



SUNY Maritime Parents Association

General Meeting

March 7, 2024

7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

President's Address:

- Thanks for taking the time out this evening to join us. Thank you to those that attended our paint n sip event on Sunday, March 3 on campus. It was a very intimate group of people we all had a great time. I know those that attended the ship tour prior to the event really enjoyed themselves. We had a very good time chit chatting and making fun wine glasses. We also sold a little merchandise too. Thanks for the support.
- The Super Bowl event that the parents association funded was a great time had by all the students that attended. Thank you to those parents that made a donation. The money was put towards a lot of good food.
- Catering was done by the Wicked Wolf, Nona's deli in Country Club. The parents association got some extra fun food, white castles, pizza and Auntie Anne's pretzels. Henry from Chartwell's provided wings and fries. We got some decorations; we gave out over \$1500 in prizes from the businesses on Tremont Avenue that students enjoy going to so receiving a prize was exciting for them. We also gave out 10 gift cards from the bookstore on campus to show support for them.
- The SGA President and the MAP President were selling raffle tickets for the prizes that they bought. I hope the students enjoyed themselves and it's up to us to tell our students to get out more and attend these events, things are really happening on campus.
- We have some great speakers this evening, I know many of you were emailing me and asking about the summer sea term, once finalized it will be communicated at next month's meeting. Captain McManus and the Admiral hopefully will be joining us for next month's meeting so we can go over everything.
- Tonight, we have Michelle Rena, she's in charge of career services and we have Ray Donnelly, he's with the New York ROTC and we have Dr. Alyssa Defalco, she's in charge of the new sea center that we talked about at last month's meeting.
- I just want to say that the parents association is a group of volunteers working hard behind the scenes all the time to plan events, sell merchandise and support many clubs on campus, we just gave \$500 to the jujitsu club, we supported Women of Maritime, sending five female students to Mass Maritime so it's all this stuff behind the scenes and the parents supporting us that we give 100% of our funds back to the students.
- We're always looking for new members to join the team. We always need help making and keeping this association running the way it is. On Friday, April 5 we're going to be holding some elections we're going to be holding an election for our treasurer position which I did talk about. I know someone within our board is interested in taking over this

position, but we do have to put it out there. If there's anybody interested, we will be voting on this next month. We can use help with photography or just general help being part of a great team of people bringing new ideas to the table.

- Staying on task with the parent association of the board, we are working on a few changes to keep it running as strong as it is. We're trying to make a change to our constitution and in our current Bylaws, it states that any changes need to be brought up to the members of the association. They were brought up in writing, and then I have to read the change and if there are any concerns from the current members they need to be brought to my attention at this evening's meeting.
- The change is within our Constitution. Article 10, Quorum, it currently says 11 active members of the board attending a board meeting shall constitute a quorum. We would like to change it to 2/3 of the active members of the board attending a board meeting shall constitute a quorum. If there's anybody that is on this call as an active current member that has any problems with that please speak now.
- Joe Donovan, a board member, according to our Bylaws article 8 it says it has to be presented at a meeting which is tonight, discuss by the board and then brought to vote at our next general meeting. He mentioned that Jeannine may have skipped the sentence that said, prepared amendments to the constitution, shall be submitted in writing by any active member, or at any general meeting of the association for consideration of the board, so it's a two meeting process, so it needs to be presented and voted at the next meeting. This brought about some awkwardness. A member made a rude comment that other members of the association heard and were taken back. Not sure who meant for but if not speaking mics need to be muted.
- The Emerald Society will be marching in the Bronx Throggs Neck St. Patrick's Day parade this Sunday and in the New York City St. Patrick's Day next Saturday.
- Tonight is the spring formal. Hopefully the students are having a fun time as we speak. It's up to the students to attend these school events so that the school sees that students are involved, and they can continue to hold events for all students. Students are constantly being emailed about things that are going on. Many clubs are available on campus.
- Save the date Saturday, April 27th for Spring Fest it will be open to friends and family with many activities and the parents association will be making a donation, possibly arranging a get together for all friends and family the night before or the night of the event. More details to follow.
- As discussed at last month's meeting, the issue with the licensing exams, good news all the students that have been retaking the licensing exams are passing the exams.
- Cadet shipping- the process for this is underway, and interviews are being conducted and then they will be working on all medical forms. School is going to try to help as many students get cadet shipping as possible, if students do not get it, they can go out on SST.
- Next month parents Association meeting will be in person and hoping that the school will have more information about the process of hiring a new admiral, when they have narrowed it down to six candidates, then that will become public knowledge, then they will be holding interviews with those candidates on campus.

