

St. Norbert College

Student Government Association



Meeting of the General Assembly
May 4th, 2021, GMS 1097 and Zoom
President Oliver Dressel

Call to Order by Executive Board (4:00)

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

New business (4:05)

Welcoming New Members
Introductions of all current representatives and executive board from around the room. New members for next year's GA also

Task force updates (4:15)

LASS (Mr. Hess)
Hess: Public ceremony on Saturday to raise the new flag in front of Bemis International Center, starting at 1:30pm
Menominee Flag Raising Ceremony Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

GIF - Constitution Edits (Mr. Dressel)
Received proxy vote from Savi Chahal
¾ of a vote to amend the constitution
Gonnering: I motion to table this discussion until edits are found
Beilfuss: Second

(4:48) Three edits to the constitution. Did not delete any of the old words, just added.

1. A total of three students on SAFAC will also sit on the Green Initiative Fund Allocations Committee (GIFAC); one shall be the Finance Coordinator and of the other two, one shall serve as chair of GIFAC.
2. Reiterated under the position of the Finance Coordinator
3. Campaigning may only occur in the week between the deadline of nomination acceptance and elections, ending at 9:00pm on the day elections end.

Dressel: I move to make the constitutional edits as described above.

Gonnering: I second.

Ulrich: There is a motion on the table to make the following constitutional edits. Are there any more questions or concerns about these edits?

None opposed.

Old business (4:20)

Student Organization Representation (Ms. Hunt)

Thanks to representatives.

Send out thank you to organizations around campus that you have represented around the year.

Housing Photo Submissions (Ms. Hunt)

Jonathan Contreras will post the photo submission once again since people will be moving out and cleaning their housing better. Encourage others to submit photos as students leave their housing for the semester.

College committee/special project updates (4:25)

VP of Student Affairs & Dean of Curriculum and Senior Diversity Officer (Mr. Beilfuss)

Year End Review (4:30) (Mr. Gonnering and Mr. Beilfuss)

Gonnering: What are the goods/bads/uglies from this current school year?

- Better attendance right away at the beginning of the school year
- Students may go to other students to share opinions not just faculty members
- Going to represent other organizations and groups on campus
- Communication is something that needs to be improved during the general assembly
- GA members can listen without commenting during E board meeting
- Eboard meetings need to be shared to the rest of the GA so that reps can go to those meetings
- While each job has a specific role, if those roles do not work together, than how can it all function together/
- Starting to get to know each other more - introductions - help us move forward
 - Why SGA is important for every member
 - Why they chose to be apart of SGA
 - Personally times we know our friends in other classes but not the rest of the student body
 - Emerging leaders process, to get to know them more and their goals
 - Leadership and communication is two way street

Biases they occur behind the scenes - a considerable amount of fakeness behind SGA

Show respect in and out of our meetings - continued disrespect of SGA member this semester

COVID played into effect - stop making excuses in order to do our jobs

Internally, our committees did not have many updates

Stop allowing elections to get petty for no reasons - feel the tension in the room at the last meeting - there are close races! Elections should be competitive, but there should be no need to attack the other candidates for no reason

During election season it is prohibited to share the election results

If it does not apply to you, these are stated in the constitution without any ambiguity

Rumors heard throughout the election week - number of votes and potential outcomes

Stop acting childish about this manner and treating each other with respect for all those who are running

Define our representation within campus organizations - continuing to expand on our committees -
continue to meet more frequently

Grow out of storming... Many teams move back and forth between these stages.

Forming - storming - norming- performing as a perfectly working team

Continue to work hard in what we are doing at all areas of time

Improve student learning and student life here on campus ...

Continue to get back to weekly updates from our president and Corday

Continue to get back to meetings with our VPs, advisor, and President Bruess

Accomplished a lot this year, this evaluation is a minimal level of recognition within the organization

Freye: Really good to take some time and move next as a group. Group setting - new members in attendance today.

You stated fakeness in SGA and rumors and votes that were let out that week. What can we do better?

Portrays the election committee in a negative light - some of them are a new experience and that they are doing the best they can do. Examples of the fakeness and the rumors, so that we will not continue the gossip. Something in the past, strong team bond

Gonnering: Not the only student who has heard this.... Fakeness I mean disrespect. Not seen in a professional sense. We do not portray each other in a professional sense. Needs to be emphasized what is at stake. Through our constitution, which every member should fully read and understand, needs to be taken more seriously and honestly. Update each other honestly. Not targeting everyone. Not the only one who has heard these things.

Freye: Do you think I was disrespectful in any way?

Gonnering: No, I do not.

Freye: Aside from that, I know COVID did restrict a lot of what we were able to do this year. I think it is great that we have the LASS work that was done this year. Really key that we continue to represent the underrepresented groups on campus. The work with housing and photos was also key this year to help freshmen discover other living options.

Hunt: Represented organizations on campus this year very well. Mileana worked very hard to get the GMS smart cart which is available for students to use if they do not have time to get food.

Burmesch: I want to specify that it was brought up to the Health and Wellness Committee, but the health individuals in the cafeteria really came up with the idea.

Dressel: I thought RaftR would be a super helpful tool this year with not everyone able to make GA. Need a platform that everyone can utilize and can vote in an easier way, need quorum

Hess: I think part of the issue with RaftR is the app - the notifications were annoying. The app was not user-friendly, a lot of people probably stopped using the app.

Dressel: Abandoning RaftR and using some other tool to utilize it.

Freye: The food and insecurity initiative was key this year, and work by Caitlyn and Paris was essential to help the staff and faculty.

Ulrich: I motion we move this conversation to smaller groups, reconvene in a few minutes.

Ulrich: We talked about SAFAC, part of the finance coordinator position. Moving online helped us be more efficient, and may continue this in the future. A nice change.

Riggle: The freshmen reps had the Emerging Leaders program, for the new upcoming sophomore representatives will there be a chance for them to get to know each other?

Dressel: No, only the incoming freshmen. Making our own retreat?

Freye: What our leadership retreats were like beyond freshman year... definitely having more opportunities to expand upon leadership skills and meeting new people. Each team each year will have its own dynamic.

Burmesch: On the agenda, it may be a good idea to have all the task forces and committees listed so that the representatives can say it then. For me, it was hard to know when I had an update.

Holmstrom: We talked about team building - getting to know everyone as a large group too. An icebreaker at the beginning of our GA, how will SGA help us in the future, what goals do we have in this organization? How do we get to know each other within this whole large group?

Dressel: Some students do not get to see the whole perspective of what SGA is doing behind the scenes. Post when we finish a project, but not the projects that are *in* progress.

Klatt: A lot of people will ask what SGA is doing and what is being worked on. A better way to bring

Dressel: For the strategic planning committee, we used Padlet, where you can upload and update ideas that we are working on.

Gonnering: Another thing would be more opportunities for service off campus. We have service organizations here, but organizations in general have required hours to do. SGA should go above and beyond service off-campus, as well.

Hunt: Part of the leadership team (within class) and bonding, we could do service together off campus.

Gonnering: Continuing to bring in guest speakers. Especially areas of campus that are sometimes overlooked. Increase inclusion of offices and departments on campus with hearing student ideas.

Burmesch: How well the individuals are doing with the food insecurity initiative. How impactful the initiative was...

Other updates:

Dressel: Savi can now graduate in peace, the pencil sharpeners will be installed over the summer.

Freye: SNC bought the two houses on the corner of Fourth Street and College Ave. Will be tearing them down soon.

Freye: I motion to adjourn the meeting.

Hunt: I second.

Adjournment (5:00)