

St. Norbert College

Student Government Association



Minutes of the General Assembly

October 4th, 2021

9:00pm, Mulva Library Room 218

Call to Order by Executive Board (9:00)

Land Acknowledgement Statement (Molly Freye)

Attendance (Porter Beilfuss)

All members present

Constitutional Highlights - Attendance (Porter Beilfuss)

No more than two absences per semester for representatives

Shared Drive Tutorial (Molly Freye)

Creation of folders, presence of agendas and meetings

Example of sexual assault support group folder

New business (9:10)

Explanation of Robert's Rules of Order (Jonathan Hess)

Handed out "parliamentary procedure at a glance" to all representatives

Little books with brief overview of Robert's Rules of Order will be ordered

Explanation of the basics. They are the parliamentary procedure for any meeting or organization. More modified version, more casual than the doorstep of a book would demand. All motions must be seconded, "I second the motion". All those can second a motion except the chair. "I motion to _____" Can say "I move _____" or "I motion _____". The chair can "entertain a motion to _____". If anything needs to be voted on, we simply raise our hand. Introducing business, open the floor to discussion, not a whole lot to our student government association voting. Very basic, abridged version.

Election of Parliamentarian

Beilfuss moves to nominate Jonathan Hess as parliamentarian. Seconded by Klatt.

Hess moves to nominate Oliver Dressel as a parliamentarian. Seconded by Freye.

Dressel gives motion to move to an election.

Those in favor of Hess: 20 votes Those in favor of Dressel: 6 votes

Hess accepted and elected as a parliamentarian of the student government association.

Election of Chair of General Assembly

Dressel motions to nominate individuals as chair of general assembly. Seconded by Gonnering.

Lim nominates himself as chair. Accepted nomination.

Dressel nominates Hess as chair. Hess rescinds his nomination due to his position as parliamentarian.

Fitzwater nominates Gonnering as chair. Accepted nomination.

Freye nominates Dressel as chair. Accepted nomination.

Election for Peter Lim. 0 votes

Election for Gonnering. 3 votes

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Election for Dressel. **19 votes**

Dressel elected as chair of the general assembly. Freye turns meeting to him as chair.

Student Organization Recognition Committee Tasks (Molly Freye)

Four student organizations waiting approval

Freye asked the committee to meet and assist in approving these student organizations. John Seckel (Campus Center) sending over their constitutions and any material they need. Must meet all the requirements for an organization and committee must either approve or send back to the organization their constitution for review and editing. Please find a time.

Student Opinion Survey Tasks (Molly Freye)

Reach out to OIE for collaboration

A few of the representatives should have received an email today to meet with staff within the OIE. Student opinion surveys distributed annually, SGA partners with the office and the office pays the organization to engage the students and get the highest possible participation rate. Most accurate view of what the student body requires. Zoom invite sent out by the staff member within the office.

Board of Trustees Meetings Update [**Thursday, October 14th, 2021**] (Molly Freye)

Influx of many emails regarding BoT meetings. Thursday once we get back from break. Designated times will be sent out for these meetings. Find a replacement if the time does not work for the assignee. A great way to find out what is happening internally with the college. They wish to hear from the student representatives. Meeting early next week to discuss what to expect, informed and knowledgeable BoT reps. Keep an eye out on your email. Those not on the BoT reps committees are always welcome to submit questions for the reps to take. Neat opportunity to hear what the board is working on. Brief update.

Student Organization Representation Ideas & Brainstorm (Molly Freye)

One of the things we did last year was sign up for a number of clubs/organizations across campus. Asked that the reps attend their meetings, set up a communication channel. Great feedback but also some clubs that were not interested or had no time or were dispersed during the 2020-2021 school year. A few minutes to brainstorm ideas this year in contacting and being representative for the clubs on campus. Maximizing the efficiency of how the process works.

Idea: Send out a Google form to club executive members:

Who is your club president?

Would you like a representative to attend a club meeting?

Freye opens the floor for discussion on communication with student organizations.

Dressel likes the idea of the Google form, seconded the idea verbally. Student orgs that decline a rep at their meeting, they should still fill out a form for their members. Still a way for them to voice their concerns.

Hess: still give them a point of contact within SGA, so they can reach out to a rep if anything ever comes up and they wish to discuss with the organization

Dressel: Entertain a motion to move on in agenda.

Freye motioned. Beilfuss seconded.

Committee & Task Force Updates (9:35)

Campus Lighting Tour (Molly Freye)

Very brief update, last week the tour took place. Manager of Facilities/Maintenance, VP Autumn Anfang, VP Joe Webb, Mike Peckham, some RAs also present. The cul-de-sac is very dark and the walk back by the park on College Ave. SNC will explore how they can better light the area between the cul-de-sac and Fourth Street. The back of Gries is also very light, maybe stadium lights so people can use it later in night

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for activities. Also very dark by the townhouse cul-de-sac. Also the Norbertine statue is very dark in the circle walkway there. A page of notes were taken, many improvements have been made since it used to be 3-4 pages of notes.

Freye, Hess, and Makope present at the lighting tour.

Hess: the area by the Norbert of Xanten statue, those lights are being phased out from the bulb lights to the LED lights. They are being replaced this fall. It will be light there soon.

Athletic Committee (Porter Beilfuss, Katelyn Holmstrom)

Beilfuss: all the winter sport schedules were approved except men's and women's swimming and diving

Holmstrom: the freshman survey was also reviewed, no new sports added to athletic program at this time due to lack of infrastructure and lack of interest

Environmental Resiliency (Oliver Dressel)

Dressel: getting the GIF back into the hands of the students... ESAC is made up of primarily staff and faculty who inherited the GIF because the students were not actively choosing how to use the funds. Now it is back into students hands. Each student pays \$7.50 each semester into this fund, proposals come from anyone. Anyone can propose how to use the funds.

GIFAC task force is almost done as a task force, wrapped up final projects, maybe shift to a committee so these environmental conversations remain in SGA. New GIFAC (Green Initiative Fund Allocation Committee) would consist of SGA financial coordinator, RHA Eboard member, President Eco Club, Secretary of Eco Club, and designated SGA representatives

Klatt moves to advance to old business. Seconded by Beilfuss.

Old business (9:40)

Committee Assignments (Molly Freye)

Expectations and Scheduling

Reference and a directory for representatives to use. Reach out to Molly Freye with any questions or complaints. Task forces can be joined at any point. Reps can be added.

Gonnering: Inner workings of committee. If any committee wants to do anything, do we have the ability to know what the SGA budget is?

Freye: In terms of money, we are not concerned right now. Update from the SAFAC coming soon.

Dressel: \$5000 in the account, let's use it to give back to the student body.

Freye: Gonnering has agreed to chair the committee to host the first state of the college town hall. Takes place between November 1st-19th date...

Dressel: Excited for the first years to take on this meaningful project. Emerging Leader project. Cover it more in depth at another point. Wish the first year students well on this leadership experience and service project.

Name Tags

Needed: Hannah Allan, Meaghan Dutton, Sophia Yde, Alyssa Tully, Gabe Smith, Tyler Schermetzler, Bella Jansen, Peter Lim, Mehrzad Tardast, Chloe Gruszynski, Rich Rinka, Audrey Makope, Helen Bui

Dressel: Include pronouns on the paper stand ups/placards

Adjournment (9:45)

Beilfuss motions to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by B. Tully.

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