



FOX TALES

INTRODUCTION BY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

Tales... tails... get it? Hi everyone, I'm Katie Procter, SGA's

Director of Public Relations, and this is the first edition of Fox Tales. Fox Tales is a new monthly update for students describing what's going on around your campus and what changes SGA has been working on to benefit you.

Many students are unsure of what exactly SGA's purpose is and how important it actually is to the student body. This newsletter should shed some light on a few of

the things SGA is involved in.

Student Government is composed of three main branches, the Judicial, Executive, and Legislative (Senate) that work towards creating bills, passing them, and implementing them for the benefit of the students. Inside are a list of some bills that have been passed this semester.

We are always interested in hearing students' suggestions and concerns, so feel free to stop in the Office and discuss any issues that come up, and enjoy the first edition of Fox Tales!



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"Just as in sports a coach needs a team of good players to win, an organization needs a team of good leaders to succeed."

- John C. Maxwell

Executive Board:

- Student Body President Omar Diaz
- Executive Vice President Joe DeLisle
- Vice President for Club Affairs Billy Burke
- Vice President for Student Life Erik Zeyher
- Vice President for Academic Affairs Maureen Boucher
- Vice President of Student Programming Andy Villani
- Vice President for Athletic Affairs Alicia Mattiello
- Chief Financial Officer Karissa Nichols
- Chief Information Officer Joe Donohue
- Elections Commissioner Caitlin Struk
- Director of Public Relations Katie Procter

Senate:

- Senate Speaker Matt Reiman
- Class of 2008 President Casey Paluskiewicz
- Class of 2009 President Julie Lavin
- Class of 2010 President Jeremie Hittenmark
- Class of 2011 President Andrew Clinkman
- Resident Senator Chris Waters
- Resident Senator Steve Townsend
- Resident Senator Nicole Johnson
- Resident Senator Matt Lubrano
- Commuter Senator Ron Johnson
- Commuter Senator Michell Perez



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Hello, my name is Omar Diaz and I am the Student Body President. Thank you for taking the time to read our first ever publication. This newsletter will give you an overview of all the different activities you can be a part of and will give you an avenue to express your ideas and opinions.

I would like to encourage you to get involved in activities you have never experienced before and to stay involved in those that you have a passion for.

The Student Government Association is a perfect place for students to come in to talk with student leaders about their concerns, thoughts, and issues that are happening on and off campus. Please don't be afraid to try new things, meet new people, and most importantly... HAVE FUN. I know that you will all excel in anything you put your mind to. So, stop by the Office and make a difference...

- OMAR DIAZ

"It's never been done like this before!"

MESSAGE FROM SENATE SPEAKER MATT REIMAN

Hi, my name is Matt Reiman and I am the Senate Speaker. I am from Mahopac, NY and am involved in a number of activities on campus.

I am the President of the History Club, a founding member of the Marist College Republicans, and you

may recognize me from Singers and Chapel Choir. I have been with SGA for about a year and sit on every Senate Committee.

I am most proud of our Support The Troops Fundraiser which raised more than \$1000 for

care packages that were sent to American Troops in Iraq.

Please contact me with your concerns and questions at:

Matthew.Reiman1@marist.edu



Events to Look Forward To:

- **Relay for Life**

Kickoff on February 20th

- **Spring Elections**

Look for info sessions and flyers!

- **St. Jude's**

- **Spring 2008 Activities Fair**

January 23rd, from 12:00-1:30pm



ALTEREDU (A New Approach to Campus Events.)

Ever feel like you can't seem to find students who share your interests? Does the party scene not interest you too much? Can't seem to find a Friday night activity that **DOESN'T** center around alcohol? Then does Marist have the answer for you.

Come sign up for AlterEdu, a new online forum that focuses on spreading awareness of campus

events to Marist students and connects members of the student body to each other. Marist has its own Super Group where members can post events, blog their thoughts, or start threads on issues, ideas, or concerns.

AlterEdu is a great resource not only for the student who refrains from alcohol use, but also for the college student who may go out to

party, but also has an interest in becoming more involved and finding new avenues to meet people.

Sign up today at

<http://www.alteredu.net>

And get started finding out what's going on around YOUR campus.

AlterEdū (ôl/tēr ēdōō)

- n. 1. another aspect of one's self.
- 2. a true and inseparable friend.
- v. to change the course of campus culture.



YOU HAVE PROBLEMS, WE HAVE SOLUTIONS...

This Spring semester we are hoping to bring in more members. The General Members Committee is open to all students at Marist College and is an open forum for students to express and discuss their ideas/issues/concerns.

From the committee, issues ranging from having to pay for laundry in the Residence Inn to increasing sustainability and cleanliness in the cafeteria have been brought to our attention.

The Student Government works for the students and we can make the appropriate changes more quickly if you guys come to us.

So whatever issues you have, bring them to us. Flyers will be up, there is a Facebook group, and if you ever want to get more information on the meetings, come to the office or call the extension (x2206). We are open to any and every student as well as any and every concern.

General Members meets every Wednesday at 9:30 pm in the Student Government Office!

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(SC 347)



Issues Discussed At Last Meeting:

- New name for committee to increase turnout
- New PR avenues for groups in the process of becoming clubs
- Cafeteria concerns
- Possible new venues for flyers/PR for non-clubs

PS: You're ALL part of General Members! Without even signing up, look at that!!!

ELECTIONS IN THE SPRING

For Elections' Info contact:

Caitlin.struk1@marist.edu



Exciting news! Student Government Elections for the 2008-2009 school year are coming up. Elections will take place in early March, but preparation begins in February, so keep your eyes open for the campaign calendar if you are interested in running!

