Helena Reis - Administrative Coordinator

II. Reading of the Minutes

- O. Dunn moved to approve the minutes from the September 25th Assembly Meeting without reading. V. Geraci seconded the motion.
- Minutes approved without reading upon voice vote in the affirmative.

III. Board Reports

- Advisor Reports
 - Robin Torres - SGA Advisor
 - R. Torres hopes everyone is proud of the VP debate watch party.
 - Proud of how the SGA elections are going
 - We are a diverse community and we never know who is being affected by certain situations, so if Hurricane Helene affected someone, there will always be someone who cares for you, counseling, and support on campus.
 - Robin wanted to wish all SGA members a happy Rosh Hashanah
 - Robert Lynch - SGA Advisor
 - Met with Oliver and Justice this week. Regarding clubs like philanthropic club
 - Ana and Molly are working very hard on the 5k walk for breast cancer awareness

- Wanted to thank everyone for the show out for parents' weekend
 - A possible October 13th event with Glenn Haliday and the class of 2025
- Guest Reports
 - Director of Safety & Security - Daniel Gough
 - Daniel suggested checking in on your community regarding the hurricane's impact. Noting how it can be challenging for families in the area and here on campus
 - Hurricane impact, impressive the number of students and families affected by the hurricane
 - Very successful family weekend - The most people we have ever had in terms of parking.
 - The annual campus fire safety report will be released. Everyone should take a look at it and be educated on the standing of Marist College
 - S. Kolmel asked how to get a temporary pass for your car while it is being worked on. Daniel responded by telling Suzie to head to the office to get one.
 - Associate Director of Safety & Security - Brian Dolansky
 - Nothing to add.
 - S. Speight asked about poor card swiping in Ward and how we can fix this. Brian said he would take a look at the swipe and adjust accordingly.
- Leadership Reports
 - S. Speight - Student Body President
 - Last week Evan and S. Speight met with President Weiman and Andrea. President Weiman is abroad for the next few weeks but Andrea will try to be present at the Baseball game.
 - Concerns with the airport shuttles will be further discussed

- A live debate for local New York candidates here on campus
- A possible food pantry on campus is in the works.
- The whole OShea lecture hall was occupied by the Vice Presidents election debate. A very good showout for SGA.
- Continue talking about dining.
- Election announcements tonight in the Caberet. Sheridan emphasized having the members of the SGA vote for the candidates they can.
- Karina Syrota - Vice President of Student Life
 - Being working on getting students' concerns
 - Met with Andrea Conor and after tonight, there will be more representatives for the student life counsel. This will help Karina move along for the Student Life Council
 - Initiatives about there so many events going on and there is no specific place to see everything happening on campus. K. Syrota will work with students activities with this issue.
- 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
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
 - A. Domenici
 - The 5k run for Breast Cancer Awareness is coming up soon.
 - 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
 - The first full board meeting is this weekend. Poster foam boards for elections. Tons of photos and reposts from the speech night. Plans to livestream the announcement night tonight.
- 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
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- E. Solury
 - 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
 - Nothing new to report
- 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

- Isabelle Leagon St. Judes Discussion
 - Chipotle, 5 Guys, and Applebees event coming up to increase fundraising
 - November 15th is the “finale” where St. Judes announces the money raised in the semester
- The Appointment of Alex Murphy for the Deputy of Club Affairs
 - Alex reiterated the introduction that Justice had
 - A. Dominici asked what excites Alex the most. Alex responded with his willingness to promote all student’s interests on campus
 - O. Dunn asked how Alex met Justice and what he thinks Justice saw in him. Alex answered that they met in Model UN and he didn't know what Justice saw on him.
 - R. Torres asked Alex why he wanted to be a deputy now vs earlier. Alex stated that he’s been heavily involved on campus which led to him wanting to “up” the involvement.
 - S. Speight asked how Model UN helps Alex in a role like a deputy for Club Affairs. He stated that being involved through Model UN and being on the Model UN board helps him learn all about teamwork, delegating tasks, and being confident in a high board position.
 - A. Zarebczan motioned to move to an informal discussion. A. Domenici seconded the motion
 - A. Domenici motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. A. Zarebczan seconded this motion
 - Alex Murphy was appointed with 14 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.
- The Appointment of Keziah Franks for the Deputy of Safety & Security
 - P. Cama asked in what way will Keziah help Amy with her position. Kezia stated that she could help Amy by participating in meetings, events, and other SGA safety and Security support
 - S. Speight what Keziah is most excited for. Keziah answered that she is excited for the ideas they come up

together, and for the Domestic violence awareness month events and collaborations.

- T. Mecca asked how her involvement in SGA helps her in her deputy position now. Keziah stated that her experience in SGA helped by growing her level of initiative and that the most important thing is students are aware that they make an impact
- P. Cama motioned to move to an informal discussion. K. Syrota seconded the motion
- K. Syrota motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. V. Geraci seconded this motion
- Keziah Franks was appointed with 14 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.

○ DEI Bylaw Change

- R. Torres stated to recognize the fact the DEI is firmly now woven into each part of all of Marist 100, it makes absolute sense to increase the number of deputies for DEI.
- K. Syrota motioned to move from formal discussion to voting. A. Zarebczan seconded this motion
- The DEI Bylaw Change was brought into fruition with 14 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.

