

St. Norbert College

Student Government Association



Meeting Minutes of the General Assembly President Oliver Dressel

Call to Order by Executive Board (4:00)

Land Acknowledgement [Statement](#) (Mr. Ulrich)

Will Ulrich made GA speaker due to Ms. Kylie Marsden's class conflict.

Attendance via Zoom (Mr. Beilfuss)

Absent: Jonathan Contreras, Kylie Marsden, Michael Schneider, Katelyn Holmstrom, Andrea Fuentes, Sophie Yde

New business (4:04)

VAWA Safe Space Donation (Ms. Freye)

Violence Against Women Act Grant, new to St. Norbert as of last year. Strategic plan was developed last year. A safe space is currently in the works to be included on campus. This space will be in the basement of the alumni house; open to victims and survivors of sexual violence on campus. This space is for anyone at any time, also a meeting space for the workers on the VAWA grant. Looking for a \$500 donation from SGA.

Plans for the safe space design are down to the minute detail. Furniture and interior design specifically to reduce anxiety or any stress. If an incident were to happen on campus, this space would be safe place to go for any student experiencing trauma from a sexual assault.

Questions?

Benck: Is this space only for recent survivors of these situations, or will it be more open for students who have experienced relationship violence or other trauma in the past?

Freye: I believe it will be more for recent survivors, but in the future the goal is to host survivor support groups. The key focus is just for survivors recently.

RAs will have swipe access to let in any students who need the safe space immediately. Gender/sexual violence in the past will probably be a few years down the road.

Freye: I motion to donate \$500 for this grant.

Benck: I second.

Motion passed with zero opposed. Plenty of funds available in the SGA account to help with this initiative. However, due to lack of quorum, the vote could not be passed. A later virtual vote will be held on Raftr.

NEW College Strategic Plan (Mr. Dressel and Mr. Gonnering)

Dressel: I was approached by Dr. Bailey to sit on the new strategic plan work force. Educational quality: vibrant and engaging experience for students, renewal in the student experience (curricular and co-curricular), looking at post-pandemic era → economic stability, financial support for students and their families, advance college traditions and mission, integration of the Catholic, Norbertine, and liberal arts traditions. Integration of the mission to a full extent.

Gonnering is also involved in the initiative in a separate working group of the new strategic plan. There will be open forums, most likely virtual, to obtain student input.

SGA/Campus Center Collab on Winter Events (Mr. Beilfuss)

Beilfuss: An initiative between the campus center and SGA... fill out the waiver form and get it into the LSE office. Then, any money spent on rentals for winter activities (skiis, skates, tubing) or any entrance fees will be reimbursed by the college. All you have to do is get the receipt into John Seckel in the campus center. Share this with your friends! Get outside and enjoy the winter weather!

Task force updates (4:15)

Freye: Nominations and applications for the Beloved Social Justice award. One award handed out for faculty/staff and one for a student on campus.

Ulrich: Board of Trustees meetings are happening this week, next meeting we will have plenty of updates.

Old business (4:20)

Student Organization Representation (Ms. Hunt)

- List can still be found in the Google drive. Having student voices heard, especially with clubs meeting not on as-regular-a basis.

Updates from representatives.

[Jessi Beyer](#) & [Saul Flores](#) (Mr. Dressel)

On advisement days this semester, having a speaker present to students. Jessi Beyer will be the first speaker, speaking on mental health virtually. Looking to have a second speaker, more focused on anti-racist programming, speak on the other advisement date. A suggestion was made to bring Saul Flores to campus. Possible collaboration with Black Student Union.

College committee/special project updates (4:35)

Dressel: I have called the campus center and booked GMS 1097 to have an in-person meeting in two weeks. We will be all together again! Yay!

Ulrich: New members will be receiving their SGA name tags.

Freye: The leadership conference here on campus will take place this weekend. All will be virtual this year. A guest speaker called Diversity University will be part of the program. This Saturday, February 13th, 2021. Register through the LSE office! It will take place from 1-4pm.

Chahal: I motion to adjourn the meeting.

Beilfuss: I second.

Adjournment (4:45)