For questions on how to run for a Student Government position, stop by the SGA office or contact Caitlin Struk, Elections Commissioner.

Positions that are up for election include:

- Student Body President
- Resident Senators
- 2009, 2010, 2011 Class Officers

Other Currently Open Positions:

- Parliamentarian
- 2-3 Members for Public Relations Board
- Positions for the Senior Class Board

OUTSTANDING STUDENT INVOLVEMENT: ALISON CANDAMIL

Club Affairs would like to recognize Alison Candamil for her outstanding contributions to campus life. She serves an asset to the students and administrators she works with in all of her responsibilities on campus because she is well-rounded and confident in all her areas of expertise and interest.

She is a senior this year, majoring in Psych/Special Ed. She is student teaching this semester, but has not let that stop her from maintaining her intense involvement as a leader all over campus. Congratulations and thanks, Alison, for your inspiring ability to juggle, lead, and succeed.

Alison has served for two years on the Club Affairs Council as the Greek Life representative, meeting regularly with leadership from all of the fraternities and sororities on campus, and ensuring strong communication between Greek Council and Student Government. She became involved in this position as an active member of the Kappa Kappa

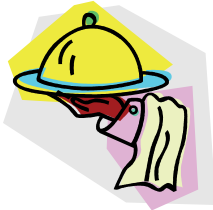
Gamma sorority, and is currently the Vice President of Organization and House.

Alison is an invaluable liaison between Student Government and College Activities, because she also works as a programming assistant, using her artistic creativity to design posters and publicity materials for events on campus.

She used her expertise in event publicity to lead the spotlight session at the Club Affairs leadership conference this fall, helping clubs publicize their events more effectively, and going over College Activities requirements for poster approval. The students and administrators who have worked to plan events constantly rely on Alison's dependable nature and appreciate that she is well-versed in all things Marist. Alison puts all of these leadership qualities to good use as the treasurer of the Dance Club for two years.



FRESH CLUBS



Student Government's new clubs this year include the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA), Greek Music Society (band honor-fraternity and sorority) and Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE). These clubs were chartered last semester and have enjoyed great success in their first full semester under the Student Government umbrella.

We have also recently chartered Marist's chapter of Habitat for Humanity as an official club. The club is exceptionally involved in community service projects, and are committed to carrying out the national Habitat for Humanity mission, with creative community service plans for the spring, including a spring

break trip to build a home for the less fortunate. Contact Marist HfH at marist.habitat@gmail.com!

Another new addition to Student Government's clubs is Marist's newly colonized chapter of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. TDX hopes to enhance Greek life on campus, proven already through their devotion to community service including Relay for Life, as well as Hudson River and Route 9 clean-up projects. Under the advisement of Brother Frank Kelly, Theta Delta Chi has worked hard for the past year to earn approval from the other Greek organizations on campus (Greek Council), Student Government, and official recognition from Theta Delta

Chi's national organization, one of the most innovative fraternities in the nation.

Art Club is Student Government's newest addition to our chartered clubs. The club is focused on becoming the overall artistic influence on campus, bringing art to the entire student body. They have tailored their community service efforts to their interests and field of expertise, focusing on artistic projects that enrich the local community. They are also eager to network with clubs on campus to aid in poster design. Look out for their exciting workshops such as figure-drawing sessions, which are of course open to both art majors and non-majors alike!



- **PRSSA**
- **SIFE**
- **Greek Music Society**
- **Habitat for Humanity**
- **TDX**
- **Red Ink (Art Club)**

I'M JUST A BILL...

This Semester has been busy in the Senate and Executive Board!

We chartered SIFE, Habitat for Humanity, and Theta Delta Chi and have dealt with issues regarding the Cafeteria, improving lighting around Fulton, and the Laundry Machines that were in need of repair.

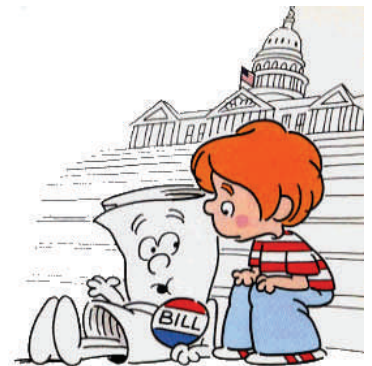
We have received many good ideas from students so please contact us with yours!

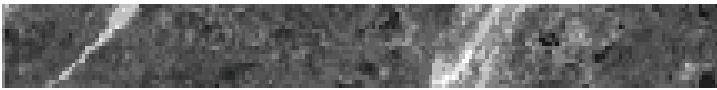
The Senate has also recently passed the Safety and Security Committee, St. Jude's Committee, and MCATs.

The Senate is the legislative branch of the Student Government. We pass bills that are created within our branch, or by you, and send them to the Student Body President for his signature. The Executive Board is responsible for advising the Student Body President on issues that affect the campus and Student Government.

We would love for you to come to our meetings which are held every Wednesday at 11 am and 12:30 pm in the Student Government Office, where you can input your suggestions and hear what issues are being discussed.

General Members is a Committee that any student can join and voice opinions. Please come! They are held every Wednesday at 9:30 pm in the Student Government Office.





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Student Government Office

SC 347 (across from College Activities)

<http://clubs.marist.edu/sga/>

Phone: 845-575-2206

Email foxtalespr@gmail.com with questions/concerns/
suggestions

Meeting Times and Dates

- **Executive Board and Senate:** 11 am and 12:30 pm on Wednesdays
- **General Members:** Every Wednesday at 9:30 pm (You're **ALL** a part of it! Stop by for a few minutes!)
- All meetings are held in the Student Government Office, SC 347, across from College Activities

