



**MARIST**  
UNIVERSITY



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE MARIST  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025, IN  
DONNELLY ROOM 225

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**Order of Business:**

**I. Call to Order / Roll Call**

- The meeting was called to order at 11:05 by K. Syrota.
- Members present:
  - Assembly:
    - Karina Syrota - Student Body President
    - Matt Fox - Executive Vice President
    - Chella Calcagni - Vice President of Student of Life
    - 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
    - Megan Connor - Vice President of Sustainability
    - Noelle Stamm - 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
  - Charley Brown- Class of 2029 Vice President
- Judicial Board:
  - Lillian Spoon - Chief Justice
- Associate Members
  - Neil Palmieri - Parliamentarian
  - Veronica Vogelmann - Event Planning Chair
- Representatives:
  - Joseph McCormack- North End Representatives
  - Clifton Wise - South End Representative
  - Janel Sarpong - International Representative
  - Lauryn Trader - Commuter Representative
  - Emily Speno - Commuter Representative
  - Caitrina Kiel - Transfer Representative
- Assistants:
  - Grace Intel - Administrative Coordinator
  - Katie Marrin - Administrative Coordinator

## **II. Reading of the Minutes**

- B. Perez moved to approve the minutes from the November 12th assembly meeting without reading them out loud. N. Yurasko seconded the motion.
- Minutes approved without reading upon voice vote in the affirmative.

## **III. Open Floor**

- Student Concerns
  - V. Geraci brought up a concern on whether there is a way to extend the use of Marist emails for longer than 6 months after graduation for alumni. J. Kerin noted that he has been discussing this with K. Syrota and one of the cybersecurity managers at Marist, and the department is

closing emails after 6 months because of the phishing issues. J. Kerin suggested that the time be extended before the emails are deleted, but as of right now it looks like the grace period will still be 6 months. R. Torres explained that she had spoken to Michael Caputo, and he was able to explain the reasoning behind this, including that it protects against phishing, and also only a small fraction of alumni use their Marist accounts. She also explained that the cost of maintaining the accounts may not be worth it for the small number of people who use the accounts. She reiterated that she thinks it is important that the emails stay active for long enough for certain members. K. Syrota noted that some of the alumni reached out to her and they were able to request an extension on their account.

- A. Bova expressed concern about losing her email account sooner than most because she is graduating early. R. Torres noted that maybe this access can be granted to 6 months after they walk at graduation instead of 6 months after early graduation. J. McCormack asked if this means that you lose access to MyMarist as well once you lose the email. R. Torres confirmed this. C. Keil asked if there could be a longer grace period for recent graduates only, and not older graduates. J. Kerin said that he will keep following up with the cybersecurity department.
- R. Lynch posed the question of how this affects alumni and how they would conduct business post graduation. R. Torres gave a point of information that we are getting more and more adept at identifying spam, and alumni should be able to alert the department that their account is not spam so they can continue to use their email.
- M. Connor brought up water concerns and how there is uncertainty on who should be sending out emails on

water safety, and there should be a main form of communication for issues like water safety.

- N. Stamm motioned to recognize A. Comolli at the meeting. A. Bova seconded this motion.
- R. Torres explained that she is not aware of a certain person who is responsible for announcing this kind of concern. B. Dolansky added the point that if it was safety related then it would be sent out through Marist Alerts, but then other than that it would probably go through the communications department. M. Connor explained that a representative from Physical Plant is also trying to figure out if there was an office that this concern went through.
- B. Perez brought up the concern that in the dining hall between breakfast, lunch and dinner hours, the food is being covered up. She believes it is concerning and inaccessible to students who are looking to eat at off-peak hours. N. Stamm explained that she saw certain stations being closed and she agrees that students should always have access to enough food options. There are many students who may eat at different times and they have the right to have more options. B. Perez noted the anti-allergy section was also closed during that time. C. Wise also thought that this is something that should be advertised, because a lot of first-year students didn't know that there would be limited options at certain times of the day. R. Torres asked if there was any possibility of creating a station with lunch left overs that people can self serve. J. McCormack proposed the idea that the dining hall advertised for a "limited lunch" or "limited dinner" hour, so students would understand what they would be getting in terms of dining options.

- B. Perez suggested that maybe inviting Gourmet to assembly would be beneficial in solving some of these issues.
- C. Calcagni brought up the concern that students are stealing other people's meals at North End. B. Dolansky explained that there are cameras and if the incidents are reported they will be investigated. He explained that they have had missing food and packages reported before and they always investigate it.
- J. McCormack brought up another concern about dining, students have come up to him and said that Yella's and Halal Shack have been displaying incorrect wait times on GrubHub. Also a concern was that the meal tickets were not being printed for the workers, so the orders were not being made.

