

St. Norbert College

Student Government Association



General Assembly Meeting

January 24th, 2022

9:00pm, **Virtual**

Call to Order by Executive Board (9:00)

Land Acknowledgement Statement (Oliver Dressel)

Attendance (Porter Beilfuss)

New business (9:05)

Guest Speaker (Tom Doughman, Counseling & Psychological Services)

Doughman: Four years ago the Health and Wellness By Design Committee administered a health and wellness survey for all things health related. Critical for our success to include SGA's leaders as champions to spread the good word. Need assistance for the survey. All of us have received an email directly from the American College Health Association about the national college health assessment. Reason it is issued by the ACHA instead of SNC is that we have contracted with them to administer the survey which is completely anonymous. Take data from the survey, have focus groups which are able to hone in on three key initiatives last time around, focusing on emotional wellness, environmental wellness, and the community. Action steps came out of it four years ago, but we need enough participants to get a robust sample size. One thing we did was put a special addition of the Stall Journal in several of the bathrooms that talk specifically about the survey itself. The survey went live a week ago, and we have three more weeks until it will be closed for student input. I ask that as SGA we find the email first and check out the survey, should take about 30 minutes to complete. Several fabulous prizes for participating - a reserved parking spot closest to where you reside, also a \$100 gift card (5 of them) that are given away. Plus noise-canceling airpods for students. Very good prizes available.

I am wondering what your reaction is so far, as the wellness by design group, put together anything that would inspire students to check out the survey at all. What are things that other students might investigate. How can we make it more known? I do have a copy of the special edition of the stall seat journal.

Dressel: I like seeing how the survey actually impacts student life on campus.

Hess: I will admit that I usually do not pay attention to those journals, or the emails from health and wellness.

Doughman: I think a particular challenge with this survey is that it is not an SNC email, but from an outside agency. Being tech savvy, you may all be aware of spam or phishing tricks, so it may keep students away.

Faudoa: I guess it is hard when school begins, and seeing all of the emails coming in. But if you were to label the email as "BIG PRIZE" it may draw students into taking the survey.

Doughman: I will see if there is something we can do to promote the prizes more, instead of the dry or informative language on the email.

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Freye: I think others hit it on the head with awesome prizes, it was mentioned in RA training, and when you are advertising to make sure we pair the reward but also the outcomes of the survey. Why should we take it? But that parking spot may be a huge bonus for taking it as well. It may be an advantage that we are virtual for the first two weeks, as more students are checking their emails potentially.

Gonnering: The only thing I would mention along with the prizes is that we just need to make sure that students don't believe it is a scam.

Hess: I receive an email that says, "BIG PRIZES, TAKE SURVEY" the chances I take the email drops to zero.

Makope: One question that I have is how long it takes to complete the survey?

Doughman: It takes about 30 minutes. The reminder from the ACHA will be from the outside source, but the name of St. Norbert will be in the name of the title. When you get to the launch page, it describes how long the survey will take, that some of the questions may be uncomfortable, and that it remains confidential.

A. Tully: I think students get lost in the lengths of emails, and don't read fully through. The survey is near the bottom of the email, but maybe if students saw it near the top.

Doughman: Thank you so much for letting me jump into your email. My actions are to come up with a couple bullet points for why the survey matters and what the results will do for students, along with sending out the social media, and rewording the email to make it not phishy but also more marketable.

Freye: I will watch to make sure I distribute everything.

CAPS SGA Team (Molly Freye)

Freye: A little background to fill you in on where we ended last semester. We met with Dr. Bruce Robertson, along with the new VAWA grant coordinator, and VP of Student Affairs Joe Webb. We had heard of discontentment with CAPS on campus, and my research on campus. The campus community is dissatisfied with our CAPS department. Making it easier to make appointments, counselors are more available on campus, decreasing the stigma of visiting a counselor on campus. We need to make sure that mental health is supported by students even after our time at SNC. We need a small focus group to meet once a month with CAPS. Potentially more frequently if needed.

I would like to see maybe 4-5 people (at least three students) about how they feel on campus and what they are hearing about CAPS?

Dressel: The floor is open.

Beilfuss: When is the CAPS team available to meet with us?

Freye: They have a flexible schedule to meet with us and will meet us halfway to

Faudoa: I can do it for the sophomores.

Allen: I can help out with the first year representative.

Holmstrom: I can help the juniors.

Freye: I am excited to work with you all about this!

New SGA Event Ideas (Molly Freye)

State of the College Spring Semester

Professional Connections Opportunity Idea

Freye: A common idea I have heard from both Oliver and Fitz was having an online Bruess professional dinner and etiquette lesson. Fitz also mentioned since we have a professional photographer on campus having students get free professional headshots for students. Gaining professional knowledge and benefit you going forward after SNC.

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Gonnering: I really like the idea, and having the networking opportunity with the Bruesses. For the professional headshots, I saw Miami University has a new booth on campus that is open from 9-5pm. I think it is definitely something that should happen.

B. Tully: The only concern that I have is the timing for students, since I know it will be a hot event for students. I feel you will get a lot of students that are receptive to the idea.

Gonnering: Is it possible to do it class by class? Or have inter-class mingling?

Dressel: I think it would depend a lot on the Bruess' ability.

Freye: I like the idea of doing it class by class this semester.

Dressel: Anyone who would like to be a part of the event committee for spring?