Michelle Reina- Director of Career Services

- Director of career services on campus, she has been in this position about 16 years, knows a lot about the industry as far as jobs and internships so everything that we do in career services is open to all current students and open to all alumni.
- We do pretty much everything to prepare a student for finding a job at the end of it all, which is that ultimate résumé workshop.
- Last week we had our career development week which included Resume workshops.
- We held a dining etiquette class for the students, so we had an etiquette company that we hired come to campus and they had a full dinner to teach him how to eat in a professional setting if it's at a conference or seminar or over the interview.
- Next week is our spring career fair, Tuesday and Wednesday from 12 to 4 o'clock in the Maritime academic center, the career fair is open to all current students for them to look for employment opportunities to look for Shoreside internships and just kind of making connections with different companies.
- The career fairs are held twice a year in October and March, we started last semester with the spring career fair of 2023.
- We have about 120 companies that do attend campus for the career fair. We split it into two days just because we cannot fit everybody in one location anymore so we just split it into the two days and then companies will also stay on campus for interviews either after the career fair or the next day.
- Besides the career fair we have employer presentations that take place throughout the whole academic year so just next week alone we have eight employer presentations that's where a company will come to campus to do a presentation to the students about what they're hiring for the industry, what they're looking for.
- Students can set up an appointment with us in career services and then we will sit down with them and go through the résumé just to make sure everything looks as good.
- Our internship coordinator is really focused on our civilian students and helping them find a summer internship.
- Everything is also posted on the band app which your student should be checking out.
- New career services software, which is called Handshake, this is what employees used to post internships to post jobs, students are able to post their résumé on there, they can post a cover letter on there. Handshake has been advertised out to students.
- Career services is open to all students especially for MUGS during their first few weeks on campus, since they are starting the program they're not really sure what they are getting into and what they want to major in, help them understand what they can do with their major
- career services is located in the welcome center so that is where Admissions is located that is the little White House across from the security gate.
- Business cards can be made in career services although a student does not need them for the Career Fair but they would want to have their résumé, but a student would need

business cards if they were going to an alumni event or an industry conference where you would not have your résumé with you.

LT Ray Donnelly NYC NROTC

- part of the New York City ROTC staff, a reserve in the Navy and I'm also a graduate of SUNY Maritime. I graduated in 2006, my brother went there he graduate 2001 and I currently have a niece and nephew at Maritime.
- I talked to prospective students, parents, got almost 14 student cadets to join the unit in January and now we have rolling admissions.
- I tell Cadets about the benefits that you can get from joining the reserves for 20 years. If a Cadet signs up for this, the chances of getting called for active duty, it will take a presidential act to call reserves into active duty and the last time that happened was during World War II.
- Cadets must have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA, there are also certain physical requirements.

Dr. Elissa DeFalco: SEA Center

- Has been at Maritime for 17 years, volunteering to help support student clubs on campus and as an academic coach for the football team. Working with our assistant Provost to start a new way of organizing student support at Maritime. Now, the Director of the SEA Center which stands for student engagement and advising which is located in the science and engineering building, the space should be ready soon.
- There's an updated schedule for the writing center and the learning center.
- That is the main place that they handle students with accommodations, especially for students that need time and a half an assistant technology or adaptive technology.
- Took time to figure out what courses students needed tutoring in. Now you'll notice a different look to the schedule this term. They added tutoring for navigation and statics for the engineers.
- Email at edefalco@sunymaritime.edu
- Our goal here is to make sure that if a student doesn't know where to go to, they can come to us, and we will guide them.

Upcoming Events:

- April 5th at 7:00 pm meeting will be in person since elections need to be held.