#### **IV. Announcements**

- **Participate in the Just Say Hello Campaign!**
  - I. Serrano invited everyone to Dyson for the "Take a Seat, Make A Friend" ball pit event.
- **Survey from Daryl Richard**
- **C. Keil announced a film screening for a Hudson Valley Non-profit organization**
- **"Letters to Veterans" event is still happening, let J. McCormack know if you want to participate.**
  - R. Torres asked how the bottles and cans events for breast cancer awareness month went, and J. McCormack said that he will be depositing them soon and he will reach out with more information.
- **Band and Orchestra Concerts are this weekend!**
- **International Education week is this week and there is a Dining Hall event tonight and a movie night tomorrow night!**
- **Christmas Tree Lighting is tonight!**

- **G. Carey announced a new virtual budget request form, with a virtual QR code near the paper forms by the mailboxes.**

## **V. Board Reports**

- Advisor Reports
  - Robin Torres - SGA Advisor
    - Yielded her time to the chair.
  - Robert Lynch - SGA Advisor
    - R. Lynch congratulated the assembly on the Cultural Dinner Dance! He also mentioned the Marist dance ensemble this weekend. He announced that there is a flea market in the Student Center today. The Marist football veterans game is this weekend, and he wished the assembly a happy Thanksgiving!
- Guest Reports
  - Safety & Security Report
    - B. Dolansky announced that there is nothing new going on, and D. Gough is still working on expanding the shuttle services for the Spring Semester.
    - M. Connor asked if the Marist Loop shuttle was out of service, and B. Dolansky said that he received an announcement that one of the shuttles was down for a service issue.
- Leadership Reports
  - K. Syrota - Student Body President
    - K. Syrota explained that she and M. Fox are working on appointments of new members. She also explained that she is meeting with the Marist 100 Implementation Committee. She encouraged members to follow the Senior Legacy Instagram Page page.

- M. Fox - Executive Vice President
      - Gave a reminder to the assembly to submit their board reports on time.
    - Chella Calcagni - Vice President of Student Life
      - C. Calcagni explained that she had her first Student Life meeting and had met with the SPC president.
  - 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
      - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
    - A. Oliveros
      - Referenced J. Genoni's board report. Yielded time to the chair.
    - S. Mazzella
      - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
    - A. Gracia
      - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
    - M. Connor
      - Mentioned a discussion with Gourmet, and found out that there is a QR code at the front of the Dining Hall where you can donate meal swipes. I. Serrano noted that she was at the Food Insecurity Committee, and it was a major concern that this QR code was not receiving enough visibility.

- N. Stamm asked how students would be eligible for receiving the donations. V. Geraci expressed concern with meeting times with the Food Insecurity Committee, and there is not a lot of transparency of how students can be eligible to receive the money that is donated. She acknowledged that the program is not actively meeting, and there has been an issue with meal swipes expiring at the end of the semester. J. McCormack asked if the money being donated would expire at the end of the semester. M. Connor explained that the money does expire.
- R. Torres expressed concern for the situation, and asked if Killeen Martin would be able to help V. Geraci. R. Torres also thought that it was a great idea if students were to directly buy food for other students. K. Syrota explained that she and other assembly members have met with Andrea Connor and that she has been made aware of the issues. J. McCormack gave a suggestion that students could buy food for housing, and then RA's would be able to distribute this food to students who are not leaving over break. I. Serrano said this situation makes it clear that the food pantry is a necessity on campus. V. Geraci explained that the two faculty members R. Torres mentioned did not provide an answer to her. She encouraged students who need help to reach out to her or Victor Rivera to get access to the food pantry off campus. M. Connor wanted to add that having an option on campus with healthy options for students is very important, especially now with Marketplace having the grocery options, as it is always being sold out. R. Torres made a note that

there is a review coming up with Gourmet Services, and having student voice be a part of that is extremely important.

- R. Lynch explained that many students may be food insecure and asked if there was system on how the old food pantry worked. M. Connor clarified that the process for getting donated meal swipes has become a lot more discreet. V. Geraci explained that it is hard to know how many students are food insecure because it was taken out of the climate survey given on campus. She explained that mapping out the types of food students may need is hard to know. She also explained that the value of the meal swipe is not consistent across campus. R. Torres said that we as a group represent everyone, and this issue is felt very heavily. She supports the idea of bringing Gourmet to Assembly to express some of the many concerns that students are bringing up. J. McCormack asked if there was a conversation about being able to use Den Dollars off campus, it was clarified that that service was only for Marist Money.

- Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.

- N. Stamm

- Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.

- G. Carey

- Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.

- J. Kerin

- Urged cabinet members to please respond to his email.

- Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- A. Bova
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- V. Geraci
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- N. Yurasko
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- C. Brown
  - Referenced A. Darosa's board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- L. Spoon
  - Reminded board members to keep up with their office hours and board reports.
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- N. Palmieri
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
  - J. Kerin motioned to recognize C. Harvey to the meeting. A. Bova seconded this motion.
- C. Harvey
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- V. Vogelman
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- J. McCormack
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- C. Wise

- Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- A. Comolli
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- J. Sarpong
  - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- L. Trader
  - 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**

- **The Appointment of Brianna Foley as the East End Representative**
  - B. Foley introduced herself to the assembly and expressed interest and excitement for joining SGA. She mentioned that she has been looking for more ways to get involved, and she shared some of her leadership experiences.
  - C. Calcagni asked what her favorite part about the East End is. B. Foley explained that Upper Fulton is great and is a close knit community.
  - N. Yurasko asked what she is most excited about with the prospect of being East End Representative. B. Foley

explained that in high school she really enjoyed student government and that she enjoyed bridging gaps between clubs and students.

- A. Bova asked if she had any ideas or initiatives that she wanted to implement while in this position. B. Foley explained that she likes being able to be a voice for people who are too afraid to speak up.
- A. Gracia asked if B. Foley could speak a little more about her experience as a crisis test line counselor, and how that experience will help her in this position. B. Foley explained that she is a crisis counselor and went through 15 hours of training for this position. She explained how she knows how to help people in crisis through text. She explained that she is able to provide them with resources, and helping people is something that fulfills her.
- V. Vogelman asked what the biggest downside to living on the East End is, and if she has any ideas about how to combat that issue. B. Foley said her least favorite part is being far removed from campus and walking in the cold.
- C. Harvey asked what her favorite study area on the East End of campus is
- B. Foley said that her favorite area is the picnic tables by the tennis courts when the weather is warmer.
- C. Harvey motioned to move to an informal discussion. N. Stamm seconded the motion.
- A. Bova motioned to move from informal discussion to voting. V. Vogelman seconded this motion.
- B. Foley was appointed with 22 affirmatives, 0 negatives, and 0 abstentions. The Bill passes.
- **IDI Survey Discussion**
  - N. Yurasko motioned to recognize H. Won to the meeting. A. Bova seconded this motion.

- V. Geravi motioned to move to informal discussion. H. Won seconded this motion.
- **Feedback on Sustainable Initiatives**
  - M. Connor brought up the sustainable initiatives topic as she has run into a number of concerns this semester. She notes that all the colleges around us have a Director of Sustainability, and we do not. She wanted to express to Gourmet that there are a lot of students who care about this. She also mentioned that there have been concerns about working with Gourmet from a student perspective.
  - J. McCormack explained that Marist does not recycle within buildings that have trash chutes, he then asked what is the point of having the chutes. M. Connor wanted to add that although many students believe recycling is not being performed, Kim Bodendorf claimed it does happen.
  - R. Torres claimed that sustainability is a very important issue, and the assembly has the right to express our frustration. She asked the group if Marist is disappointing students in terms of sustainability efforts. The 32 assembly members present agreed and raised their hands.
  - J. McCormack appreciated the idea of pushing sustainability efforts into orientation. He mentioned that during his bottles and cans event, he received a lot of materials that are not recyclable; educating students about recyclable materials would be helpful. R. Torres reminded the assembly that she is responsible for First Year Orientation, and expressed that she would be willing to work these efforts in. M. Connor explained that some people suggested that it could be a part of the coursework in FYS.
  - I. Serrano explained that it would be beneficial to have students voice their concerns and invite different

administrative departments for a town hall. R. Torres said that as representatives we should be bringing these concerns forward, and then we can open the door to all issues and concerns.

- M. Connor explained that she wanted to do a protest on the use of plastic bottles on campus. She explained that there are new water dispensers on campus and that students should make an effort to stop buying plastic bottles. She is planning to do this protest next semester.
- R. Lynch said that historically SGA has purchased those black bins for recycling, and asked what would SGA's vision be in terms of sustainability efforts. M. Connor explained that her vision is to have more colored bins across campus to help students understand what materials can be recycled. M. Connor expressed frustration with the inconsistencies with recycling bins and how they can be confusing. R. Lynch explained that consistency is key in getting to the goal of students recycling more.

### **VIII. Miracle of the Week**

- **The Cultural Dinner Dance was a huge Success!**
- **The Resource Fair was amazing!**
- **S'more about SGA was successful!**
- **Keep working hard, everyone is doing an amazing job :)**

### **IX. Meeting Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:10

Respectfully Submitted,

*Grace Mintel & Katie Marrin*

Administrative Coordinators