

ST. NORBERT COLLEGE

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



Meeting of the Executive Committee
President Elisha Jaeke

Call to Order: 2:00 pm

Absent: Mason Van Rossum, Aaron Gonnering, Matt McKendry, Savi Chahal

Kristin Vogel - Guest Speaker (2:03)

- Ms. Vogel presented on “More than Numbers,” a project kickstarter by President Bruess to help all students flourish on campus. They will use the metric of student retention to measure the success of this program. There have been fluxuations in retention, so this project will attempt to work over two years to increase retention. This model of “More than Numbers” comes from an outside source called Creto.
 - This model has a staff person from the firm comes to supervise the process. There are four modules of the programs that bring in an outside expert to help improve that area of the campus (St. Norbert chose concentrations of Planting the Seeds - which will focus on entering students and first year students to make sure that they get a sense of belonging and a way to have their voice heard on campus, Putting down Roots - works on the general climate of the residential experience, Guiding the Branches - looking to coordinate advising and mentoring support for students, Cultivating the Vine - rethink the role of student employment and career vocation to help, and overall to create a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere on campus)
 - Each module has 11 members and wants to create a network to help this program succeed
 - Questions were raised by Mr. Groh on why affordability isn't part of the conversation and Mr. Beilfuss on if there was any data to provide any information on the success of this program.

- The short answer is that there is not much information to provide at this point. However, once the program starts, they would be happy to provide information to the student body.
- Ms. Vogel said that she would take these questions to the board.

New Business (2:18)

- There have been changes in administration on campus. Mission and Student Affairs will be separated into two different entities. The floor was opened to conversation:
 - Mr. Fountaine asked Mr. Goddard if he could provide any information. Mr. Goodard replied that there is not much information at this point, however a search committee for employment in each of these positions is beginning. No firm decisions have been made, but changes will change the current division in each of these offices.
- Elections Commissions was presented by Ms. Sarah Rolfs. To prepare for elections, six seniors must be present to serve on the committee and the updated constitution must be done by then.
 - The floor was opened to nominate people for the Elections Commissions Chair and Mr. Michael Houlihan was nominated and voted for to serve.
 - A motion was entertained by the chair to make an elections commissions committee, and Mr. Fountaine made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Oliver Dressel.
 - Ms. Lampereur, Mr. Gallagher. Ms. Vula. Mr. Houlihan, and Mr. Fountaine were all chosen to be on the committee.
- GA Meetings conflict with several on campus events so the floor was opened to discuss if we should have more or less meetings. The Can I Kiss You event runs on March 3rd.
 - Mr. Fountaine and Ms. Freye suggests that less meetings and more committee work would be more beneficial.
 - Mr. Groh proposed a monthly meeting with various meeting times for committees. During each monthly meeting, updates from the E-board and committees will be given.
 - Eboard will discuss the changes in their next meeting. It was tabled to the e-board.
- State of the College Task Force
 - Mr. Van Rossum is working on trying to get a State of the College newsletter in coordination with the President's Cabinet. This Task Force will communicate what the President's Cabinet is looking to do.

- Mr. Houlihan moved to create this task force. It was seconded and passed - the Task Force was created.
 - Mr. Van Rossum, Mr. McKendry, Mr. Ulrich, Mr. Berner, Ms. Thomas and Mr. Dressel will serve on the task force
 - Mr. Van Rossum, Mr. McKendry, and Mr. Dressel were nominated and chosen to be the TRIFECTA chairs of the org.

Task Force Updates (2:35)

- Affordability Task Force
 - Mr. Beilfuss has been trying to set up a meeting with President Bruess to discuss affordability. He's hoping to start the discussion on why changes keep happening and to maybe freeze tuition. They will also be meeting with Jessica Reyfield(?) who is in charge of financial aid.
 - Mr. Fountaine suggests going to the Office of institutional effectiveness to get stats on retention.
- Constitution Reform
 - Three quarters are finished and need to finish a few items.
- Parking
 - Not much has been done, but there are certain problems like all of the solutions being presented are being shot down.
 - Mr. Houlihan suggests moving commuter lots further from campus and student lots closer.
- Environmental Sustainability
 - Ms. Rolfs has been working to update recycling posters, arberateum status, and working with GIF.
- Communications Newsletter
 - Ms. Aysiah Jaeke discussed that the format was decided and will be sent out to the entire student body on the first of each month. They are working on a google form to get events that different orgs on campus want the student body to know.
- SOS
 - Will give survey access to Ms. Hunt, Mr. Contreras, and Mr. Fontaine.

Old Business (2:49)

- Student Leadership Conference will be this Saturday (02/08). Mr. Ulrich presented on the Surplus endowment and to use the leadership conference to gain ideas for what to do. There is about \$20,000 in the surplus.

College Committee Updates

- Can I Kiss You is a project on consent that will be coming to campus.

- GIF has met with the ESAC board and are talking about solar panels and picking the water bottle for next year. There are proposals for plasticless vending machines and environmental education.

Adjournment: 3:00