



MARIST
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE MARIST
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ON OCTOBER 29TH, 2025 IN DONNELLY

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Order of Business:

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

- The meeting was called to order at 11:08
- Members present:
 - Assembly:
 - Karina Syrota - Student Body President
 - Matt Fox - Executive Vice President
 - Itati Serrano - 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
 - Sarah Mazzella - President of Athletic Affairs
 - Amanda Gracia - Vice President of Student Well-Being
 - Carina Pascucci - Vice President of Sustainability
 - Scarlett Richartz - Deputy Chief Communications Officer
 - Griffin Carey - Chief Financial Officer
 - Jared Kerin - Chief Information Officer
 - Alyssa Bova - Director of Elections Commissions

Syrota - Fox Administration

- Class Boards:
 - Vi Geraci - Class of 2026 President
 - Noah Yurasko - Class of 2028 President
 - Adrianna Darosa- Class of 2029 President
- Judicial Board:
 - Lillian Spoon - Chief Justice
- Associate Members
 - Neil Palmieri - Parliamentarian
- Representatives:
 - Alexa McPadden - North End Representative
 - Joseph McCormack- North End Representatives
 - Chella Calcagni - Commuter Representative
 - Emily Speno - Commuter Representative
 - Caitrina Kiel - Transfer Representative
- Assistants:
 - Grace Intel - Administrative Coordinator
 - Katie Marrin - Administrative Coordinator

II. Reading of the Minutes

- N. Yurasko moved to approve the minutes from the October 22nd assembly meeting without reading them out loud. B. Perez seconded the motion.
- Minutes approved without reading upon voice vote in the affirmative.

III. Open Floor

- Student Concerns
 - N. Yurasko mentioned he heard about a car break-in in Upper Fulton. The person who it happened to reached out to Security. B. Dolansky explained that security does have cameras, but due to the trees in Upper Fulton it is hard to catch everything. He encouraged students to lock their doors and that any break-ins will be reported

to the police. He emphasized again how students should leave their cars locked at all times.

IV. Announcements

- **Finance FAQ sheet is on the LinkTree**
 - G. Carey explained that he created a finance FAQ sheet for students and clubs. He explained that it is a living document that is geared toward the SGA budget, not all clubs.
- **Digital Budget Request Form**
 - G. Carey also explained that he is working towards a digital form to replace the paper form of budget requests. He explained that they will both exist for a period of time before the change is made.
- **Cultural Dinner Dance Tickets**
 - Serrano encouraged members to buy tickets to the cultural dinner dance.
- **K. Syrota asked assembly members to stay after assembly next week for the Pie SGA fundraiser event, and urged members to do the hunger walk after the assembly meeting this week.**
- **J. McCormack encouraged members to drop off bottles and cans in the Ward lobby.**
- **N. Yurasko asked members to come for the pumpkin carving in the Cab tonight.**

V. Board Reports

- Advisor Reports
 - Robin Torres - SGA Advisor
 - R. Torres thanked members for celebrating Halloween during assembly. She also explained that John O'Shea has just recently passed away. She asked members to take a minute to think about him and all the services he has provided for

Marist. She also encouraged members to have fun this weekend in their own way and she hopes everyone enjoys it.

- Robert Lynch - SGA Advisor
 - R. Lynch explained that John O'Shea was a very crucial part of Marist's development. He also mentioned the importance of Hunger Awareness Month. R. Lynch also encouraged members to attend night on Broadway this weekend and how donations will be given to AIDS care.
- Guest Reports
 - Safety & Security Report
 - B. Dolansky explained that there have been 10 spaces added to St. Annes parking lot because of the removal of the handicap spots. He also encouraged members to be safe this weekend.
- Leadership Reports
 - K. Syrota - Student Body President
 - K. Syrota explained that she has been interviewing this week for representative positions.
 - M. Fox - Executive Vice President
 - M. Fox encouraged members to come to the St. Jude MC event. He also brought up his recent SPARK meetings.
- Cabinet and Senate Reports
 - I. Serano
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
 - A. Murphy
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.

- B. Perez-Quiroz
 - Brought up her event next week and encouraged members to attend her Coffee with Cops after the assembly. She also explained that there will be a food drive going on as well and encouraged students to donate.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- A. Oliveros
 - Referenced J. Genoni's board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- S. Mazzella
 - She explained that next Wednesday will be her tie dying event that coincides with the upcoming basketball game.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- A. Gracia
 - She explained the National Colleges Health Assessment will be going out this week and that it is a 20-30 minute survey. She is looking at ideas for incentives for students to participate.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- C. Pacucci
 - Explained that they have an event going on today in Dyson and encouraged members to attend.
 - Referenced M. Connor's board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- S. Richartz
 - Mentioned the new newsletter coming out today.
 - Referenced N. Stamm's 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
 - Wanted to add to the board report that she is part of the Food Insecurity Committee on campus, and if anyone knows anyone that needs help, then to reach out to her. She notes that it may feel difficult to reach out, but she is available to help anyone.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- H. Won
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- N. Yurasko
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- A. Darosa
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- L. Spoon
 - Wanted to remind everyone that there is no communication during voting.
 - 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
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- J. McCormack
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- C. Calcagni
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- E. Speno
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- C. Kiel
 - 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 the Beyond the Needle Club**
 - Club representatives introduced their club and gave their presentation to the assembly.
 - G. Carey asked club representatives for clarification about what type of transportation the club would be looking to get for their off-campus events. Members explained that this is something that they would be open to discussing, and it is something that they have not done before so they do not have many ideas of providers just yet..
 - G. Carey asked how you can diversify the budget between SNR events and beyond-the-needle events when

both groups are working very closely with each other. Members explained that this budget would just be for the club and not out of the SNR budget. Beyond the needle's goal is to run without SNR.

