

St. Norbert College

Student Government Association



General Assembly Meeting
February 7th, 2022
9:00pm, **Mulva Library Room 218**

Call to Order by Executive Board (9:00)

Land Acknowledgement Statement (Oliver Dressel)

Attendance (Porter Beilfuss)

Everyone present, none absent.

New business (9:05)

New SGA Members (Porter Beilfuss)

Beilfuss: I am pleased to introduce two new members to the general assembly. Emma Herb is our new first-year representative, and Dayna Erickson is our new junior representative. Both had outstanding qualifications and prior experiences to bring into the new roles. They both won a majority vote within the executive board.

New SGA Event Ideas (Molly Freye)

State of the College Spring Semester

Freye: Some community members and VP of Student Affairs Joe Webb are excited to continue this state of the college town hall events. Students could submit questions ahead of time, we talked about parking, crosswalk signs, COVID, etc. This time we would like to focus on a specific topic, possibly counseling here on campus, and have staff of CAPS be at the event. Or we could completely change direction and have some sort of event to still update students on campus.

Floor is open for discussion.

Klatt: We were rushed for time last time, did all the questions get answered?

Freye: The only question I sent directly to the student was regarding health and wellness, which I asked Crystal Woller and sent her reply to the student. Is there a topic on campus that students are really passionate about? Anything that has a lack of accessibility or lack of opportunity? I did ask Eric Dunning about parking and this semester it will still be similar to last semester.

Dressel: I think we should make it as broad reaching as we can. As wise of use of time as possible. Big ticket items such as parking.

Hess: I think parking gets a little bit hostile on campus,

A. Tully: I think it would be good to include small little topics, short items that are broad. Not one solid topic. Longer time span would help cover anything.

Holmstrom: When we do this address, mention housing and what they are thinking.

Gonnering: We all got the housing email today from the college. After some meetings with administration, once we find out what number they are shooting for, it could help answer some questions about some of that.

Hess: In a similar vein, it would be good to have a conversation about planned renovations in the building.

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Freye: General consensus would be to have a board topic range again?

Hess: I think it would be good for more questions this time around. Ask the administration more questions. A little misleading when students want their voices heard instead of just hearing from administrators. An open house to ask questions of the administration.

Goddard: Would it be important to have all the VPs at the event?

Hess: I think it would be important.

Faudoa: Update students about the free testing happening at the Brown County Fairgrounds. Also, the fact that some schools are buying KN95 masks for students and faculty.

Freye: We take a different approach this semester. Have an open house, but invite the same panel. Try to document everything that is coming out of those conversations. More of a conversation, transitioning into a town hall.

Hess: Send out a survey to the student body again looking for questions ahead of time.

Freye: Would anyone be interested in helping this event?

Oliver Dressel, Helen Bui, Audrey Makope, Chloe Gruszyski, Katelyn Holmstrom, Jon Hess, Mehrzad Tardast, Stephanie Faudoa

Freye will send a calendar invite.

Class "Welcome Back" Events - Corday Goddard

Goddard: When Dr. Webb was here in September and he talked about a class welcome back event for next fall. I would like to send out an email for each class and get their feedback. What would students be interested in? A big party? And even like a concert? Something fun for each class to start a new academic year. Hopefully a normal year. I would like your approval to do that. An email to the current first years, sophomores, and juniors.

Anonymous approval from the general assembly

Board of Trustees Spring Meetings (Porter Beilfuss)

Beilfuss: The spring semester BoT meetings are this week on Thursday. Fitz, Johnny, and I will be presenting at the student affairs meeting, which has a focus on the physical and mental/emotional health of students on campus. Both Dr. Bruce Robertson and Chrystal Woller are presenting to the board, and our representatives will follow them. Please check your email and be aware of your commitments if you serve on other BoT committees.

Printer Survey (James Fitzwater)

Fitzwater: The survey was sent out secondary to me meeting with Rick Warpinski, Director of Auxiliary Services. Right now I cannot give an estimate to what this will cost us, there are a couple upperclassmen dorms like Gries, Hugh, Doksany, P/X, or St. Joe's that do not have a printer. Meeting with them sometime in the future about where we sit with printers. Seeing how much people use printers, the work flows. We got about 367 responses on the survey for printers. For people living in houses, they should just put the nearest printers to them.

Bui: For the printers, how many people does their need to be to have a printer in their house? Obviously, Hugh Hall or Gries has a lot more people.

Dressel: The printers are not maintenance-less, so the SAFAC fund is not applicable in this circumstance. It would be great to have students who do not have access to printers receive the printers, we could front the cost but maybe get refunded by REH.

Hess: I would agree with that, it should not be up to us to have a printer in every house.

Makope: Hugh Hall would be a great place to get a printer, since it is near Doksany and Roggenburg. If one was put in Premontre or Xanten as well, it could be used by students in college houses as well.

Gonnering: If we have this fund for student activities, it seems like this money could be used to help fund the printers.

Thomas: It seems like it would benefit many of the students.

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Smith: Instead of having to take the walk to the library, it would help to have one in the carriage house for people living in the townhouses.

Bui: About the cost, ITS pays for the cost of the paper. For the printers, we can buy the printers or lease them. Pay the maintenance cost each year for a company to fix it. When we lease it, whoever we lease it from does the repair. We used to have three distributors, now we have two. Trying to get down to one distributor. If the college wants to buy or lease the printers, who do we buy it from?

