



Emerson College Student Government Association

SGA President: Nandan Nair

SGA Vice President: Kayla Armbruster

SGA Treasurer: Oliver Katz

Secretary: Olivia DeCesare

Chief Justice: Georgia Winn

Director of Communications: Josue Velazquez

NOTICE OF MEETING:

THIS AGENDA will be utilized during the Friday, Sept. 20 Student Government Association General Assembly meeting beginning at 12 p.m. in Walker building, room 417.

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THE SGA SHALL ENGAGE in the following matters once the meeting is called to order:

- I. Call to Order
 - A. 12:01 p.m.
- II. Approval of minutes from last week.
 - A. Amended Penelope to be recognized as an elected member of the Academic Senate.
- III. Guest Speaker Alexandria Socarides.
 - A. EMAIL: alexandra.socarides@emerson.edu
 - B. Provost: Serves as Vice President, Head of Academics Affairs
 1. Works with and oversees faculty across departments, and all academic programs. Anything in classroom or majors. (Not co-curriculars).
 2. Goals:
 - a) Support amazing faculty here. Examples:
 - (1) Getting grants
 - (2) Support teaching
 - (3) Winning awards
 - b) Thinking about academic infrastructure. Examples:
 - (1) What students at Emerson want and need now.
 - (2) What students will need 5 and 10 years from now. Building majors for that.
 - c) Looking at careers. Explanation:
 - (1) Built-in to the academic infrastructure. Thinking of career pathways and outcomes.
 - (2) Not career services; how built-in to the academics is the career pathway; skills and thinking patterns.
 3. Helps dismantle structures that inhibit you from success. Examples:
 - a) If a class is only offered one section one semester.
 - C. [Emerson Together](#)
 1. Response to last spring, attempt to bring community back together.
 2. More of an opportunity than initiative.

3. Foregrounds on conversations, and mutual respect.
4. Committee creating programming & training.
 - a) Christie Anglade is putting together the committees.
 - b) Content
 - (1) Looking at content; performances, groups, speakers, etc.
 - (2) Existing or new programming.
 - c) Capacity building
 - (1) Trainings, teaching how to have difficult dialogues.
 - d) Coordination
 - (1) Coordinates the two so that programming is not duplicated.

D. Working with SGA.

1. If you want to get lunch, please email.
2. Working with SGA
 - a) If you have any ideas of how she can help, please reach out.
 - b) She is looking to partner with SGA.
 - c) Department chairs & Deans look up to her; you can go through her for Academic Senate initiatives too.

IV. Appointments.

- A. Angus approved as Vice-Treasurer
- B. Georgia approved as Chief Justice
- C. Olivia approved as Executive Secretary
- D. Bry approved as Public Relations Coordinator
- E. Henry Jones Approved as Boston Intercollegiate Government Representative
- F. Hazel Fitzpatrick approved as Community Service Senator
- G. Charlie Coccozza approved as LGBTQIA+ Senator
- H. Karli Wallace approved as Student Accessibility Senator
- I. Christian Sullivan approved as Non-Traditional Senator
- J. Christian MacKenzie approved as FSL Senator
- K. Alice Fu approved as Deputy BCE Senator

V. Additional Introductions.

- A. Josue Velazquez
 1. Interdisciplinary Studies Major
 - a) Advertising Creative Media
 2. Director of Communications
 3. Dinner with Nandan in the dining hall.

