

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AGENDA

November 19, 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) Adrian Cintron (2022) Alexandra Gioia (2023) Alex Thelusma (2020) Cailey MacEachern (2023) Dan Hansen (2020) Freddy Monroy (2023) Helen Vasquez (2023) Jenna Stanish (2022) John-Paul Haley-Read (2020) Kaylee Pliszka (2022) Kiley Martel (2023) Leena Ali (2021) Luke Groder (2022) Matthew Cavoli (2023) Maria Kamenias (2021) Morgan Proko (2020) Nicholas Barber (2023) Raquel Perez (2020) Sam Grenier (2023) Sam Mathews (2022) Tayleigh Tierney Honan (2021) Tiana Lawrence (2020) Tiffany Vo (2022) Tim Hare (2020)

**Non-Voting Members:**

**Members absent:** Caterina Polito (2020) Erika Torkildsen (2021) Haley Taing (2021)

**Students in attendance:**

**Staff in attendance:** Becky Jimenez, Mike Kennedy

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 met.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: November 12th, 2019

- A. The minutes were approved.

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

A. Staff Introduction: Becky Jimenez

1. Becky Jimenez, the new Associate Dean of Students, introduced herself to SGA.
2. Her office is located in the Dean of Students Office on the third floor of the Sakowich Center.

B. Staff Presenter: Mike Kennedy

1. The Warrior Network, a program through Campus Labs, has been officially launched for student organizations.
2. In the Network, students can search for student organizations as well as their descriptions, rosters, documents, news, events, and contact information.
3. Messages can be sent to individuals or all members of a student organization via email or text message.
4. All budget requests from student organizations to SGA can also be conducted through the Warrior Network.
  - a) Student organizations can view their accounts in real-time.
5. Student organizations still have to book spaces through EMS, which is linked to the Warrior Network.
  - a) The organization can also require students to RSVP to an event as well as place a cap on the number of attendees.
6. Next semester, student organizations will make the full transition to the Warrior Network.
7. Students can request to join student organizations they are a member of.
8. Students can add events listed on the Warrior Network to their Google Calendars.
9. Students can also download the "Corq" app to access their Warrior Network account.

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10. Class of 2021 Senator Abigail Hooper asked if the Warrior Network is intended only for student organizations, or can include more aspects of campus life, such as dining menus and the Food Truck location.
  - a) Mike Kennedy said anything can be built into or linked in the Warrior Network.
  - b) At the time, Warrior Network only includes student organizations through the Office of Student Involvement (OSI).
11. Class of 2020 Senator Dan Hansen suggested including a list of campus resources' hours of operation.
12. Class of 2022 Senator Alexandra Gioia suggested including a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for students and student organizations.
13. Hansen '20 asked if a link to the Warrior Network can be added to the Merrimack website or MyMack.
14. Mike Kennedy encouraged Senators to try using the Warrior Network so SGA can provide OSI feedback.
15. Gallagher '20 also encouraged Senators to pitch the Warrior Network to other student organizations.

### C. Thanksgiving Day Basket

1. Gallagher '20 encouraged Senators to donate to the Campus Ministry Thanksgiving Day Basket drive as a part of the SGA basket.

### D. Light and Hope

1. SGA will meet on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. and then attend Light and Hope together.

### E. Open Mic Night

1. The Unity House Open Mic Night is this Thursday, November 21, 2019, from 8 to 11 p.m.
2. It is an SGA sponsored event, so Senators are encouraged to attend.

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

### A. Student Organization Update

1. The Sexual Health Club and American Sign Language Club are the process of meeting with the Student Organization Committee.

## V. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Haley Mallett '20

### A. Nothing new to report.

## VI. TREASURER'S REPORT: Liam OCearuil '22

### A. Finance Update

1. Pre-Law Society requested a supplemental budget for \$500 for food at their Moot Court Practice Meetings with alumni guests as well as a spring event.
  - a) The Finance Committee approved the request.
2. Budget pullbacks for student organizations are occurring on November 25, 2019.
3. The total unallocated budget for all student organizations is \$24,191.54.
4. The remaining SGA budget is \$14,382.42.

## VII. PARLIAMENTARIAN'S REPORT: Josh Rizzo '20

### A. Robert's Rules

1. Senators should raise their hands when they have a question during committee updates.
2. SGA Parliamentarian Josh Rizzo '20 reminded Senators to only use their iPads in meetings for SGA purposes.

