



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, Oct. 9, 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. 12:06 p.m.
- II. Approval of minutes from last week.
 - A. Passed in voice vote.
- III. Introduction of Christie Anglade.
 - A. She series pronouns.
 - B. Started as Interim Vice President recently.
 1. Oversees 100+ full time staff and 400+ student staffers.
 2. Has 12 directors and 7 direct reports.
 - a) Athletics
 - b) Career Services
 - (1) Career Services Fashion Show
 - (a) Contact Drew to be a model.
 - c) Center for Health and Wellness
 - (1) Health Services
 - (2) Counseling Services
 - d) Center for Spiritual Life
 - e) Community Standards
 - f) Housing and Residential Education
 - g) Intercultural Student Affairs
 - h) Student Accessibility Services
 - i) Student Car & Support
 - j) Student Engagement and Leadership
 - k) Student Transitions and Family Programs.
 - (1) Maureen Hurly
 - (a) Desiree Baker (Orientation)
 - (b) Chelsea Jackson Jone (Transitions)
 - (c) Campus ESP
 - (i) Online system, engages with parents and family.
 - (ii) Streamlines communication with parents.
 - (iii) Able to target specific age-groups (first year parents, etc.)

3. Communication Teams changing.
 - a) Keep lookout for updates.
 - b) Wren Deacon
4. Fitness Center
 - a) Not planning on opening on Tuesday despite rumors.
 - b) Kayla asked for frosted windows.
 - c) Some lockerrooms available in fitness center.
 - (1) Gender neutral lockerrooms available.
 - d) Working to finalize hours of operations.

C. Emerson Together.

1. Trust has been eroded.
2. School need time to prove trustworthiness.
3. Healing is personal, takes time, and growth.
4. Building consistency– inconsistency creates mistrust.
 - a) Communicating policies annually.

D. Conversations about last Spring.

1. Uncomfortable conversations.
2. Worried about saying the wrong things.
3. Lots of opposing opinions.
4. Know we need to do something; hard to know what to do.
5. Broken hearted over last semester.
6. Need clarification from staff.

E. Independent Film Policy

1. Work in Progress
2. Nandan suggested this policy update.
3. The goal is to fix this as soon as possible– not preventing independent films.

IV. Introductions.

A. Z

1. Deputy LGBTQIA Senator
2. Major: BCE
3. Lana Del Ray with Pasta

B. Thom

1. Deputy Transfer
2. Major: IDS
3. Tim Burton with Sushi

C. Caroline

1. WLP Senator
2. Major: WLP
3. Lana Del Ray with Waffle House

- D. Jackie
 - 1. Marketing Communication Senator
 - 2. Major:
 - 3. Noah Kahan with Raising Canes
- E. Annabelle
 - 1. BCE Major
 - 2. Freshman Class Treasurer
 - 3. Role Model with McDonalds
- F. Maya
 - 1. Transfer Senator
 - 2. Journalism Major
 - 3. Angela Davis with high quality tacos.
- V. Faculty Library and Technology Committee.
 - A. Need one undergraduate representative
 - B. Head of Library asked for a representative.
 - 1. Is anyone interested?
 - a) Georgia Winn
 - b) Hazel Fitzpatrick
 - c) Charlie Coccozza
 - C. Details:
 - 1. One meeting once a month.
 - 2. Give input on how library is functioning and technology around campus.
- VI. Student Affairs and Student Government Volleyball Game.
 - A. November 8th.
 - B. Team:
 - 1. Angus
 - 2. Bry
 - 3. Henry
 - 4. Olivia
 - 5. Thom
 - 6. Z
 - 7. Liane
 - 8. Annabelle
 - 9. Hazel
 - 10. Jackie
 - 11. Charlie
 - 12. Ruben
 - 13. Christian
 - C. Get the cheerleaders to come.
 - 1. Email Hazel about it!

- VII. Get to know you Instagram & additional information [form](#).
- VIII. Discussion on [S.B. 1](#).
 - A. Striking finding of “career” phrasing.
 - B. Brief summary: Student Accessibility Senator worked with Angus on attendance policy– sets the ground rules that students with disabilities and other needs are able to deal with those attendance needs and not be facing the wrath of our intense policy. Emerson, compared with other schools, has stricter policies typically compared to others.
 - C. Questions and Points of orders.
 - 1. Is there a set amount or recommendation for class attendance?
 - a) Whatever participation points are is what the class can take away from grades.
 - 2. What constitutes an excused absence? Is that changing?
 - a) If a professor wants to differentiate, *they* have to define them.
 - b) Encouraged not to have documentation requirements for medical excuses.
 - 3. The original policy still includes religious absences as towards the total of absences, but should this not be excluded?
 - a) Angus is putting that in the next draft because this is a great idea.
 - 4. Specifically, fasting holidays become difficult in engaging and going to class.
 - a) Angus will look into how to put this into words in a policy.
 - 5. Would people not abuse this system with fasting and holidays?
 - a) The college has a calendar with specific religious practices included for each holiday, and what practicing individuals can and cannot do.
 - 6. This should include period and menstruating individuals.
 - a) Angus will include this language.
 - b) Josue seconds this and believes specific language should be used.
 - 7. How closely does this have to align with ADA? Menstruation does not fall under ADA, but the college tries to stick close to it.
 - a) The college *can* do more than the ADA, and the bill is attempting to do that.
- IX. Introduction of election winners.
 - A. Fall WLP Senator
 - 1. Caroline White
 - 2. Wants to improve accessibility within the department.
 - 3. Needs to create a third place for writers.
 - B. Marketing Communications Senator
 - 1. Jackie Weyker

2. Wants to get marketing Communications more integrated with other departments
 - a) Working with co-curriculars for budgeting
- C. Class of 2028 President
 1. Ruben Gonzalez
 2. Show people we can have a place to speak our minds.
- D. Class of 2028 Secretary
 1. Isiah Flynn
 2. Excited to be here.
- E. Class of 2028 Treasurer
 1. Annabelle Kump (sp)
 2. Math-oriented person, excited to be a treasurer.
- X. Open forum.
 - A. Oath ceremony next Friday at this time!
 1. Paramount Blackbox.
 2. You will get an email. (By the time you're reading this you already have!)
 3. Bry will be making an instagram graphic invitation for the instagram.
 - B. Angus motion: Following SGA meeting is canceled for Oath Ceremony
 1. Passed.
 - C. [Project Proposal Presentations](#)
 1. Due upcoming Monday the 21st.
 2. Reviewed by that following Wednesday
 3. 25th, prepare a 2-3 minute presentation to General Assembly.
 - D. In other clubs, tag SGA in your posts for meetings and we will repost it!
- XI. Adjournment.
 - A. 1:59