

St. Norbert College

# Student Government Association



## Minutes of the General Assembly

November 1st, 2021

9:00pm, Mulva Library Room 218

### Call to Order by Executive Board (9:00)

Land Acknowledgement Statement (Oliver Dressel)

Attendance (Porter Beilfuss)

All members present

### New business (9:05)

Approve and Sign Letters to the Student Body (Molly Freye)

- 1) Board of Trustees Information
- 2) Sexual Assault Resources & Support

Freye: Sarah Olejniczak has started to make edits to the sexual assault resources & support letter. Attached to each letter will be a signature sheet of all members of the Student Government Association. Please sign your names below and indicate your position. Reading of the board of trustees letter.

Hess: The administrator was accused of sexual assault, but we should put in the letter not on the St. Norbert campus.

Freye: For clarification, we want the letter to be directly focused on the college campus now, but he was accused at Notre Dame back in the 1990s.

Dressel: Who will this be fact-checked by?

Freye: President Bruess, Julie Massey, and Corday Goddard. VP Joe Webb may also look at the letter.

Dressel: Any questions on the first letter?

No questions, move to the second letter reading by Freye.

Dressel: I believe the letter was written beautifully.

Freye: The letters will hopefully be sent out by Friday, already in contact with Sarah. As soon as possible would be the goal, at the latest it will be Monday or Tuesday, goal is this Friday.

A. Tully: Will these letters be sent out individually or together?

Freye: They will be sent out together or individually. Open to comments or concerns.

A. Tully: I think they should be sent out separately. Not too far apart, though.

Dutton: I believe we need to further explain within the email that the two letters are not connected by any means. Need to explicitly state that in the email, just as in the letters.

Dressel: Vote on one email, two letters please say ay and raise your hand. Vote on two emails, please say ay and raise your hand.

Vote was taken for the two options of releasing the letters to the student body: 6 votes for one mail; 18 votes for two emails following one another.

Klatt: In the first email can we include that a separate email will be sent out at a later time regarding a separate subject.

No further thoughts on the letters; will be finalized and sent to SGA members before being released to the student body as a whole.

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### Promotion of SNCTalks (Peter Lim)

Lim: The new SNCTalks are modeled after the TedTalks series, but open to students, alumni, parents, community members who wish to give a memorized, rehearsed speech on a subject passionate to their work. The theme will be “Own Your Impact” based on the college’s Respect Initiative. Giving a heads up to the SGA about this event, promotion to the student body.

Basically, we are trying to provide educational opportunities within the SNC community. Lifting up the voices of the community, highlighting the unique talents and passions of our community members. The first talk will be 6-9pm in Walter Theater on Friday, March 4th. The speakers are lined up, and there will be a virtual component for those who wish to watch from home.

### Title IX Advisory Committee Representative (James Fitzwater)

Fitzwater: Looking for people who are younger than seniors to join this committee. How can we make Title IX available to all students, look at the data and be able to present it. Meeting this Friday at 10am. Whenever everyone can meet, the chair of the committee, Sarah Olejniczak.

Dressel: Any other new business before we move on to committee updates?

No new business was reported.

### Committee & Task Force Updates (9:25)

#### State of the College - Community Engagement (Meaghan Dutton, Hannah Allen, & Molly Freye)

Mandatory for all SGA members

Sharing Social Media & Advertisements

Feedback and help

Allen: Last week we met virtually and we split the 5 freshman reps into three different groups. Marketing, agenda, and catering. Marketing they finished the poster to send out to all students. To put up around school for students to see and share on social media, very powerful platform. The event will be in the flex space of the Mulva Library. Peter is working with catering to have desserts at the event.

Dutton: We are doing a survey for students to see what they are interested in hearing about. We are having President Bruess, Chrystal Woller, and a Title IX representative. Looking for input from students.

Freye: Please make this event a priority, it is mandatory for the members of SGA. This event is being put on by the first year representatives going through the Emerging Leaders program. Tuesday, November 16th, 6-7:00pm. Flex space of the library, first floor. A great space that other organizations like the Black Student Union have utilized in past events. Our event will provide more information and transparency than there has been!

Dressel: Point of order, as an SGA rep you do get stipends each semester. This event is not “mandatory” mandatory, but we would like a big crowd.

Freye: We strongly encourage you to be there.

Some changes to the poster were suggested by GA members. Inclusion of a QR code and some grammar fixes. The poster will be sent out to the student body!

### Library Committee (Meaghan Dutton)

Dutton: We had our meeting two weeks ago. At the meeting they discussed two things: 1) they will be removing books that were published before 1969, not circulating through the library. These books will still be available online, and still be available in the system. They wish to increase their online resources since this is where students are getting their information from. 2) They are looking for input from students and faculty on how to make the library more engaging in general. A decrease in utilization of library resources. They may be sending out a survey to the students or emailing them.

Dressel: Where will the hard copies of the books be going?

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Dutton: Not every single resource before 1969, just the ones not in circulation. They are trying to find a sustainable way, they are not just throwing them away.

Dressel: The students may want a chance to look over the books if they plan to just remove them.

Dutton: I will get back with an update from the committee.

#### Food Insecurity Initiative (Peter Lim)

Lim: We only had half the team at the initiative meeting. The seniors of the group were asked what kind of food students would like in the food library, and possible promotions about the library around campus at the caf or other restaurants. Sending out notes to students living in houses or commuter students.

Switched conversation to the Equality Project, a drive for hygiene products such as tampons, shampoo, deodorant, etc. They also discussed placing a refrigerator on the first floor of the library. Also looking at RAs to be able to distribute the hygiene products (Housing Office, Joe Totman or Mike Peckham) to first floor halls such as Mad/Lor or Bergstrom.

B. Tully: Update on Wellness by Design. They recapped SNC Day. They had nurses vaccinating people, no SNC students but members of the community. They also had smoothies in front of the fitness center.

Looking to create a theme for housing; one of the new Residential Themed Community housing options with 20 or so students with a common gathering space. GMS Healthy Cart option is not coming back unless we have an increase in student employment. Normally there are 65 SNC students working, right now we have 20. The rest of the student workers are from a local high school, but they cannot work during the school day.

Freye: They are looking to raise student wages across campus.

B. Tully: Anybody looking for an extra certification on their resume, they are offering a Mental Health First Aid workshop.

#### Old business (9:40)

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

##### Possible ideas, example of “maintenance-less” investments

Freye: Helen and I had a meeting with John Seckel in the campus center. One of the discussion topics was a parking lot, \$300,000 for a new parking lot, we have 1/3 of the money there... not something we can readily do. A possible avenue to ask the college to meet us in the development of this parking lot. Other ideas such as an outdoor fireplace. Maintenance-less options.

Bui: UW-GB did install one, it would be by the campus center area. The only space for it. Someone mentioned the idea of a pod, where someone could rent it and have class inside of it. An outdoor “pod”, other ideas were resurfacing pavements, where areas flood often.

Freye: Boyle Hall is included under the college plan, it is too much to take on for our

Fitzwater: Students would really like printers in the residence halls.

Klatt: Maybe a riverwalk or just more picnic tables for students.

Bui: John Seckel mentioned a remodeling of Phil's, more indoor dining for students...

##### Reminder: Project Task Spreadsheet (Porter Beilfuss)

##### Helping us track accomplishments and provide updates to student body

Beilfuss: Please update this tracker as your task force groups meet... a way for us to keep everything in one place for a final “audit” of the organization at the end of the academic year.

Hess motions to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Freye.

#### Adjournment (9:50)

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