

MARIST COLLEGE

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE MARIST STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ON NOVEMBER 13TH, 2024

On November 13th, 2024 at 11:07 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 11:07 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
 - 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
 - - North End Representatives
 - Joseph McCormack - South End Representative
 - Aishlyn Cassells - South End Representative
 - Karina Syrota - East End Representative
 - Miranda Salinger - East End Representative
 - Jean Silva - Distance Representative
 - Sharvhani Manandhar- International Representative
 - Amanda Barrett - Commuter Representative
 - Chella Calcagni - Commuter Representative
 - Caitrina Kiel - Transfer 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 of November 6th, 2024 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
 - K. Syrota asked if the marketplace gym could be open "24/7"
 - S. Mazzella responded by mentioning that she would ask on behalf of the SGA

- S. Speight discussed the cleanliness of water fountains in multiple locations
- J. McCormack stated that there is no filter status color thus appearing to be caused by no filter present
- M. O'Donohue mentioned it's also in O'Shea
- R. Torres discussed that some filter light statuses in the Student Center are also not being shown.
- R. Lynch discussed that reaching out to Kim Bodendorff would be the best way to fix these issues.
- R. Torres asked if we could do some extra research to find out the level of maintenance being done to the water fountains
- E. Spillane mentioned that we might be able to do something with IT to create a constant status update on all of the water fountains on campus.
- Other Inquiries
 - (Inquiry #1)

IV. Announcements

- VP of Student Life elections
- Class of 2028 Scavenger Hunt
- Mr. Marist Tomorrow (11/14)
- Hudson Valley for Saint Jude's on Friday (11/15)
- Cultural Dinner Dance (11/22)
- If you haven't taken headshots for the website yet, talk to Hannah Tone.

V. Board Reports

- Advisor Reports
 - Robin Torres - SGA Advisor
 - **Loneliness Discussion - Robin Torres**
 - (1) S. Kolmel stated that she does believe that this is a noticeable issue on campus. Some students can feel excluded and challenged. She believes that freshmen have a lot of resources and to keep that going

- (2) M. Salidger discussed the possibility of a “mid-semester club fair”.
- (3) N. Yurasko discussed that he might see a poster for an event or something on the TV. He believes there should be a direct connection of a “set calendar” to have one location to identify events
- (4) J. McKormack suggested set flyers that have multiple dates of club meetings, and not just the single set time/date of the event.
- (5) The majority of the assembly agrees that there is an issue with loneliness on campus.
- (6) S. Mazzella mentioned that we should have a calendar for all student activities to make it easier for students to find.
- (7) V. Geraci discussed having a non-chartered club Callander as well. She also recommends that each Callander be divided by topics for convenience
- (8) K. Syrota suggested taking all the events on AdAstra and putting them together for students.
- (9) E. Spillane stated that he agrees with everyone about the Callander and the ease of access. Then, Evan commented that student loneliness is something that people won’t come forward with. Any type of solution will be a way to get everyone out (lonely and not lonely) to avoid any stigmatization. Additionally, when looking at designing the dorms being built in the future, Evan has recommended that the upcoming dorms be based around the community level of living.
- (10) P. Cama mentioned that we need to make it comfortable for students to attend events

and meetings. Create a Friendship Circle where students can make friends without the commitment of a club.

(11) Brian D. discussed that within the student bubble, we see everyone sticking to their specific schedule and school of education. He states whatever you're considering, it's very important to branch outside of the bubble and make decisions that the institution as a whole has to offer.

(12) J. McCormack stated that the "best layout" was when he lived in Champ. He believes this is caused by the community room in Champs and the fact that the apartments are tied to one common area.

(13) T. Mecca stated that he suggests the school implement a forced introduction to opportunities and events within clubs during the First Year Seminars

■ Robert Lynch - SGA Advisor

- I met with Oliver, Justice, and Class presidents.
- Tons of basketball games coming up.
- Meeting tomorrow (11/14) with Gourmet with Justice.

○ Guest Reports

■ Safety & Security Report

- The only thing to be reported is that S&S will be expanding into where the current card services are. Separating and sectioning specific parts of S&S to better help everyone looking for specifics within the S&S.
- S. Speight asked if this would be held during Thanksgiving break. Brian responded that the goal is to be completed by the end of the winter break.

○ Leadership Reports

■ S. Speight - Student Body President

- Was at the open house. Met with Jumin to go over various different topics. Met with Ana to go over the Faculty of the year award event. Going to the communications board tomorrow. Meeting with dining services to go over various topics. Lastly, there has been adjustment to the priority point survey in order to develop the best outcome.
 - I met with Nicolas Pecanha about the homeless awareness event.
 - E. Spillane - Executive Vice President
 - N/A
- 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.
 - O. Dunn
 - The budget is looking good. 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
 - Finalized the decisions regarding the event today. He's aware it was last minute but will be more efficient next time. Yielded time to the chair.
- N. Merrow
 - Nothing new. Yielded time to the chair.
- N. Palmieri
 - Worked on the upcoming amendment bylaws. Will work on additional bylaws coming this week. Yielded time to the chair.
- S. Kolmel
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- E. Deschamps
 - Nothing new to report. Yielded time to the chair.
- C. Aprilante
 - 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.
- M. Salinger
 - Nothing new to report. Yielded time to the chair.
- S. Manandhar
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- A. Barrett
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- C. Calcgani
 - 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

- **Club Bylaw Change**
 - N. Yurasko reviewed the bylaws presented and mentioned that he was confused about the specific language.
 - E. Spillane mentioned that he could adjust the bylaw through an amendment to edit the specifics in timing for the bylaw stated.
 - K. Syrota motioned to move from formal discussion to voting. P. Cama seconded this motion
 - The Club Bylaw Change was brought to fruition with 21 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 0 abstentions. The Bill passes
- **Priority Point Discussion**
 - C. Kiel wants the survey to appear more comprehensible.
 - N. Yurasko asked if the priority points were specifically for housing. S. Speight stated “Yes”
 - S. Mazzella talked about the correlation between the gym with priority points and mentioned that her board discussed that being active by going to school events should play a role in getting priority points.
 - J. McCormack stated that swiping at the end of the event might be beneficial.
 - M. Salinger mentioned that students with higher credits have advantages when choosing housing over students with more priority points.
- **Payne Mansion Discussion**

VIII. Miracle of the Week

- **The 5th highest fundraiser for St. Jude**

IX. Meeting Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyler Mecca & Helena Reis

Administrative Coordinators