



MarymountManhattan

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

September 9, 2019

Minutes

SGA President, (Marchael Giles), called the meeting of the 2019 – 2020 Student Government Association to order at (1:05 pm).

Members present (First roll call): Senator for Food and Health (Rachel Baransky), Senator for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (Daniela Garduno), Vice President (Yasmin Serrano), Treasurer (Patrick Reynolds), President (Marchael Giles), Senator of Student Life (Harrison Mootoo), Senator for Service and Sustainability (Julia Furnari), Senator for International Students (Kiara Mendez), Executive board Secretary (Jorge Hurtado), Senator for Campus Safety (Giselle Caraballo), Senator for Transfer Student Life (Ann Bahn), Senator for Media and Technology (Ava Makris).

Members absent (First roll call): Senator for Commuter Student Life (Aubrey Tolentino)

Members tardy/late (First roll call): Senator for Senior Issues (Dominique Cagliuso)

Confirmation of Quorum: CONFIRMED

Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting: N/A

Student Comments: N/A

Special Introductions and announcements:

Report of the Executive Committee:

President's Report:

Vice President's Report: SGA is co-sponsoring "A Taste of Latin America" \$150 for empanadas.

Treasurer's Report: The current budget is \$1047 for travel. Entertainment and refreshments \$6005 and printing \$640

Executive Secretary's Report: N/A

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business:

Registered Student Organization Approvals: N/A

Goals for the year:

President (Marchael Giles): Bring school spirit, Work with CAB, create more events that approach students into engaging with the school spirit, increase student development and diversity on leadership roles.

Senator for International Students (Kiara Mendez): Work on heritage month, and getting domestic students involved in our events.

Senator for Campus Safety (Giselle Caraballo): More service on our campus. Self-defense classes and being more active on SGA's social media.

Senator of Student Life (Harrison Mootoo): Forms for students to express their concerns. Let students know the resources we have, so they take advantage of them. Work on a lack of communication between the student body and faculty.

Senator for Food and Health (Rachel Baransky): Safer sex week more appealing and more educated and fun making more accessible options for people on the dining hall.

Senator for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Daniela Garduno): Allow students to choose the ramp or stairs. Get in contact with a guest speaker for a diversity talk.

Senator for Transfer Student Life (Ann Bahn): More acceptance for transfer students. Programs for transfer students, and meet and greet with clubs that have empty leadership positions.

Senator for Service and Sustainability (Julia Furnari): More Sustainability. Recycling goal. Working towards getting better. Educate students with sustainability.

Senator for Senior Issues (Dominique Cagliuso): Make the graduation process easier for class 2020. Free MMC calendar planner with social events.

Signature programs

- SGA town halls
- MMC's got talent
- SGA free water initiative
- SGA Laptop Loaner Program
- SGA Supports Pride
- Homecoming Musical
- SGA Co-sponsors Midnight Breakfast

Change of Fall Town Hall

Piloting a podcast style town hall and fill questions of student body online, have a mediator and members of the student body to discuss them and see where the faculty and staff are; this way the issue of people not showing up will be solved. Also, add a suggestion box on the comments, so students can express their concerns (anonymously).

First-Year Council: Doing interviews for selecting the FYC. FYC will also serve as a Divisional Rep for their specific areas.

NY Times subscription: The access won't change. SGA won't pay for it fully but will be contributing with \$1500.

- **SGA Resolutions:** N/A

- **Report of the Senate and First Year Council**

- **Closing Announcements:** N/A

- Final roll call: N/A

- **Adjournment:** President Gilles moves to adjourn the meeting and Treasurer Reynolds seconds; NO objections.