VI. Recess.

- A. 12:33-12:45
- VII. Presentation of [Bylaws](#) by Angus & Georgia.
 - A. Purpose of Bylaws
 - 1. Constitutionally required that we have bylaws. Constitution says what we need to do, Bylaws tell us how to do it.
 - 2. Year over Adaptability. Bylaws are flexible and can adapt to our needs; the Constitution is difficult to change.
 - B. Logistics
 - 1. Article two establishes we require quorum to conduct business, so attendance is crucial.
 - 2. Article one establishes that we will meet at noon on Friday; can meet on Zoom and can vote to cancel a meeting.
 - C. Responsibilities
 - 1. Executive President and internal affairs board; executive president has the right to create positions and committees
 - 2. Legislative Branch; all senators, Executive Vice President, Executive Treasurer. Responsible for the passage and review of Legislation.
 - 3. Anyone at Emerson can propose legislation.
 - D. Judicial Branch
 - 1. The Chief Justice and the Deputy Chief Justice
 - 2. Responsibility for interpreting the Constitution
 - 3. Ensuring Robert's Rules are followed
 - 4. In the event that an officer evades their responsibilities, the Chief Justice will respond first with a written warning, followed by removal proceedings.
 - E. Elections & Appointments
 - 1. Article Six details that Spring Elections will be held no later than the second week in April. Candidates must submit all materials by the deadlines posted in the elections packet. Candidates are responsible for ensuring their campaign materials adhere to College guidelines. Candidates have the opportunity to appeal election results.
 - 2. Article Seven details that appointed officers will be introduced at GA. (NEED REST OF SLIDE)
 - F. Treasury
 - 1. Treasurer will record all balances and changes of:
 - a) Unallocated funds
 - b) The SGA fund

- c) The appeals fund
- d) Student Impact Fund.

G. Changes

- 1. Article Nine: amendments to bylaws can be made with a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote.
- 2. Article Ten: Most articles will sunset on the first day of the Fall semester.
- 3. Article Eleven: Appointments and bylaws are the first order of business.

H. Bylaws were accepted.

- 1. Motion: \$1,499,248.01 Million to Student Impact.
 - a) Approved
- 2. Motion: \$50,000.00 to Appeal Fund
 - a) Approved

VIII. Open Forum.

A. Election form is due by Monday

B. Campaign posters don't need to be approved by SGA

C. Campaign posters need to be approved by SEAL

- 1. Please add the SGA logo.
- 2. Posters need stamped; bring one and then copy.
- 3. Posters need an Emerson email
- 4. Posters can only be up for three weeks. You must take it down.
 - a) Campaign posters must be taken down Monday the 6th according to SGA rules.
 - (1) You can post a neutral link to vote/reminder to vote. We will create a post for that to ensure it's the same post.
 - b) This also applies to social media content.
- 5. Posters can only be put on designated bulletin boards.
 - a) There is a list on Campus Life where these bulletin boards are.
- 6. Please add where to go to vote.

IX. Funding for FPS Distribution Project.

A. Move to take \$3,500 from Student Impact Fund to FPS Distribution Project.

- 1. Premiere Films is who FPS wants to Partner With
 - a) International festival distribution company. Established partnerships and discounts from main Italiana and international film festivals. Saves money overall with these discounts.
 - b) Premiere does not retain rights to these films & cannot make decisions without approval.
 - c) Focuses:

- (1) Management of submission fees.
 - (2) Organize the screening with festivals of films.
 - (3) Collaborate with festivals to organize travel for awards.
 - (4) Manages technical requirements from festivals.
 - (5) Sells the film on request of client. Manages negotiation where client always has the last word.
 - (6) Offers the chance to sell movies to platforms: iTunes, Amazon Prime, Chili Cinema, Rakuten TV.
- d) European Company important as laws in Europe require short-film screening.
 - e) Provides opportunity that no other school has. Emerson will be the first to partner with a distribution company.
2. Pricing/Fees
- a) Cost of service depends on production value. Average cost for the service \$3,500 covers 3-4 short films.
 - b) Includes submission fees to festivals.
 - c) Pays for one full year contract.
 - d) Depending on the scratch, the fee is usually:
 - (1) 70% of prizes goes to FPS, 30% goes to Premiere.
 - (2) 70% of sales goes to FPS, 30% goes to Premiere.
3. Benefits
- a) Each dollar spent has more value.
 - (1) \$350 for the movies to be distributed on a smaller scale.
 - (2) \$800 for a guaranteed chance at being selected for major film festivals/licensing deals.
 - b) Films guaranteed to be watched by festival committees.
 - (1) "Without an important distributor it is very hard to get a good result
 - (2) Only 20% of important festivals really watch all the submitted short films
 - (3) They receive around 10-20k submissions every year. Oscar qualifying events sometimes more.
 - c) Huge step for such a new program Would be the first institution to have a deal like this.
 - d) With Emerson cutting film programs; this could be a great opportunity.

- B. Movement Approved.
- X. Adjournment.
 - A. 1:55