

St. Norbert College

Student Government Association



Meeting Minutes of the General Assembly President Oliver Dressel

Call to Order by Executive Board (8:00)

Land Acknowledge [Statement](#) (Ms. Marsden)

Attendance (Mr. Beilfuss)

Guest Speaker, Mike Peckham, SNC Respect Initiative

- Spring semester plans for the Respect Initiative
 - Increased knowledge of the initiative among the student body
 - New campus mural down in the campus center
 - Looking for ideas on how to launch the respect initiative
 - “Launch” of the initiative in the spring semester

Mr. Dressel: seeking reconciliation could be especially useful in the residence halls, since roommate conflicts are especially evident

Ms. Marsden: an event on campus, partnering with the LSE office, could really get the momentum going with this initiative

Mr. Dressel: having organizations learn more about the respect initiative on campus would be really good way to expand its impact

New business (8:15)

Student Organization Recognition - AMOM (Mr. Gonnering)

- A Moment of Magic
- Purpose is to restore the magic of believing at a time when a child should just be a kid. Reminding them to be strong, courageous, and fearless. Members would visit children in hospitals dressed as characters (such as Disney characters) and take the mind of the children off their current condition.
- Their constitution was very clear and very concise, very laid out. Huge plus.
- Jonathan Contreras was also impressed with the club, they have a cool training
- Motion brought to the floor to create AMOM on campus
- Motion seconded
- Vote brought to the floor, no opposed, AMOM created as an organization on the St. Norbert College campus

Sign up for Student Organizations (Mr. Dressel)

- Increase representation on campus to different clubs and organizations (including Greek life/social groups)
- The numbers should be about 3 or 4 organizations per representative of SGA.
- Present at the club meeting on the current work of SGA, open the floor for discussion at these meetings to hear new ideas or suggestions for our organization
- Google doc created to bring to these meetings (kind of an outline to follow!)
- Ideally reach out to organizations in the next week, therefore you can attend the meeting by the end of the semester. May be turned down by respective clubs/organizations, but it never hurts to ask! It shows that our organization cares about the other organizations on campus.

SNC Democrats isaac.blakeslee@snc.edu and SNC Republicans samuel.diny@snc.edu (Mr. Dressel)

- Mr. Dressel: encourages us to seek out different ways to learn more about the issues and candidates running in the 2020 election. Both organizations are looking for new members.

SGA GA Time Shift (Mr. Dressel)

- Corday Goddard, our advisor, has a class scheduled from 8:00-9:00 pm on Monday nights.
- Mr. Dressel moves to push back our meetings to 9:00pm on Monday nights. Motion seconded by Mr. Gonnering.
- Mr. Ulrich: we are online, meaning our meetings will likely not last the entire hour
- Mr. Dressel motions to vote, Ms. Hunt seconded.
- None opposed, the GA meeting time will now be moved to 9:00 pm to accommodate the schedule of Corday Goddard.

Stickers (Mr. Dressel)

- Ms. Riggle created stickers, the cost of production would be covered by SGA
- Increase awareness on campus of our organization
- Ms. Marsden: does the print center create stickers? How quickly would they do it?
- Ms. Freye: they definitely do it, it only took a week when I had them made!
- Mr. Dressel: keep the artistic minds going with sticker ideas, can make more next semester as well

Task force updates (8:35)

COVID-19 Response (Ms. Freye)

- We have met once regarding the COVID-19 task force. Making the President and his cabinet aware that we exist, the student body and their representatives. Best choice is to reach to the President and his administrators
- We wish to be an open channel of communication, we are a resource for the cabinet to utilize

ESAC (Mr. Dressel)

- Environmental Sustainability and Accountability Committee
- Dr. Mark Brockenhauer
- More updates to come later

LAS Scholarship (Mr. Dressel)

- Today is Indigenous People's Day

- Office of Advancement appointment scheduled, to open the discussion about creation of the scholarship.
- Oliver Dressel motions to create a letter of support, a statement, to be signed by the general assembly in support of the Council of Indigenous People
- The Council of Indigenous People were asked to wipe away their window markings since they did not go through the process of having their advertisements approved on campus, through the LSE office and Jon Seckel in the Campus Center.
- Ms. Burmesch: what would the statement consist of exactly?
- Mr. Beilfuss: what exactly is the college policy on posting advertisements around campus?
- Ms. Freye: further define the college policy, get rid of the gray area, this was not clearly defined prior to this, we suggest the advertisements are put up again, so they may have the just celebration they deserve
- Mr. Ulrich: did Ruthie go through the process of trying to get approval? Especially in public places?
- Mr. Dressel: I do not know if she looked into the policy or the process of posting in public places...
- Mr. Ulrich: We do not know if it was as much an act of discrimination or just the college enforcing its policy on posting in public spaces.
- Ms. Freye: is there a way to vote on this remotely? So we can get all the facts on the situation before we release the statement. I want to make sure we are sending the correct message, and not just going off of half the story of what happened.
- Ms. Hunt: I agree with Molly. A big concern I have is that it was not an act of discrimination, but setting a precedent for students so they cannot just post anything in public spaces
- Mr. Chahal: They have to go through John Seckel to put anything in public spaces.
- Mr. Dressel: I move to table the discussion until we know fully of what happened.
- Mr. Chahal: I second the motion
- Ms. Marsden: The discussion has been tabled.

- Ms. Marsden: I would still like to see a statement of support towards the Council of Indigenous Peoples in honor of Indigenous Peoples Day
- Ms. Burmesch: I wonder if we could release a statement saying that we stand in solidarity with them, a statement of support, on Indigenous Peoples Day, and maybe have the Land Acknowledgement Statement with the post
- Mr. Gonnering: I am confused with the timeline on this. Especially since today is the day.
- Mr. Dressel: I move we put forth this statement of solidarity.
- Motion seconded by Mr. Gonnering
- The statement passed with none opposed.

Old business (8:45)

Status of junior elections (Ms. Marsden)

- The elections commission contacted the juniors who had a six-way tie of write-ins, and received no emails back with interest, so we will have to start fresh with a new election.
- The new election will be formed this week.
- Mr. Dressel: how will this election be formed, what will the ballot look like?
- Ms. Marsden: the nomination form will go out Wednesday, ending on Friday. By the end of next week we should have the two junior representatives needed.

Title IX helpers - Sarah Olejniczk (Mr. Dressel)

- Please consider getting in contact with Ms. Olejniczak, she is still looking for students to help her in the Title IX working group

College committee/special project updates (8:55)

Emerging Leaders

- Update from Mr. Gonnering or the five first-year representatives
- Ms. Duckart: we are in the early stages of planning our project. We are hoping to do a pumpkin painting competition the Tuesday before Halloween, sometime in the afternoon. Hoping to have the Bruess' judge the competition. Looking at the budget right now, will bring a better update soon.
- Mr. Dressel: make sure to sign up for Rafr! I would love to have Rafr mastered by our student government representatives... especially if we are in the same situation next semester
- Ms. Hunt: just so you are all aware, I created a document in the folder titled "Club Meetings" that has the outline for attending organization meetings. Constant access and communication in helping answer questions (not going in blind!)
- Mr. Dressel: I move that we stay on the meeting until the document for clubs and organizations is filled out.
- Ms. Hunt: I second the motion.
- Mr. Dressel: I move to adjourn the meeting.
- Mr. Beilfuss: I second the motion.

Adjournment (8:59)