

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AGENDA

October 15th, 2019

The students of Merrimack College, in hopes of protecting and ensuring the rights of all students and the Merrimack College community hereby establish The Student Government Association of Merrimack College, referred to as the SGA.

President: Amanda Gallagher (2020) **Vice President:** Bia Kerr (2022)

Treasurer: Liam OCearuil (2022) **Secretary:** Haley Mallett (2020)

Parliamentarian: Josh Rizzo (2020) **Publicist:** Cobbina Appiah (2021)

Advisor: Rose McCarthy, Hanna Christ



Members present: Amanda Gallagher (2020) Bia Kerr (2022) Liam OCearuil (2022) Haley Mallett (2020) Josh Rizzo (2020) Cobbina Appiah (2021) Abigail Hooper (2021) Alexandra Gioia (2023) Alex Thelusma (2020) Erika Torkildsen (2021) Freddy Monroy (2023) Geena Levine (2021) Helen Vasquez (2023) Julia Matter (2021) Kaylee Pliszka (2022) Kiley Martel (2023) Leena Ali (2021) Luke Groder (2022) Maria Kamenias (2021) Raquel Perez (2020) Sam Mathews (2022) Tiffany Vo (2022) Tim Hare (2020)

Non-Voting Members:

Members absent: Adrian Cintron (2022) Cailey MacEachern (2023) Caterina Polito (2020) Dan Hansen (2020) Haley Taing (2021) Jenna Stanish (2022) John-Paul Haley-Read (2020) Matthew Cavoli (2023) Morgan Proko (2020) Nicholas Barber (2023) Tayleigh Tierney Honan (2021) Tiana Lawrence (2020)

Students in attendance: Sam Grenier

Staff in attendance:

I. ROLL CALL:

- A. SGA President Amanda Gallagher '20 called the SGA meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- B. SGA Secretary Haley Mallett '20 took attendance. Quorum was not met.
 1. Under Article V, Section 2 of the SGA Constitution, three-fifths (3/5) of the Executive Board constitutes a quorum when the entire SGA cannot convene immediately.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: October 8th, 2019

- A. The minutes were approved.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: **Amanda Gallagher '20**

- A. Statements of Intent
 1. Sam Grenier was approved as a Senator for the Class of 2023.
- B. SGA Conference
 1. The SGA Executive Board attended a national ASGA conference in Washington D.C. this past weekend.
 2. In the coming weeks, the SGA Executive Board will share what it learned from the conference and plans to implement with all Senators.
- C. Halloween SGA
 1. On Tuesday, October 27th, SGA will hold a Halloween costume contest during the SGA meeting.
 - a) Each committee will represent a team.
 2. The winning team will win pizza, which will be delivered to their committee meeting.
- D. Pizza with the President
 1. Pizza with the President is next Tuesday, October 22nd at 5:00 p.m. in Arcidi in place of the SGA meeting.
 2. The dress code will not be in effect.

IV. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: **Bia Kerr '22**

- A. Student Organization Update
 1. The committee is waiting to hear back from approximately 1/3 of the student organizations regarding their meeting time, current executive board, and short and long term goals.

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2. MC3D will present to SGA in the coming weeks.
3. A few more student organizations have presented to the committee, and will potentially present to SGA in the coming weeks as well.

V. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Haley Mallett '20

- A. Tabling Requirement
 1. The tabling requirement for this semester has been reduced from 4 to 3 tabling events.
- B. Open House Cheering
 1. Senators who have not met the tabling requirement yet received an email from SGA President Amanda Gallagher '20 last week.
 2. These Senators need to sign-up to table to meet the tabling requirement for the semester.
- C. Committee Attendance
 1. Committee chairs need to update their committee attendance on a weekly basis.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT: Liam OCearuil '22

- A. Finance Update
 1. The Finance Committee will update SGA on its remaining budget for the year at the next meeting.

VII. PARLIAMENTARIAN'S REPORT: Josh Rizzo '20

- A. Committee Updates
 1. New Cell Phone Policy
 - a) Senators will be asked to put their cell phones away at the beginning of each meeting.
 - b) Senators should also not use other technology, such as Apple Watches.
 - c) If there is an emergency and a Senator needs to keep his or her phone nearby, he or she should communicate this to SGA Parliamentarian Josh Rizzo '20 in advance.
 2. Redundancies
 - a) Senators should avoid making redundant statements during discussions in meetings.
 3. Committee Updates
 - a) Committee chairs are expected to send their updates to Rizzo '20 by 10 p.m. on Sundays.

VIII. PUBLICIST'S REPORT: Cobbina Appiah '21

- A. Advertising
 1. If Senators know any student organizations that would like SGA to promote their events, they should be directed to SGA Publicist Cobbina Appiah '21.

IX. GRADUATE FELLOW'S REPORT: Hanna Christ

- A. Nothing new to report.

X. ADVISOR'S REPORT: Rose McCarthy

- A. Nothing new to report.

XI. CHAIR REPORTS:

- A. Academic Affairs Committee: **Josh Rizzo '20 presented for Tayleigh Tierney-Honan '21**
 1. Date with the Deans will be held on Tuesday, November 4th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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- B. Career Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee: **Liam OCearuil '22**
 - 1. Nothing new to report.

