

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AGENDA
January 21, 2020

***Vision:** 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 (2022)

Advisor: Rose McCarthy, Hanna Christ



Members present: Amanda Gallagher (2020) Bia Kerr (2022)

Liam OCearuil (2022) Haley Mallett (2020) Josh Rizzo (2020) Cobbina Appiah (2022) Abigail Hooper (2021) Adrian Cintron (2022) Alex Thelusma (2020) Alexandra Gioia (2023) Angie Wasi (2021) Ashley Greene (2023) Dan Hansen (2020) Freddy Monroy (2023) Geena Levine (2021) Haley Taing (2021) Jenna Stanish (2022) John-Paul Haley-Read (2020) Kiley Martel (2023) Leena Ali (2021) Matthew Cavoli (2023) Morgan Proko (2020) Nicholas Barber (2023) Sam Grenier (2023) Sam Mathews (2022) Tayleigh Tierney Honan (2021) Tiana Lawrence (2020) Tiffany Vo (2022) Tim Hare (2020)

Non-Voting Members:

Members absent:

Students in attendance: Evan Bowie, Sophia Alpert

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 met.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: December 10, 2019

- A. The minutes were approved.

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

- A. Welcome Back!
- B. Statement of Intent
 1. Sophia Alpert was approved as a new Senator for the Class of 2023.
- C. Indigenous Peoples' Day
 1. SGA is creating a Google Form about the initiative to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day.
 - a) Class of 2021 Senator Leena Ali asked if the form can be distributed to all students.
 - (1) Rose McCarthy said it could be included in an email such as From the Dean's Desk.
 - b) Class of 2021 Senator Angie Wasi asked if the form has already been distributed.
 - (1) Gallagher '20 said no and all Senators will have access to the form before it is sent out.
- D. Fresh Check Day
 1. SGA is sponsoring a booth with Hamel Health on Fresh Check Day.
 2. Fresh Check Day will be held on Thursday, January 30 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- E. February Retreat 2/8/20
 1. SGA will hold its semester retreat on Saturday, February 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 2. The attendance policy will be in effect, but not the dress code policy.
 3. If Senators cannot attend, they need to notify Mallett '20 as soon as possible.
- F. Open Seats
 1. SGA has the following open seats:

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- a) Class of 2020: 3 seats
 - b) Class of 2021: 4 seats
 - c) Class of 2022: 4 seats
 - d) Class of 2023: 1 seat
 - e) Commuter: 1 seat
 - f) Diversity: 2 seats
 - g) International: 3 seats
2. SGA will attempt to fill the open seats by recruiting students at the Involvement Fair.
 3. Senators should also encourage other students to join SGA.
 4. Mallett '20 will distribute this information to all Senators.
- G. SGA Apparel
1. Mallett '20 will send a form to Senators for jacket sizes.
 2. Gallagher '20 recommended sizing down because of how large Silver Screen tends to run.
- IV. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Bia Kerr '22
- A. Nothing new to report.
- V. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Haley Mallett '20
- A. Tabling Requirements
 1. There will be 10 tabling events this semester.
 2. Senators are expected to complete at least 5 tabling shifts.
 - a) If Senators do not meet the requirement, they will be ineligible for reelection.
 3. Mallett '20 recommended that Senators start signing up for shifts so they do not fall behind on the requirement.
 4. Mallett '20 also asked Senators to sign up for shifts within 48 hours of a form being sent out.
 - B. Involvement Fair
 1. The Involvement Fair is this Friday, January 24 from 1 to 3 p.m.
 2. Mallett '20 encouraged Senators to fill the remaining tabling shifts.
 - C. Attendance
 1. Mallett '20 reminded Senators of the attendance policy:
 - a) Absences from SGA meetings count as 1 unexcused absence.
 - b) Absences from committee meetings count as ½ an unexcused absence.
 2. Mallett '20 also noted that excused absences must be communicated to herself or Senators' respective committee chairs at least 24 hours in advance.
- VI. TREASURER'S REPORT: Liam OCearuil '22
- A. Finance Update
 1. On-Stagers submitted a supplemental budget request of \$1,025 to purchase the rights to their next show, Seussical the Musical.
 2. SGA Treasurer Liam OCearuil '22 noted that the On-Stagers still have funds from their initial budget totaling \$39,908.63 as well as \$26,222.78 in their income line.
 - a) Class of 2022 Senator Tiffany Vo asked why On-Stagers has requested more funding if they have not spent the entirety of their initial budget.
 - (1) OCearuil '22 said he is unsure, but a similar request happened earlier in the year without explanation.
 - b) Class of 2020 Senator John-Paul Haley-Read asked if the SGA Constitution prohibits supplemental budget requests from student organizations that have not used the entirety of their initial budgets.

