

MARIST COLLEGE

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE MARIST STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ON OCTOBER 16, 2024

On October 16th, 2024 in Donnelly room DN 225, 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 11:06, by Sheridan Speight
- 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:

Speight - Spillane Administration

- 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

- H. Tone moved to approve the minutes from the assembly meeting of October 9th without reading them out loud. V. Geraci seconded the motion.
- Minutes approved without reading upon voice vote in the affirmative.

III. Open Floor

- Student Concerns
 - H. Soloman talked about a concern where the stickers for parking passes reveal important information about students. Harrison recommended all hanging tags
 - Safety and Security mentioned that tags are easily passed around which poses conflict.
 - Robin Torres stated that it's less about tags and stickers and more about identification. She then asked if there was a way of adjusting the language/info on the sticker.
 - S. Speight recommended different colors

IV. Announcements

- **COPY CENTER THROUGH TEAM DYNAMIX**
- **TELL YOUR BOARD: ALLERGEN COMMITTEE, LIBRARY & ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE, COMMITTEE**
- **VOTING REGISTRATION VIDEO**
- **DEBATE AT 7 PM - HOMETOWN TICKETS**
- **WORLD FOOD DAY**
- **ALUMNI WEEKEND NEXT WEEKEND**
- **FALL FEST EVENT - KYLA AND SARAH**
- **MEET THE CABINET FORM - HANNAH TONE**

V. Board Reports

- Advisor Reports
 - Robin Torres - SGA Advisor
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 - Robert Lynch - SGA Advisor
 - Shout out to Molly and Ana for a great 5k event.
 - Thanked the executive board for reserving the SGA office on such short notice.
 - There's going to be an Italian night in November, (11/7/24) from 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM in the cab
- Guest Reports
 - Safety & Security Report
 - PARKING AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT STUDY PRESENTATION
 - O. Dunn asked if charging for parking was ever considered at Marist. Safety & Security answered that according to the study, the amount of students looking for parking would not change.
 - N. Merrow asked about a breakdown of data on the Fontaine parking lot, considering that students and faculty are both using it.
 - R. Torres talked about an idea that a student had where it would allow students to park during

sports games just at the beginning and close it after a while.

- H. Soloman asked if all the cars need to be out of the parking lot when the signs are not yet out or if they just can't go in the parking lot after a certain time.
- K. Syrota asked if the parking spaces would be available for all students in "Opportunity #1" and was responded that the specific spot on the East End of campus will need specific parking abilities
- C. Larkin asked how filling up the east-end parking lots can disperse from specific current east-end parking being filled more than usual. It was then brought up that there will be a planning open discussion available to all students in the future.
- E. Spillane asked what the predictions are on the north-end parking lots considering that students abroad are returning. Those students would have to park on the east side of campus.
- A. Zarebczan mentioned disability parking, and it was mentioned that handicapped spaces will remain available to the students
- N. Merrow asked if emails can be sent out to students explaining where they can park because many students are getting tickets for things they are not aware are not permitted.
- S. Speight asked if there was any talk about North End, when it closes if we can open Dyson at night to have parking there. The response was that it would be looked at.
- Gourmet New Business
 - J. McCormack asked why the price of catering is so expensive. Gourmet mentioned that they are starting a Grubhub plan where families can send/order their children who are students food.

Additionally, they agreed the prices of food are a bit expensive.

- O. Dunn mentioned that off-campus options are the competition. And that it's cheaper to eat off campus for better quality of food. Gourmet says that they feel they are better competitively in terms of meal swipes being \$10 per swipe
- J. McCormack mentioned adding more customization options. Additionally, he asked if the amount of food in a burrito in the cab can be increased. Gourmet answered that the staff in the cab is limited so that might be a reason for this issue, but it will be addressed.
- K. Syrota asked if there is a way to have a more transparent explanation for the cancellation of orders.
- Matt McMann talked about how the meal plans are rather consistent. And that one of the connections to gourmet is the meal swipes. And the purpose is that the meal swipes are to be used in the dining hall. If we wanted to adjust this, the whole meal plan would be adjusted which is something to be looked at in the future. He also suggested possibly more thrifty cash or dining dollars. We want to engage with students to see what the students want when it comes to campus dining.
- A. Zarebczan mentioned that the price of the meal equivalency is less than the actual product price which has been causing food insecurity on campus.
- H. Solomon asked if there was a way to simply buy meal swipes. Gourmet responded by saying that meal swipes are tricky because they are non-taxable. Matt chimed in to say that you can only add thrifty and Marist money. And that it might be advantageous to use gourmet dining's options for specific scenarios.

- J. Genoni asked if there was any way to have quality control for the products distributed to students.
- J. McCormack stated that he's an RA and that he only gets a meal and a half a day. Matt mentioned that it's not quite related to gourmet, but that they are trying to implement change to the RA's and the benefits they receive, including meal plans.
- G. Halliday asked what Gourmet's favorite meal to have is at Marist. Gourmet answered the dining hall pizza and Steal plant.
- G. Halliday asked about the company culture. Gourmet responded that they are trying to adjust team culture to help build a proper working environment throughout campus.
- S. Speight asked for campus options during fall break this week. The cab is open until 11 - 8 PM: Friday - Sunday.
- Gourmet asked if we as the SGA could advocate for sustainability by telling students to be mindful of the compost trash cans
- Leadership Reports
 - S. Speight - Student Body President
 - Continuing to conduct interviews for representative positions open
 - VP of Student Life elections will be held next week instead of this week
 - Had a discussion with Matt McMann and Gourmet
 - Evan and Sheridan met with Carol Rinke yesterday to discuss academic rewards vs faculty rewards
 - Attended the academic affairs board to discuss the faculty of the year award.
 - 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
 - Women safety training event. Currently thinking of what can be given as an incentive.
 - 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
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- J. Shrestha
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- C. Larkin
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- G. Halliday
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- E. Solury
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- K. Sevim
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- N. Yurasko
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- E. Deschamps
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- J. McCormack
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.

- A. Cassells
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- K. Syrota
 - Met with Andrea today to discuss student concerns. Also planning on setting up some student concern boxes near the dining hall
 - Yielded time to the chair.
- J. Silva
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- S. Manandhar
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- H. Solomon
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.

VI. Old Business

- Board Report Format and Example
- Fill out the board form by the end of the day

VII. New Business

- Financial Presentation

VIII. Miracle of the Week

- **Molly and Ana's amazing breast cancer 5k walk last weekend**

IX. Meeting Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyler Mecca & Helena Reis

Administrative Coordinators