

MARIST COLLEGE

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE
MARIST STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ON WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 9TH, 2024

On Wednesday at 11:07 in 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
 - 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
 - Ethan Solury - Class of 2026 President
 - Kyla Sevim- Class of 2027 President
 - Noah Yurasko - Class of 2028 President

- Judicial Board:
 - Noah Merrow - Chief Justice
 - Neil Palmieri - Parliamentarian
- Event Planning Chair
 - Suzie Kolmel - Event Planning Chair
- Representatives:
 - Ethan Deschamps - North End Representative
 - Joseph McCormack - South End Representative
 - Aishlyn Cassells - South End Representative
 - Karina Syrota - East End Representative
 - Jean Silva - Distance Representative
 - Sharvhani Manandhar- International Representative
 - Harrison Soloman - Commuter Representative
- Assistants:
 - Tyler Mecca - Administrative Coordinator
 - Helena Reis - Administrative Coordinator

II. Reading of the Minutes

- P. Cama moved to approve the minutes from the Assembly meeting on October 2nd, 2024 without reading. C. Larkin seconded the motion.
- Minutes approved without reading upon voice vote in the affirmative.

III. Board Reports

- Advisor Reports
 - Robin Torres - SGA Advisor
 - Appreciate all the questions on all the meetings this week.
 - Really happy to welcome the new members and great job with elections.
 - Robert Lynch - SGA Advisor
 - Best wishes for Molly and Ana for the BC 5k Run
 - The class of 2025 event was moved to November (from this week)

- High-risk club events need to be cleared before
 - (1) Hiking, skiing, etc.
 - Two new club accounts were established
 - Indoor rock climbing event later today
- Guest Reports
 - Director of Safety & Security and Associate Director of Safety & Security - Brian Dolansky & Daniel Gough
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- Leadership Reports
 - S. Speight - Student Body President
 - Met with Oliver to go over “big budget” events upcoming for the school year
 - Recorded a “day in my life” to increase social media engagement.
 - Met with Hannah to discuss how to increase student engagement with the SGA
 - Met with P. Cama to go over new clauses that are DEI-focused.
 - Creating a priority point survey that needs to be sent out to all students soon
 - November is Hunger Month so planning to collaborate with Marist Eats.
 - Matt McMahon will be in attendance at an upcoming SGA assembly meeting coming up
 - Conducting interviews for the remaining positions on SGA.
 - October 23rd after the SGA Assembly we plan on voting for the VP of Student Life
 - Meeting with Marist votes today (10/09) and encouraging people to vote.
 - E. Spillane - Executive Vice President
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- 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
 - 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.
 - Thank you to everyone who helped with the 5K breast awareness month.
- 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
 - 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.
- Noah Yurasko
 - 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.
- S. Kolmel
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- E. Deschamps

- Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- Joseph McCormack
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- Aishlyn Cassells
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- Karina Syrota
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- Jean Silva
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- S. Manandhar
 - Nothing new to report. Yielded time to the chair.
- Harrison Solomon
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.

IV. Old Business

- There was no old business from the previous meeting.

V. New Business

- Andrea Conor Free Speech Policy Discussion
 - The Free Speech Policy was sent out on August 27th and it's also available in the student handbook on the Marist website.
 - This Policy upholds concepts regarding freedom of speech in the Marist Community
 - This policy is governing behavior but it wasn't implemented to limit students from free speech
 - A. Zarebczan asked Andrea if she had spoken to the Security faculty. Andrea responded by first, complementing the question, then answered by saying that she has been very impressed with Dan Gough. His military experience and his career decisions are built strongly around working in a college environment. Andrea views him as a very important piece of the campus. Together, they stood over past working hours to make sure that when students use their voices, they do so safely.

- P. Cama asked what are some ways to have SGA spread awareness of the new policy. Andrea responded by saying that she views her goals as advocating for the voice of the students. So spread the word about the existence of student speech. Sometimes students do use their voice to promote. So spreading the word intelligently is important for the viability of a strong student body.
- S. Speight asked if there was a violation of the policy and if there were “checks and balances”. Andrea responds by saying that it all ties to the regular student conduct path. The rules of the school still stand unchanged through that new free speech policy. If you write a policy you should hold people to it.
- S. Speight asked if there was an update on the food pantry. Andrea said she recently discovered that there are multiple student leaders trying to help with all food insecurities on campus.
- The Red Fox Writing Club Charter
 - O. Dunn asked why the Red Fox Writing Club needs to be a club if they are so similar to the multiple writing clubs on campus. The club responded that it’s a new space where the writing is not getting published. It’s just a space to write freely with no judgment
 - S. Speight asked what a typical meeting looks like. They responded by stating it starts with introductions, then prompt writing activity, a group poem, and free options to share work made in the meeting.
 - K. Soryta asked about having faculty members attend the meetings. The club responded saying they haven’t but that it’s a great idea.
 - R. Torres asked if they talked with Red Inc. They answered that they hadn't talked with them but believed that Red Inc. is focused on arts and other types of expression.
 - O. Dunn motioned to move to an informal discussion. K. seconded the motion

- K. Syrota motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. A. Zarebczan seconded this motion
 - The Red Fox Writing Club was appointed with 15 affirmatives, 5 negatives, and 2 abstentions. The Bill passed and the club was chartered
- Hannah Tone's Communications Plan Presentation
 - K. Sevim asked if we could put out more content regarding the inside of the SGA. H. Tone responded by stating that we are actively in the world of having more inside of SGA content to "break down that wall"
 - R. Lynch asked if the marketing and communications group knew about this work. H. Tone responded that they know about it and she had a few meetings with them.
 - R. Torres talked about promoting the SGA Instagram by placing tags all around the campus in places that might intrigue them to join
- The Appointment of the Deputy VP of Sustainability
 - A. Zarebczan asked about any specific events that she is planning on doing. She answers that Earth Day is one of the events she is most excited about.
 - C. Larkin motioned to move to an informal discussion. A. Zarebczan seconded the motion
 - O. Dunn motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. C. Larkin seconded this motion
 - Kieli Nicholls was appointed with 18 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.
- Hispanic Club Name Change
 - K. Syrota motioned to move from formal discussion to voting. A. Zarebczan seconded this motion
 - The DEI Bylaw Change was brought into fruition with 17 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes
- New Member Presentation

VI. Open Floor

- Student Concerns
 - N/A

- Other Inquiries
 - N/A

VII. Announcements

- WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!
- MEET WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE
- RULES AND ADMIN COMMITTEE
- COMPLETE BOARD INFORMATION FORM
- BASEBALL GAME & BREAST CANCER WALK
- FUNDRAISING FOR ST. JUDES
- PHILANTHROPIC COMMITTEE CHAIR OPPORTUNITY
- DEI EVENT RIGHT NOW
- OCTOBER 30TH HALLOWEEN ASSEMBLY

VIII. Miracle of the Week

- New members and a successful election

IX. Meeting Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at (1:07 PM)

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyler Mecca & Helena Reis

Administrative Coordinators