

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AGENDA

March 31, 2020

*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) Ally Gioia (2023) Angie Wasi (2021) Ashley Greene (2023) Brandon Ellsworth (2022) Dan Hansen (2020) Freddy Monroy (2023) Geena Levine (2021) Jackie Jordan (2022) Jenna Stanish (2022) John-Paul Haley-Read (2020) Kiley Martel (2023) Lillian Schaefer-Calderon (2023) Matthew Cavoli (2023) Melissa Driver (2023) Morgan Proko (2020) Natalie Pagliocca (2021) Nicholas Barber (2023) Olivia Faulkner (2022) Sabella Fabiano (2021) Sam Grenier (2023) Sam Mathews (2022) Sophia Alpert (2023) Tayleigh Tierney Honan (2021) Tiana Lawrence (2020) Tiffany Vo (2022) Tim Hare (2020) Victoria Ponte (2021)

**Non-Voting Members:**

**Members absent:** Leena Ali (2021)

**Students in attendance:**

**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: March 3 and March 24, 2020

- A. The minutes were approved.

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

- A. Meeting with President Hopey
  1. Senators are expected to answer the form in regard to what days and times they can attend an SGA meeting with President Hopey by the end of the day.
- B. Executive Board Statements of Intent
  1. The following Senators were approved to be on the Executive Board ballot:
    - a) President: Bia Kerr '22, Liam OCearuil '22
    - b) Vice President: Sabella Fabiano '21, Sam Mathews '22, Tayleigh Tierney-Honan '21
    - c) Treasurer: Brandon Ellsworth '22
    - d) Secretary: Freddy Monroy '23, Nick Barber '23
    - e) Publicist: Ashley Greene '23, Cobbina Appiah '21, Geena Levine '21, Lily Schaefer Calderon '23
- C. Election Timeline and Functionality
  1. SGA elections will be run entirely online.
  2. Speeches will be held on Tuesday, April 14 on Zoom.
  3. Ballots will open following speeches and close on Friday, April 17.

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

- A. Student Organization Update
  1. The Student Organizations Committee is working to ensure that student organizations feel supported and have plans for the next academic year.

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V. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Haley Mallett '20

A. Election Materials, Policies, and Campaigning

1. Executive Board candidates can start campaigning once they submit a signed copy of election policies to the SGA inbox.
2. Senator election materials will be released following the meeting.
  - a) Senators must submit a signed copy of election policies, a statement of intent, and headshot by Monday, April 6 at 12 pm to run.
  - b) Senators can start campaigning once they receive notification from the SGA inbox.
3. It is recommended that all Executive Board candidates run for a Senator seat to increase their chances of being elected.
4. All campaigning and promotional materials must be sent to the SGA inbox for approval before they can be shared online.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT: Liam OCearuil '22

A. Finance Update

1. The Finance Committee is working on finalizing all finance-related forms for the next academic year.

VII. PARLIAMENTARIAN'S REPORT: Josh Rizzo '20

A. Committee Meetings

1. All Committee Chairs should continue to send their updates to SGA Parliamentarian Josh Rizzo '20.

B. Robert's Rules

1. All Robert's Rules regularly used in meetings apply to Zoom meetings, including Speaker's List, the phone policy, and so on.

VIII. PUBLICIST'S REPORT: Cobbina Appiah '21

A. Senator Takeovers

1. Senators interested in doing a Senator Takeover should contact SGA Parliamentarian Cobbina Appiah '21.

IX. GRADUATE FELLOW'S REPORT: Hanna Christ

X. ADVISOR'S REPORT: Rose McCarthy

A. Dishes with the Dean

1. Dean of Students Alison Gill is hosting Dishes with the Dean this Friday, April 3 on Zoom.
2. This Dishes with the Dean is open to students in Greek Life.

XI. CHAIR REPORTS:

A. Information Technology Committee: **John-Paul Haley-Read '20**

1. Nothing new to report.

B. Diversity Affairs Committee: **Tiana Lawrence '20**

1. Nothing new to report.

C. Residence Life Committee: **Nick Barber '23**

1. Residents pay a \$100 damage deposit every year.
  - a) Residents get this deposit back at the end of the year unless there are unpaid damages on their account.

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2. Residence Life is continuing to work on schedule, including the housing assignment process.
3. Resident Assistants (RAs) are in the process of reaching out to their residents.
4. If students have anything they would like to see from Residence Life, they should contact Class of 2023 Senator Nick Barber.

D. Campus Infrastructure Committee: **Sam Mathews '22**

1. Nothing new to report.

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

1. Nothing new to report.

F. Dining Committee: **Tim Hare '20**

1. There are currently no dining options open on campus.
2. Sodexo is working hard to ensure its employees are well and taken care of.
3. Sodexo employees typically apply for unemployment during winter and summer breaks, so Sodexo is helping many of them through the same process now.
4. Meal swipe options in the Sanctuary or Library Cafe would be difficult for Dining because of negotiations.
  - a) However, Dining knows that the Dining Committee will continue to pursue this, potentially into next year.

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

1. Nothing new to report.

H. Career Affairs Committee: **Alexandra Gioia '23**

1. All Merrimack students received activation emails for LinkedIn Learning.
2. Students can utilize the following resources while learning remotely:
  - a) Quinnia: virtual mock interviews
  - b) AWATO: a career assessment tool
3. The O'Brien Center recommends that students keep an eye on Handshake because many companies are still hiring.
4. The following events will be held online:
  - a) Marlabs Webinar: Career Choices in the Digital Age on Thursday, April 2 from 1 to 2 p.m.
  - b) Fidelity Investments: Boundless Investment Summit on Friday, April 3 from 1 to 3 p.m.
  - c) Psychology Graduate School Virtual Fair on Tuesday, April 7 from 11 to 3 p.m.
5. The O'Brien Center is working on ways to support students during changes in the economy and job market.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

XIII. NEW BUSINESS:

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

XV. ROLL CALL:

- A. Mallett '20 took attendance.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT:

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- A. Gallagher '20 adjourned the meeting until April 7, 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 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.*