

MARIST COLLEGE

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE
MARIST STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ON DECEMBER 4TH, 2024

On December 4th, 2024 at 11:05 in Donnelly 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 11:05 by Sheridan Speight
- Members present:
 - Assembly:
 - Sheridan Speight- Student Body President
 - Evan Spillane- Executive Vice President
 - Karina Syrota - Vice President of Student of Life
 - Paschalyn Cama - Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - Justice Seymour- Vice President of Club Affairs
 - 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

Speight - Spillane Administration

- Neil Palmieri - Parliamentarian
- Event Planning Chair
 - Suzie Kolmel - Event Planning Chair
- Representatives:
 - Ethan Deschamps - North End Representative
 - Joseph McCormack - South 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

- C. Larkin motioned to approve the minutes from the assembly meeting of November 20th, 2024 without reading them out loud. K. Syrota seconded the motion.
- Minutes approved without reading upon voice vote in the affirmative.

III. Open Floor

- Student Concerns
 - Water fountain access where the water fountains are outside some of the residence halls.
 - J. McCormick mentioned that a coyote was spotting in Lower West.

IV. Announcements

- Holiday Destress event Tomorrow 4:00 - 6:30 PM
- Midnight Breakfast Monday, Dec 9 (cool prizes so stop by!)
- Senior Class Cookie Decorating Event Friday 11 - 1
- "Most Likely To" Form
- Board Report Shoutouts!!! - Molly, Vi, and Sarah M

- Headshots – 12:30 pm outside the student center, if you have not taken it you need to take it today!!
 - Caitrina Kiel, Amanda, Camryn, Miranda, Aishlyn, Jean, Sharvani, Karina
- Class of 2028 gingerbread house making

V. Board Reports

- Advisor Reports
 - Robin Torres - SGA Advisor
 - Wish everyone an excellent last week of classes and the best of luck during your finals. Feel free to take advantage of the distressing event
 - Robert Lynch - SGA Advisor
 - Shoutout to Glenn for the Cookie Making event.
 - Basketball game this Friday. A few shows this weekend. The student center overall will remain quiet to maintain a positive and efficient studying environment,
- Guest Reports
 - Physical Plant Report
 - Started the week before Thanksgiving on a new track. The rock wall will be chipped away to increase the room by about 20 feet. Excited for the new progress with the track.
- Leadership Reports
 - S. Speight - Student Body President
 - Shoutout to P. Cama and her board for the cultural dinner dance
 - Remind your friends to fill out the priority point survey so we can get their feedback
 - Met with Gourmet about the structure of the meal plan.
 - (1) January 30th - Looking for various opinions from the campus student body to voice their opinion on dining and meal plans

- Met with IT to discuss a new format for MyMarist that is more efficient
 - The Graduate Student Council will host a virtual Town Hall
- E. Spillane - Executive Vice President
 - Echoed various comments from Sheridan including enhancing details
- K. Syrota - Vice President of Student Life
 - Event with student council and a partnership with Andrea to develop strong and meaningful events next semester on campus.
- Cabinet and Senate Reports
 - P. Cama
 - Greatly enjoyed collaboration with various members of SGA, faculty, and the student body as a whole. Additionally, thank you to everyone working in SGA this semester.
 - Additionally, thank Jumin, Karina, and Sharvani for making the cultural dinner dance possible.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
 - J. Seymour
 - Always interesting to see the interest of students become different clubs that will be present at Marist in the future.
 - The leadership conference was a success
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
 - A. Domenici
 - The best thing for this year was planning faculty of the year. Tons of great ideas are being established and she is excited about the upcoming semester.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
 - S. Mazzella
 - Getting to know the Board and their different opinions was a great experience.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.

- M. O'Donoghue
 - Molly was very proud of the 5K and growing a strong community and relationship with the well-being board. Making decisions more efficiently and having strong “vibes” when planning within the well-being board.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- E. Ligouri
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- O. Dunn
 - Weekly meetings with Justice and Bob as well as working with various student leaders on campus. It was good working with everyone and the budget is looking good.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- J. Shrestha
 - Excited to work on the website, Faculty of the Year, and the Spring elections.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- C. Larkin
 - It was nice to see more faces after the fall elections. Conor was excited to get spring elections up and running next semester.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- G. Halliday
 - Had a great time this semester. Really excited about the event on Friday.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- E. Solury
 - Amazing working with everybody this semester. Enjoyed being a president for a semester and it was an honor working with P. Cama and figuring out food insecurity within Marist College. Vi has learned so much this semester and was grateful for the opportunity.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.

- K. Sevim
 - Worked on building a good connection with the board. Learned that everyone is here to help so you don't need to do anything alone.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- N. Yurasko
 - Very interesting being in a new environment academically and as a student leader. The biggest lesson was time management from a personal perspective vs an organizational perspective are two very different things.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- N. Merrow
 - In 3 years, this was the least involved the board had to be, which is a good sign.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- N. Palmieri
 - First year in SGA. Ethan Soulry recommended him for the position. Making bylaws and amendments edits was the most enjoyable part of the semester.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- S. Kolmel
 - S. Kolmel Learned a lot about the SGA environment and is excited about everything next semester.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- E. Deschamps
 - It was a difficult semester and the support bubble SGA has was good and helpful. Looking forward to keeping the ball rolling
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- J. McCormack
 - Really grateful for meeting everyone. J. McCormack would like to get more involved next semester
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- S. Manandhar

- My favorite part of the semester was being more involved in SGA as a whole than last year.
- Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- A. Barrett
 - It has been exciting to plan everything for next semester.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- C. Calcagni
 - Echoed A. Barrett's message
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.
- C. Kiel
 - Very excited about next semester and getting more events.
 - Referenced board report. Yielded time to the chair.

VI. Old Business

- There was no old business from the previous meeting.

VII. New Business

- Group Photo
- Feedback and looking forward
 - P. Cama gave a heads-up that there will be a campus-wide climate survey to aligned with Marist 100
 - N. Yurasko mentioned the idea of an event calendar
 - SGA focused callandar
 - K. Syrota mentioned that they are in the works on an app with Andrea and the student activities office is budgeting for new software to address these concerns

VIII. Miracle of the Week

- **Home stretch of the semester. NEXT WEEK IS FINALS WEEK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

IX. Meeting Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyler Mecca & Helena Reis

Administrative Coordinators