- C. Dining Committee: **Tim Hare '20**
 - 1. Dominican food will be served in the Food Truck and Sparky's moving forward.
 - 2. The swipe donation program is still active, but Dining is looking to expand it.
 - 3. The pop up station in Sparky's will be advertised more often.

- D. Diversity Affairs Committee: **Tiana Lawrence '20**
 - 1. Nothing new to report.

- E. Environmental Affairs Committee: **Leena Ali '21 presented for Morgan Proko '20**
 - 1. The Environmental Affairs Committee is starting a trial to test reusable k-cups starting in the International Student Support Office (ISS).
 - 2. The committee also wants to promote disposing coffee grounds into the new energy container outside of the Sakowich Center.

- F. Information Technology Committee: **Raquel Perez '20 presented for JPHaley-Read '20**
 - 1. There were issues with the WiFi in O'Brien Hall last week due to two server failures.
 - 2. Antennas will be installed on top of crosswalk signs to help measure traffic and manage lights.
 - 3. Hotspots are potentially the main cause of WiFi related issues.

- G. Residence Life Committee: **Erika Torkildsen '21**
 - 1. Students in Ash Centre have reported missing laundry, so Residence Life is considering increasing security presence.
 - 2. Laundry machines in O'Brien Hall are broken, which Residence Life is in the process of addressing.
 - 3. The committee discussed trash, spills, and other hazards in the residence halls, which Residence Life will be more diligent in addressing.
 - a) If students see something, they should say something.
 - 4. Class of 2021 Senator Abigail Hooper spoke about touch access in residence halls.
 - a) The committee discussed replacing swipe access to buildings with touch access.
 - b) It also discussed each individual room having touch access to replace keys.
 - c) Class of 2020 Tim Hare said Peter Hastings mentioned an app in an ambassadors meeting that would allow students to remotely unlock doors.
 - (1) Hooper '21 asked if phone access would eliminate the need for a Mack Card.
 - (2) Hare '20 said no, it would only replace the need to use a Mack Card to access buildings.
 - (3) Rizzo '20 added that Hastings said this project is very long-term.

- H. Campus Infrastructure Committee: **Julia Matter '21**
 - 1. A vendor has been hired to fix the clock on Main St.
 - 2. The college is hesitant to install more trash bins outside of the apartments because of vandalism.
 - 3. Parking on Campus:
 - a) Lot A is for visitors.
 - b) Lot C is for faculty and staff.
 - c) Lot J and in front of the church are for commuters, faculty and staff, and visitors.

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- d) Lot K is for residential students.
 - e) Lots E, F, and H are for commuters.
 - f) Lot M is also for commuters.
 - (1) It is never full despite students' complaints that there is no parking on campus.
 - g) Students with night classes may have more flexibility to where they can park on campus.
 - h) Parking enforcement is handled by MCPD.
 - i) An email will be sent to all students reminding them where they can park on campus depending on their status as a residential student or commuter.
- 4. If a water bottle fillers' red light is on, the filter needs to be changed soon, but is still safe to drink.
 - 5. The committee is following-up on where to place feminine hygiene products in restrooms across campus.
 - 6. The college's staff is too small for lawn mowing on the weekends, so it must be done within working hours during the week.
 - a) SGA Vice President Bia Kerr '22 said the lawn mowing is affecting classes because students are unable to hear over it.
 - b) Other senators expressed that their classes are disrupted across campus in other buildings
 - c) The committee will address this concern in its next meeting.
 - 7. Kerr '22 said the bridge between Lot K and the apartments needs to be repaired.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

XIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Hooper '21 said there have been issues with WiFi across campus.
 - 1. O'Brien Hall, Sullivan Hall, North Residential Village, McQuade Library, and Crowe Hall have all reported issues.
- B. Matter '20 asked Senators how students can be encouraged to turn off devices interfering with the WiFi.
 - 1. Hare '20 said IT is able to track the location of the devices interfering, and therefore pinpoint the student causing the issue.
 - 2. Rizzo '20 moved to open a discussion.
 - a) It was seconded.
 - b) Class of 2022 Senator Jenna Stanish said IT will turn off students' WiFi until they turn off the device and follow-up via email.
 - c) Hooper '21 said that students typically only use their hotspot when they are already having trouble with the WiFi.
 - d) Hooper '21 added that if the number of devices that require WiFi, such as iPads, is expanding on campus, then IT needs to meet the demand with better WiFi accessibility.
 - e) Gallagher '20 encouraged Senators to gather feedback about WiFi so it can be addressed at Pizza with the President next week.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Pizza with the President 10/22
- B. Office Hours in the Den
- C. Commuter Lounge Opening 10/17 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

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XV. ROLL CALL:

A. Mallett '20 took attendance.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT:

A. Gallagher '20 adjourned the meeting until October 29th, 2019.

Mission Statement

The SGA seeks to be the voice for the Merrimack College Community through engagement and representation. The SGA will serve as an advocate for students, faculty, and staff. The SGA will inform the community of policy changes and promote campus events. The SGA will provide committees to be delegates for aspects of campus life. The SGA will create a platform for student leaders to engage and be a role model for the campus. The SGA will foster the values of the Institution and reflect them through the SGA's actions. Our Values as an SGA are as follows: Communication, Accountability, Inclusion, and Advocacy.