- B. Perez wanted to comment on the mission statement. She loved the group's presentation, and she confirmed that the club was doing a great job with their outreach strategy.
- R. Torres expressed that this is a cool concept to include all students who may be interested. She also expressed the idea that "Dressing to Impress" for a career workshop would be a good collaboration for this club to do. Club representatives confirmed that they would be interested in this, and their events will not all be completely related to fashion shows. They also explained that in the fall, the show is not in full swing yet, so there is the opportunity for more events.
- R. Torres asked if the maker lab was something that would be part of the club's reach to help people who don't have experience in that sort of field yet. Members explained that crafts in the maker land would be a good activity once they have money for the supplies.
- G. Carey asked if the networking events would be more exclusive to the club or if they would be open to everyone. Club members explained that they would cater to club members but people could join at any point.
- G. Carey asked what the breakdown is of the students who are active in the club. Members explained that a majority of their interest is from first year students who can not join the SNR class yet. Emails have been sent out as well and there is a good amount of interest.
- V. Gracia wanted to know how the Beyond the Needle club is different from the other clubs on campus that are

similar, such as the Creative Perspectives club. Members explained that this club is very hands-on and are more focused on the professional experiences and behind the scenes work of things like fashion shows. It doesn't take the design-centered approach that the Creative Perspective's club has.

- G. Carey reiterated that he liked the idea that this is more of a holistic approach. However, he expressed concern that this club has a lot of overlap with the SNR class. He wanted to know member's thought process in positioning the club that way. Members explained that the need for this club is due to the selectivity of the SNR class and the need for volunteers at the SNR show every year. Members explained if they can expand their reach to other majors or to people who don't have the time commitment, then they will be able to establish Beyond the Needle's own identity as a club separate from the class. There are certain events that only are sent out to members of the club, such as the runway over the Hudson event.
- R. Lynch asked if the club's community service is registered under the community service program. Club representatives claimed that they do not believe so, and they would be more willing to get permission.
- R. Lynch asked club representatives if they were aware that they were not allowed take photographs of children. Club representatives confirmed they knew this.
- J. Kerin motioned to recognize R. Harvey, H. Won, and N. DiLena to the meeting.
- J. McCormack motioned to move to an informal discussion. V. Geraci seconded the motion.
- J. Kerin motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. C. Calcagni seconded this motion.

- The Beyond the Needle Club was chartered with 13 affirmatives, 6 negatives, and 2 abstention. The bill passed and the club was chartered.
- **The Appointment of Alyssa Comolli as the East End Representative**
 - A. Comolli began by introducing herself, and the importance that this role would have for her as a resident of East end for the past two years.
 - J. McCormack clarified what the student life council would look like, and asked how she planned to collaborate with them throughout the whole campus. A. Comolli explained that she is an RA in Fulton and that maintaining communication would be a way to collaborate with other representatives.
 - N. Yurasko asked if there was a reason why A. Comolli didn't run for the position during the Fall elections period. A. Comolli explained that in the beginning of the semester she was still finding her footing, and that she realised later on that she wanted to pursue the position.
 - G. Carey asked if there would be any changes she would like to see in the East end, and what has she been hearing from other students. A. Comolli explained that being in the East end can feel a little disconnected and that she would love to work on that as well as changing the times of Marketplace being open.
 - S. Mazzella confirmed that it is hard to come up with events for the East end, but asked her if she has any ideas to bring everyone together. A. Comolli explained that the walkways in the East End would be a good way to host events.
 - J. Kerin asked what her go-to hang out spot was on the East end of campus. A. Comolli said that she loved to hangout at Allied Health.

- J. Kerin motioned to move to an informal discussion. R. Harvey seconded the motion.
- G. Carey motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. C. Harvey seconded this motion.
- Alyssa Comolli was appointed with 20 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 0 abstention. The Bill passes.
- **The Appointment of Janel Ama Dwomoh Sarpong as the International Representative**
 - J. Sarpong introduced herself to the assembly and expressed her interest and excitement in the role.
 - B. Perez asked how her experience being an ambassador will help her in SGA. J. Sarpong explained she just joined the ambassadors program because she is getting out of her shell. She thinks that she has gained good experience from her experience in ambassadors so far in terms of balancing responsibilities.
 - A. Gracia asked if there are ways Marist can improve international relations. J. Sarpong explained that the office is doing a good job, and she is there to add value to the office and spread their mission statement.
 - N. Stamm if she has any specific ideas or initiatives for her role. J. Sarpong explained that keeping us unified and together is important.
 - A. Bova asked why she did not run initially this semester during Fall elections. J. Sarpong explained that she was doubting her abilities and if she would be able to handle this position. She mentioned she has since gained experience and confidence, and claims she is now ready to handle this role.
 - V. Geraci asked if there are any ideas she has for students who need to stay on campus during breaks. J. Sarpong said depending on the different holidays there can be different events that are put on to give them something

to do and to build community among the international community.

- C. Harvey motioned to move to an informal discussion. A. Bova seconded the motion.
- B. Perez motioned to recognize N. Stamm and J. Genoni to the meeting.
- C. Kiel motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. C. Calcagni seconded this motion.
- J. Sarpong was appointed with 20 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 0 abstention. The Bill passes.

VIII. Miracle of the Week

- **SGA got front page coverage in the Marist Circle!**

IX. Meeting Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:39

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace Mintel & Katie Marrin

Administrative Coordinators