### B. Committee Updates

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1. Committee Chairs need to email their updates to Rizzo '20 by Sundays at 10 p.m., with the exception of committee meetings on Mondays and Tuesdays.
  - a) Class of 2022 Senator Sam Mathews asked if Chairs should still email Rizzo '20 if they did not have a meeting or have no updates.
    - (1) Yes, Chairs should still follow-up with Rizzo '20.

### VIII. PUBLICIST'S REPORT: **Cobbina Appiah '21**

#### A. Senator Takeovers

1. If Senators are interested in doing a Senator Takeover, they should fill out the Google Form sent by 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. Information Technology Committee: **John-Paul Haley-Read '20**

1. If students are experiencing WiFi issues, they should email Peter Hastings, the Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer (CIO).

#### B. Academic Affairs Committee: **Tayleigh Tierney-Honan '21**

1. The Academic Affairs Committee wants to spotlight academic deans on social media.
  - a) There are many interim or new deans at Merrimack this academic year, so this will be an opportunity to introduce them to the student body.

#### C. Diversity Affairs Committee: **Tiana Lawrence '20**

1. Class of 2020 Senator Tiana Lawrence encouraged Senators to spread the word about the Hair Show.

#### D. Campus Infrastructure Committee: **Sam Matthews '22**

1. Nothing new to report.

#### E. Dining Committee: **Tim Hare '20**

1. Dining is still conducting a test of omelets on the Mongolian Grill.
2. Dining is still reviewing tickets at Mongolian Grill, but there is already a system of numbers of the bowls which correspond with the numbers on the counter.
  - a) Hooper '21 asked if Dining could re-label the numbers because they are fading.
3. A sign advertising limited service in Sparky's between 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. will be added to the swipe-in counter.
  - a) Rose McCarthy asked the Dining Committee to follow-up on data in the Warrior's Den during Sparky's limited service hours.
4. Dining is in the process of implementing an improved swipe donation program.
  - a) Class of 2020 Senator JP Haley-Read asked why students' leftover swipes are not automatically pooled into the donation system at the end of every week.
5. Dining is looking to adding vegetarian burritos to the Warrior's Den.
6. The lines in the Library Cafe are in the process of being addressed.
  - a) Class of 2022 Senator Tiffany Vo asked if the number of employees working in the Library Cafe can be increased.
    - (1) Dining is considering hiring more employees, including students.

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7. Dining is still looking into extending the hours in the Warrior's Den and the Food Truck.
8. A new fryer has been ordered for the Warrior's Den.
9. Class of 2020 Senator Alex Thelusma and Gioia '21 commented on redundancies in dining locations' offerings, including grilled cheese and chicken nuggets.

F. Residence Life Committee: **Erika Torkildsen '21**

1. Nothing new to report.

G. Environmental Affairs Committee: **Morgan Proko '20**

1. There will be five electronic vehicle (EV) charging stations installed across campus.
  - a) Two EV stations will be located at Palmisano (Mendel) Hall, one in Lot H, and two in Lot J.
  - b) Hooper '21 asked if non-EVs can park in the charging spots.
    - (1) The Environmental Affairs Committee will follow-up on this, but most likely not.

H. Career Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee: **Liam OCearuil '22**

1. The Career Affairs Committee brought the feedback from last week's SGA meeting to the O'Brien Center, which has been shared with its team.
2. A feedback form will be sent to all Senators to record student feedback.
3. The Committee is also looking for ways to gather feedback on the types of career events students would like to see.
4. SGA Treasurer Liam OCearuil '22 will be stepping down as Chair at the end of the semester.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

XIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Class of 2023 Senator Nick Barber said students want to see the temporary lighting outside of Palmisano Hall installed permanently.
- B. Class of 2023 Senator Sam Grenier said students have requested a rage room in the basement of the Church.
  1. Grenier '23 explained that rage rooms are intended to help students release stress.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Office Hours in the Den
- B. Light and Hope 12/3
- C. TKE in a Box
- D. Theta Phi and Zeta Thanksgiving Donations

XV. ROLL CALL:

- A. Mallett '20 took attendance.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT:

- A. Gallagher '20 adjourned the meeting until December 3, 2019.

### *Mission Statement*

*The SGA seeks to be the voice for the Merrimack College Community through engagement and representation. The*

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