Bri Tully, James Fitzwater, Aaron Gonnering, Meaghan Dutton, Alyssa Tully, Helen Bui, Alex Thomas, Katelyn Holmstrom, Stephanie Faudoa, Chloe Gruszynski

B. Tully: It would be awesome if maybe in the future, if this event takes off, if they could have the professional event at their house to encourage students to attend? Especially since some students did not have the opportunity to visit their house during orientation due to COVID times.

Freye: Do we want to have a separate task force for another state of the college address this spring semester? Maybe we want to take a more specific direction this semester and focus on a couple of things?

Gonnering: I think combining the events would be kind of cool. We did not have as big of a turnout the last time we held the event, but perhaps combining the two will get us more interaction. It would definitely be easier to get ideas out there.

Dressel: I think it would be better if possibly the two events were separate if we were concerned about high attendance.

Dutton: I remember in the fall we stated that the juniors and seniors would potentially be more interested in taking over the spring state of the college address. It may be more applicable to juniors and seniors since they are closer to graduate school or professional opportunities should the events be combined.

Committee & Task Force Updates (9:35)

Beilfuss: I just wanted to give a shout out to the SGA reps who served on Academic Honor Board hearings over the winter break. I received an email from Faith Hagedorn in the academic affairs office who stated she appreciates our time and willingness to serve semester after semester.

Old business (9:40)

Leadership Conference Saturday, **Feb 5th, tentative** (Molly Freye)

Link to register: <https://www.snc.edu/tickets/?eid=64094>

register for free using the code SGALEADERSHIP.

Freye: The event will be shortened this year and will only be for a couple hours. Still try to make it a priority please!

SAFAC Surplus Fund - SGA Project (Molly Freye & Helen Bui)

Possible ideas, example of "maintenance-less" investments

Freye: We are just getting in the route now of getting the proposals done, approving our funds, and we will all know the \$ amounts before spending.

Gonnering: I have an idea and a question. Did we finalize the price for the lighted signs on the street?

Freye: It is still in the air.

Bui: The ones by the library are done, Campus Safety took care of those and are fixed now. I need to talk more with John Seckel, but the ones on the corner may be concerns of the city.

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Gonnering: the idea I have is that down by the north side of campus, 3M/Bergstrom/Mad/Lor we could have another set of hammock posts. Putting it on that side will be more available for students.

Fitzwater: Did we get anything back for the printers? Did anyone follow up with that?

Freye: You have the green light x2 for following up with that.

Hess: I guess I was just going to ask if we had gotten the pool tables done?

Bui: We plan on getting two but do we want both of them in the campus center. Was there a different place that anyone wanted? John really wants to hear more input and talk with the Eboard about this.

Gonnering: Did we figure out prices for that too?

Bui: We looked at the really nice ones, the ones that cost about \$1000.

Dressel: It sounds like we need an answer for where to put the pool tables.

Fitz: The Knight Owl is coming back this semester.

Freye: We could put the two in the campus center for now. The Knight Owl student organization has been approved, but not approved yet for the space. They have a name and can kind of be there, but they do not have the funding to remodel or do anything with it. But we could come in and help them figure out what they may need.

Hess: What is the name of the organization?

Fitz: They want to bring the Knight Owl back, but facilities and food services would need to get involved. The group is them just working it and trying to get it back on campus. Alumni interest in opening the cafe once again since it was big back in the 2000s.

A. Tully: Was it originally a study space as well or more of an entertainment place?

Fitz: They used to serve coffee, but also have music. It had a lot of different functions.

Corday: It started before we had Dale's and Ed's. It was supposed to be a coffee house kind of like Luna. The student group wants to bring it back in some sort of way.

A. Tully: Do you know why it closed?

Corday: There just wasn't as much interest to get students there and staff to work there. The building and the space is not accessible, so it was a challenge. There are some issues, but it was a cool space, and I am grateful that you are all thinking about doing something there.

Dressel: How accessible is the campus center? It has an elevator that is good!

Hess: What does the student organization all have in mind?

Corday: They are a hard working group of students, and they would be eager for any help that SGA can provide.

Dressel: Is there any more discussion on this topic before we move this for a vote?

Hess: I motion to table any discussion regarding the Knight Owl until we have the opportunity to connect with the new student organization.

Freye: I think we should place the two pool tables in the campus center.

Gonnering: I motion to put the two pool tables, once purchased and approved by John Seckel, in the campus center.

Beilfuss: I second.

Dressel: All those in favor of placing the two pool tables (~\$2000) in the campus center

All approved, none opposed.

Dressel: Any last business before adjournment?

Beilfuss: We need to fill two vacancies for general assembly student representatives, one junior (Andrea Fuenes is studying in Washington D.C.) and a freshman (Bella Jansen is not returning to SNC).

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Freye: The process outlined in the constitution allows the general assembly to nominate peers fitting of the requirements, and then the EBoard will choose out of the nominations and extend an invitation to join the organization.

Gonnering: I nominate Michael Schneider as a junior.

Dressel: I nominate Ben Kubisiak as a junior.

Fitz; I nominate Jackson Peterson as a freshman.

Hannah: I nominate Angelina Kate Krejci as a freshman.

Meaghan Dutton: I nominate Dylan Liptack as a freshman.

Gonnering: Are our name tags for the organization going to arrive soon?

Corday: If you send me the names I will take care of it.

Beilfuss will email Corday with the list of students needing name tags for the organization.

Hess: I motion to adjourn the meeting.

Freye: I second.

Adjournment (9:30)

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