○ The Appointment of Marcus Francis for the Deputy of DEI

- O. Dunn asked how Marcus plans to balance all his commitments in SGA. Marcus responded by stating he is very organized has experience balancing multiple boards and is confident in his ability to be the Deputy of DEI
- V. Rivera is most proud about the Black Student Union. Marcus answered that he tries to make all the events as inclusive as possible and on his last event he had a very diverse group of students.
- K. Syrota motioned to move to an informal discussion. A. Domenici seconded the motion

- A. Zarebczan motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. A. Domenici seconded this motion
- Marcus Francis was appointed with 15 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.
- Philanthropic Committee Bylaw Change
 - V. Rivera asked how the committee would be assembled. Justice responded by stating the committee is more of a collaboration of students rather than a specific titled membership.
 - S. asked if there were any ideas for combining the committee and the event planning board. Justice answers that for now they will be separated but it's important for both to be connected and work together.
 - S. Speight added that a part of the Philanthropic Committee is tied to education as well
 - R. Torres mentioned that this committee is tied to opening up opportunities for Marist College Students. For the first time, we are saying we value Philanthropy enough to move forward with SGA action.
 - O. Dunn thinks that this committee gives change to organizations to have the support of SGA which is really important.
 - O. Dunn motioned to move from formal discussion to voting. P. Cama seconded this motion
 - The Philanthropic Committee Bylaw Change was brought into fruition with 15 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes

VI. Open Floor

- Student Concerns
 - O. Dunn mentioned that there need to be more staplers in Dyson. S. Speight responded by stating that we plan on increasing staplers on campus. Additionally, Sheridan

mentioned the concept of an event correlated with school supplies.

- K. Syrota asked if there is a way to create a virtual line on Hometown tickets for more people to get the chance to purchase tickets because they are getting sold out really quickly. Bob Lynch answered that they can talk about it with Becky but something to be aware is that not everyone will be able to get tickets.
- Other Inquiries
 - S. Kolmel asked everyone to fill out the interest form for a Halloween-themed assembly.

V. New Business (cont.)

- Mike Caputo, JP Montross, and Jeff Obrizok IT Discussion
 - S. Speight asked about the TV connectivity in Dyson. It was mentioned by Mike Caputo that it is not an issue with IT but more so with the media companies that Marist has used for the Dyson buildings.
 - S. Speight also talked about hacker threats. JP stated that the goal is to be one step ahead of hackers. Connection is consistently being monitored to ensure hackers don't take student's data. Additionally, there have been many posts tied to cybersecurity here at Marist. Mike stated that these issues tend to arise around summer and winter break when they hide as professors offering jobs and then taking important data. Mike had SGA rest assured as JP was in the military doing cybersecurity for 32 years. So JP is well equipped to combat this.
 - A. Zarebczan and the Safety and Security are aware of all the job scams that happened on campus and she would love to do an event for Cybersecurity Awareness Month.
 - V. Rivera mentioned including Cybersecurity training for First Year students. Mike questioned if there would be a genuine interest in sending it out to students. R. Torres suggested that over the summer before students come on campus, it would make sense to place the education level before first years start

their semester. R. Torres suggested students have to do the training before activating their Marist ID Freshman Year.

- S. Manandhar mentioned a tech issue in Leo Hall regarding wifi turning on and off. Jeff suggested to call the help desk to take care of this issue
 - S. Speight questioned if there was a talk of AI. Mike stated that they are starting an AI committee that holds a lot of interest. There have not been any decisions made, but the goal is to keep it “in the guard rails” where policy comes into effect. Mike is excited about the development of AI.
 - S. Speight discussed a previous student's concern regarding AI and how certain professors use it vs the Academic Honesty Policy. Mike stated that this is why the AI committee was established and reiterated the goals of the committee.
- Kathy LeBarbera Printer Discussion
 - O. Dunn asked about the possibility of having staplers at Dyson. Kathy LeBarbera answered that there is no plan to add staplers next to the printers.
 - V. Rivera stated that his personal experience with the printers is when he uses different files the printer prints different files all at once. Kathy said that this shouldn't be the case. There will be a service report to fix this issue.
 - R. Torres mentioned adding staplers to the list of things students should bring when getting on Campus.
 - S. Speight asked if there is any data about which printer is being most used. Kathy LeBarbera answered that Donnely and Library were the most popular ones but now Dyson is one of the most used.
 - Now with the new printers, students are being more responsible. With the old printers, students used to waste more paper and leave confidential information on top of the printers which is not happening anymore. This waste is also one of the reasons why there are no trash cans next to the printers.

- Kathy LeBarbera asked for help in getting the word out and letting students know about the printing stations and how to use them.
- P. Cama suggests we let professors know how to work the printers so they can educate the students when requiring paper-required assignments.
- R. Torres asked if the information was truly accessible. Kathy mentioned that many forms are all around the campus
- Kathy LeBarbera mentioned that when introducing something new it's important to be careful with the different schedules of undergrad and postgrad students.
- S. Speight asked about the printers on Hancock. Kathy stated that the locations of the printers were decided by deans and high faculty. The Hancock printer does get a lot of foot traffic on the 1st floor but not so much on the 4th floor.
- The printers are just for students. Professors and Staff can not use the printers.

VII. Announcements

- **BRAND KIT**
- **DUTCHESS STADIUM BASEBALL GAME OCT. 11TH**
- **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WALK OCT. 12TH**
- **FUNDRAISING FOR ST. JUDE**
- **BOARD REPORTS**
- **TRANSITION BINDERS**

VIII. Miracle of the Week

- **Survived the First Month of Classes**

IX. Meeting Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at (1:25 PM)

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyler Mecca & Helena Reis

Administrative Coordinators