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- (1) OCearuil '22 said this is not prohibited in the SGA Constitution or the Finance Bylaws.
 - c) Class of 2020 Senator Tim Hare asked if the On-Stagers have outlined how they plan to use the remainder of their budget.
 - (1) OCearuil '22 said they have not.
 - d) Gallagher '20 noted that the On-Stagers' also have an income line from ticket sales in addition to their initial budget from SGA.
 3. SGA denied the On-Stager's supplemental budget request by majority vote because the rights can be purchased with their existing budget.
 4. Austin Scholars was approved by the Finance Committee for the two following supplemental requests:
 - a) \$780 for a spending deficit.
 - b) \$475 for student retreats.
 5. The Finance Committee is also working with Active Minds to help finance their national conference.
 6. Haley-Read '20 asked what the Finance Bylaws cover.
 - a) OCearuil '22 said they outline the way SGA distributes the overall budget to all student organizations. They will outline restrictions on what can be requested, how much can be requested for specific expenditures such as apparel or conferences.
 7. Haley-Read '20 asked if Senators can propose amendments to the bylaws.
 - a) Gallagher '20 said yes, and recommended that Senators email their ideas to OCearuil '22 so he can present them to the Finance Committee.
 8. Hare '20 asked if SGA will vote on the Finance Bylaws immediately after they are presented.
 - a) OCearuil '22 said no, Senators will have time to consider the bylaws before voting.
- VII. PARLIAMENTARIAN'S REPORT: Josh Rizzo '20
- A. Committee Meeting Times
 1. Senators will receive a Google Form following the meeting to select committees based on their availability for the semester.
- VIII. PUBLICIST'S REPORT: Cobbina Appiah '21
- A. Senator Takeovers
 1. Senators will continue to do SGA social media takeovers this semester.
 - B. SGA Sponsored Events
 1. Gallagher '20 said if Senators would like to see SGA sponsor an event then they should contact SGA Publicist Cobbina Appiah '21 and herself.
- 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. Diversity Affairs Committee: **Tiana Lawrence '20**
 1. Nothing new to report.

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- B. Environmental Affairs Committee: **Morgan Proko '20**
 - 1. Nothing new to report.
 - C. Information Technology Committee: **John-Paul Haley-Read '20**
 - 1. Haley-Read '20 asked Senators if a demonstration of filling out an IT ticket would be beneficial to SGA.
 - a) Senators agreed that this would be beneficial so they can show students how the process of submitting a ticket works.
 - D. Dining Committee: **Tim Hare '20**
 - 1. Hare '20 has a new phone number. He can be contacted at 801-574-7070.
 - E. Academic Affairs Committee: **Tayleigh Tierney-Honan '21**
 - 1. Nothing new to report.
 - F. Campus Infrastructure Committee: **Sam Mathews '22**
 - 1. Nothing new to report.
 - G. Residence Life Committee: **Nick Barber '23**
 - 1. Nothing new to report.
 - H. Career Affairs Committee: **Alexandra Gioia '23**
 - 1. Nothing new to report.
- XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
- A. Haley-Read '20 asked about the status of the Sexual Health organization.
 - 1. Kerr '22 said the organization is still in the process of determining its Executive Board as well as recruiting the required number of members.
- XIII. NEW BUSINESS:
- XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- A. Fresh Check Day 1/30
 - B. Retreat 2/8
 - C. Pizza with the President 2/25
- XV. ROLL CALL:
- A. Mallett '20 took attendance.
- XVI. ADJOURNMENT:
- A. Gallagher '20 adjourned the meeting until January 28, 2020.

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

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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.