Dressel: We are interested in getting students printers. But we want to be strategic about where we put them, and then go to ITS about how much money SGA can contribute to this fund.

Hess: Do we need to talk to someone about what and how we use this fund? We need to have a discussion about what this fund is really for.

Freye: Helen and I met with John Seckel last week and looked at the contract for the SAFAC fund. If it does not benefit all students directly, we can adjust the language to reflect our needs. The closest thing it says is that “to continue the equipment fund for the potential to benefit the students at St. Norbert College.” As long as we keep in mind how this can benefit the student body.

Title IX Advisory Committee (Fitzwater)

Fitzwater: I need a replacement or two for the Title IX Advisory committee, and working with the VAWA grant as well. We did a survey last year and the year before. We did resources, the new mirror clings, nothing insane but every other week an hour. If anyone is interested please let me know.

Freye: Do we want to see if everyone here is interested?

Alyssa Tully, Sophie Yde, Stephanie Faudoa

Freye: We got these beautiful parliamentary procedures books! Whether you keep it in your bag or with your SGA stuff, just keep it with you! Thank you to our advisor, Corday!

Committee & Task Force Updates (9:40)

Please make meeting times this semester (Molly Freye)

Freye: If you are a chair of a committee, please reach out and make sure that the committee is meeting.

Gonnering: With our new members, do they have access to the drive yet?

Freye: I will reach out to both of you and see where your interest lies.

Athletic Committee (Porter Beilfuss & Katelyn Holmstrom)

Beilfuss: Katelyn and I met with the athletic committee for the first time this spring semester where we approved the last of the spring sport schedules (tennis, golf) and also heard updates of new hires within the department. Associate AD Abby Gildernick left the college for a new position at UW-Oshkosh. Instead of hiring a new person for her position, they promoted two part-time coaches at the college to full-time. Morgan Stacey, the assistant women’s hockey coach was promoted to full-time, where she is now also the advisor to the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). She will be working directly with student-athletes as Abby did previously. They also promoted the head coach of baseball, Mike Wallerich, to full-time, where he is now in charge of compliance, finances, and budgeting within the department. Lastly, AD Cam Fuller and Faculty-Athletic Representative Dr. Charley Jacobs traveled to the annual NCAA convention, where they attended multiple seminars on various topics regarding collegiate athletics. One such seminar was on mental health of college student-athletes.

ESAC (Oliver Dressel)

Our first meeting will be at the end of this week. Led by Dr. Mark Bockenbauer. It is Friday afternoon. Lots of good reasons to join the ESAC committee.

Old business (9:25)

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Leadership Conference (Molly Freye)

Freye: I heard that the leadership conference went very well, thank you to all of those who took time out of their schedules to attend.

Beilfuss: I heard from other students who attended and gave feedback that they thought the conference was long and boring. They did not see where many of the topics applied to leadership skills or leadership experience either. Also stated the break out rooms were kind of a mess.

SNCTalks (Peter Lim)

Lim: I am part of the SNCTalks marketing team, along with Nina Rouse the Director of Communications. The community event is happening on Friday, March 4th in the evening. Three students, three alumni, and three faculty. A range of topics, the event will be in-person in the Walter Theater. Can attend virtually as well. The theme is "Own Your Impact" and is free for students. Please send this information and advertise this event to people within and outside our community.

Professional Connections Event (Molly Freye & Committee Members)

Pick times - stay after meeting

Freye: For all those representatives who offered to help with this event, please stay after the meeting.

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

Pool Tables

Crosswalks

Security Cameras

North Side Hammock Lounge (Solar panel shade?)

Bui: Eric Dunning is checking with the city of De Pere since it is not just the college that needs to approve. Will probably not be done anytime soon with the city involved and all. Looking at a newer crosswalk without a button but with a sensor for motion. Update the technology for the crosswalk by the library as well. Knights Owl furniture we have not heard back, the organization has disbanded. The printers for the rez halls are also on the table. \$3500 for the new hammock garden, but there will be construction on that side of campus this summer for hall renovations. Both Carol and Brian have responded yes to a possible professional event. Also, the software for the LSE office that we approved last semester is still being negotiated, trying to see how much money SGA would have to pay. Right now, the server memory on campus is only 14 days, looking to upgrade the server memory. Possible camera replacements around campus? 160 cameras, our fund would not support this endeavor.

Freye: We also thought about changing the language, since the security camera project is potentially long-term. There is a separate equipment fund, it generates 8K yearly. What if 75% of those funds went through replacing those cameras slowly? If we don't update the server, the amount of time the camera records would still remain at 14 days. The 25% would still be available for students. The security cameras could help any survivors of sexual assault on campus, and if they need to reference the cameras, the server update would make a difference. How do we want to approach this? Buy the server, reword the fund to give back 3-4 cameras each year, and try to prioritize freshman dorms and then work to the more exposed, at-risk areas on campus. Freshman women are more likely to experience gender-based violence. Student safety and events like last year such as thefts and robberies. Cameras were out and not working. Safety and equipment part of the fund. We did talk a fair amount about this fund.

Dressel: Is there a date that we need to spend this money?

Freye: Not that I am aware of.

Final Push CAPS Support Survey

Freye: Today is the last day to fill out the survey, advertising the reserved parking spot! Take a moment to fill out the survey. Takes about 30 minutes, send it to your friends on campus too!

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Hess: I motion to adjourn.
Beilfuss: Second.
Adjournment (9:56)

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