

MARIST COLLEGE

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE MARIST STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ON OCTOBER 30TH, 2024

On October 30th, at 11:10 AM in room SC3101, 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 11:10 AM, 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
 - 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
- Assistants:
 - Tyler Mecca - Administrative Coordinator
 - Helena Reis - Administrative Coordinator

II. Reading of the Minutes

- K. Syrota moved to approve the minutes from the Assembly Meeting of 10/18/2024 without reading them out loud. A. Zarebczan seconded the motion.
- Minutes approved without reading upon voice vote in the affirmative.

III. Open Floor

- Student Concerns
 - N/A
- Other Inquiries
 - N/A

IV. Announcements

- NEW MEMBERS BEING APPOINTED
- MAKE SURE YOU VOTE!!!!
- SGA DISCONNECT AND DESTRESS EVENT
- CULTURAL DINNER DANCE NOV. 22TH
- MR. MARIST - ST JUDE
- HUDSON RALLY - ST JUDE
- LIBRARY AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

V. Board Reports

- Guest Reports
 - Safety & Security Report
 - Nothing in particular to report. Halloween is tomorrow so be safe.
 - Physical Plant Report
 - Nothing new to report. Happy to take any questions.
 - A. Zarebczan asked about the accessible door in the Ward does not work. Asked about how to make it work. Physical Plant said they would work on it.
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- Leadership Reports
 - S. Speight - Student Body President
 - Met with Andrea and Wineman last week. Planning on sending out a priority point survey. Help get feedback on the issue of priority points.
 - Voter registration videos are planning on coming out soon.
 - Reached out to a few students about a History project regarding Marist's history. Dr. Peterson's class recruited an honors student for such an activity.
 - Homeless Awareness Event
 - E. Spillane - Executive Vice President
 - Echoed what S. Speight had mentioned
- 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.
- E. Ligouri
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- H. Tone
 - 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. 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.
- J. McCormack
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- A. Cassells
 - Nothing new to report. Yielded time to the chair.
- K. Syrota
 - Referenced board report. 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.

VI. New Business

- Matt McMahon Discussion
 - A. Zarebczan explained how sometimes, students go to their parents to help with security issues as they are knowledgeable on the steps required to take to help with such issues. Matt responded by saying that we need to teach students what they need to know on day one. He further explained that it can take students a large amount of time to figure most things out like meal plans. He then tied this to security by mentioning that students are “trained” to hold doors open to each other. Which although nice, still means that people can get into certain buildings that they aren't supposed to. Further emphasizing the need for change.
 - S. Speight mentioned that in the RA contract, RAs are unable to be present for underage drinking. But with the policy that drops conduct if there's a medical emergency with overconsumption. Matt says that it would depend on the details, but the goal is to get students help.
 - J. McCormack asked if it's possible to send an email to the refreshments students about the Absence policy mainly because of Halloween Weekend.
 - K. Syrota asked about school breaks. Does Matt have any insights on what will be opened during breaks? All dining locations will be closed, but the school is working on adjusting the dining plan to open up certain places depending on the finances during the break. Possibly incorporating a food pantry for students during a break might be another option as well.
 - S. Speight asked if any policies would be incorporated within the next 6 months to a year. Matt mentioned a

policy of “last resort” if a student is a risk to themselves or others, to adjust and support them accordingly. Title IX, it’s very specific to gender and sex-based situations. But it reports down to “higher-ups” at whom are regarded with similar things like equity. Matt mentioned that it’s been discussed that we should adjust Title IX in a way that might be helpful to an even broader group of students on campus..

- P. Cama asked about what happens after something is reported to him in regard to student conduct. Matt answered that depends on the situation but it's important to understand what’s being reported and make an investigation to make sure all students feel supported and safe
- The Appointment of Alyssa Bova as the Deputy VP of Elections
 - Alyssa mentioned increasing campus engagement with elections. Making surveys to figure out what is good to increase student engagement - to hear from the students - would be a good idea for the position.
 - G. Halliday asked to tell him something about herself that’s not in her bio. She mentioned she’s an active leader in multiple different things, and She does softball
 - K. asked what she was most excited about in this position. Alyssa said she is excited to improve student engagement during elections.
 - K. Syrota motioned to move to an informal discussion. P. Cama seconded the motion
 - P. Cama motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. K. Syrota seconded this motion
 - Alyssa Bovo was appointed with 18 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 1 abstention. The Bill passes.
- The International Representative Bylaw Change
 - K. Syrota motioned to move from formal discussion to voting. J. McCormack seconded this motion

- The Amendment to Fix Expectations of Commuter & International Representatives Bylaw Change was brought into fruition with 19 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 0 abstentions. The Bill passes

VII. Old Business

- CFO Financial Presentation

VIII. Miracle of the Week

- ENJOY THE EXTRA HOUR OF SLEEP AND HAVE A SAFE AND FUN HALLOWEEN!!!

IX. Meeting Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyler Mecca & Helena Reis

Administrative Coordinators