Student Government Association

General Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Peter T. Mazza Student Government Association Room

Ely Campus Center

Live Stream of the meeting was taken place on YouTube.

Members Present: Aidan Gomez, Zara Rivett, Raymond Croteau, Theodore Lucier, Cole Dos Santos, Karlie Beamenderfer, Alyssa Hanafin, Maria Renta-Marrero, Jakob Traynor, Luke Stehley, Fabian Morales, Alexa Martin, Jamie Beamenderfer, Brenna Guliani, Matthew Crusha, Liv Carney, Celia Rocino, Zoë Desmarais, Julian Auger, Elijah Frederick, Carlee Yap, Seth Durant, Schellandie Cherrison, Tiffany Rivera, Davey Castegnaro, Maliah DaRosa, Bradley Jones, Lucia Sadura, Jay Touissant, Brianna Ellis, Kianna Hicks, Sybille Laguerre, Annie Rosa-Rodriguez

Members Absent: Raul Rosario

Call to Order: President Aidan Gomez called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm. It was announced that the meeting was being recorded. Members were asked to review the meeting agenda, and a roll call was taken of members present (listed above). Also, participating was advisor Matthew Dellea and guest speaker Maggie Balch, Shannon Greene.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from Tuesday, September 29th, 2026 were approved unanimously by VOCAL VOTE.

President's Report: Aidan Gomez gave a report on...

- Welcomed Maggie Balch and Shannon Greene and thanked them both for coming
- 12 great interviews,
- Motioned to appoint Sybille, Annie Rosa-Rodriguez, and Jay Touissant
    - Seconded by Karlie Beamenderfer
    - Passed by vocal vote
- Voter drive Tuesday October 13th
    - Sent out a signup sheet for volunteer positions
    - You need either State Id, ... or ..., to register to vote or check your status!
- Alumni Dinner in Scanlon
    - 6 Senator volunteers to go with Jakob and Maria
    - See Aidan after meeting to sign up
- October 17th homecoming tailgate
    - Senator Volunteers for setup, break down, and to stay and socialize
    - See Aidan after meeting to sign up
- Brenna and Aidan on a committee, see them with anything they want to share

Maggie Balch & Shannon Green:

- Maggie Balch shared her new position as Interim Vice President of EMMSA
    - She has the same role and responsibilities as normal but adding on marketing, admissions, and financial aid aspects
- Shannon Green also shared the changes to her position
    - Still the same role but added on Counseling Center, Veteran and Military Services, and SAIL
- Questions:
    - Brenna Guliani thanked both speakers for coming and asked what their goals are for the year
        - Both speakers said that their plans for the year, were to keep everything afloat and not allow any of the craziness going on affect the students, emphasizing that a lot is going on at the moment, and the student body's main priory should stay on being a successful student, and not trying to juggle what is happening elsewhere
    - Karlie Beamenderfer asked what Student Leaders can do to help keep the campus chaos free
        - The speakers replied that being good humans and a role models and know that people are going to want to share things, and to be somewhere that will listen, and direct them to the correct resources on campus
    - Fabian Morales asked how to best keep contact with them
        - It was advised to come see them in person, in their office on the 2nd floor of the Ely Campus Center, as their inboxes are normally flooded, but they always try to be out and about on campus, so that students can easily find them and talk to them
    - Annie Rosa-Rodriguez asked to clarify what EMMSA stood for
            - Maggie clarified that EMMSA stand for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs
        - Annie also asked the speakers what kind of culture they are trying to support on campus
            - Maggie and Shannon shared that they intend to support a culture of kindness and respect, as everyone on campus comes from a different background, and are studying different things, and everyone should be able to facilitate an environment where each individual is respected and appreciated
    - Luke Stehley noted that the speakers mentioned adding a Counselor to their office, and asked if there could be clarification on the matter
        - Shannon noted that they intended to add a non-clinical Counselor to their office, to allow check ins with students that may need to meet with the office more frequently, and it adds another support person to assist Maggie and Shannon, and they will be in contact with the other support centers like Reslife and the Career Center

Vice President of Student Life Report:

- Met with John and Chris from Reslife on Wednesday, September 30th
    - Sky factor survey coming out soon
    - Health and safety inspections in Residential Halls happening soon
    - Halloween haunted house in Lamers basement October 29th
    - Nestflix streaming service changed from Swank
        - Email Zara, Chris, or John for any questions
- Athletics
    - Bone marrow swab October 14th from 11am-3pm on the Woodward Green
    - Brest cancer walks October 29th from 11am-3pm
- Questions:
    - Fabian Morales asked how to access Nestfilx
        - Chris clarified;
        - Must be on campus using a Westfield ID

        - Go to nestflix.westfield.ma.edu
        - More information is coming out soon

Vice President of Outreach Report:

- Karlie Beamenderfer reminded everyone to follow the SGA Instagram
- Voter registration drive flyers
    - Handed out some flyers to take with them to help bring visibility to the event as CEO committee hasn't been formed yet
        - Cannot be placed in Residential Halls
- Turkey Trot and Turkey Drive
    - Turkey Drive collection period is coming up in November
    - November 14th is they Turkey Trot
        - Sent around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help set-up, give out shirts and snacks, and to break down
            - Counts for Community Engagement Sessions
- Week of Halloween SGA meeting 10/27 is a dress up meeting
    - Holding a costume competition
        - Instagram followers judge and vote for who wins
        - Winner will be announced following week, with a prize
        - Groups of 1-3 people are allowed!
- Questions:
    - Kianna: for volunteer slots, can we only pick one?
        - Karlie said you can put whatever works for you, even if it's only partial, and to see her after for more questions

All Universities Committee:

- Aidan Gomez reported
- First meeting Friday October 2nd
- Short meeting, where they routed proposals back to the proper committees

Class of 2030:

- Elijah Frederick reported
- Introduced 5 new positions on 2030 that have been filled
    - Secretary Kai Skorupski
    - Community Fundraising Representative Alexis LaFleur
    - Representative to Senates Carlee Yap, Seth Durant, and Schellandie Cherrison

Class of 2029:

- Julian Auger reported
- Met Monday October 5th
- Found a new advisor Dr. Francesca Spina, the chair of the Criminal Justice department, to advise alongside Professor Caleb Faul
- New appointments
    - Secretary Ella Sheehan
    - Treasurer Kareena Shankar
        - Still has 3 open Representative to Senate seats
            - If anyone is interested reach out to him

- Reminded senators to follow the class of 2029 Intragram and TikTok, as their Publicist Jaiden has been working hard!
    - Passed around a flyer with QR code to class of 2029 Instagram
- If anyone is interested in collaborating with the council, just reach out and let him know

Class of 2028:

- Liv Carney reported
- Interviews still going on

Commuter Council:

- Tiffany Rivera reported
- New appointments
    - Vice President Jaden Aubin
    - Rep to Senate Raul Rosario
- Havent met yet but plan to meet this Thursday October 8th

Announcements: The following announcements were made:

- Gage Labak announced that fall fest will be happening soon
- Jakob Traynor announced that Rules and Regs is looking for a Senate member from the class of 2028 to join
- Aidan reminded the newly appointed Senate members to turn in their committee ranking and shirt size sheet to him at the end of the meeting
- Alyssa Hanafin announced that Senate will have mailboxes all set up before next meeting
- Matthew Crusha and Brenna Gulianai announced 220 days until commencement!

Adjournment: There being no further business, Aidan Gomez adjourned the meeting at 6:20pm.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the approved minutes of the Student Government Association (SGA) general meeting held on Tuesday, October 6th, 2026.

Executive Secretary Alyssa Hanafin