

St. Norbert College

Student Government Association



Minutes of the General Assembly

November 15th, 2021

9:00pm, Mulva Library Room 218

Call to Order by Executive Board (9:00)

Land Acknowledgement Statement (Oliver Dressel)

Attendance (Porter Beilfuss)

All present except Rich Rinka, excused absence

New business (9:05)

End of Semester "Trash-to-Treasure" Initiative (Oliver Dressel)

REH partnership, student promotion and advertising

Dressel: REH has been doing this project for some time, the name is new however. Still trying to figure out the best way to do it in the landscape of COVID-19. Will be doing this at the end of the fall semester and at the end of the spring semester. That way people leaving at the end of this semester have the opportunity to participate. REH is asking the SGA to help promote this, please share on social media, tell your friends. A great way to keep items out of the landfill, make SGA a more self-sufficient community.

Student Dance Event (Molly Freye & Helen Bui)

Freye: Last Wednesday, a few of us E-board members met with VP Joe Webb to discuss what kind of events are missing on campus. A part of Greek life are formals on campus, due to changes in the LSE office and pandemic regulations. SGA was asked to sponsor a kind of formal dance event. We met quorum on the form sent out to sponsor this event, with a majority saying they will help. Not outsourcing in terms of DJs, will ask SNC Radio.

Helen, Jonathan, and Chloe are the leads on this project

Bui: For right now, we will not be charging for tickets. WE have the surplus fund for SAFAC. We will still ask for funds from the student affairs and LSE office. For right now, we will have a dance in the campus center gym. A photo backdrop to take pictures outside of the gym. Heels are not allowed inside the gym. Downstairs outside of Phil's there will be a station for arts & crafts. E2K already has something planned right now. John Seckel would like us to combine the two events into one. Also at the campus center will be hot chocolate and a bonfire. Weather dependent, of course. Will definitely be in the campus center, the Mulva Fitness Center and Michels Commons are a no-go. The dance floor within the gym will be rented, SNC radio supplying the music. Providing little baggies of snacks and water too. Will be purchasing the firewood as well for the bonfire. The dress is formal, short dresses or long dresses acceptable. The two teams are the logistics team and the marketing team.

Logistics team

Marketing team

Meeting every Friday for right now, looking to get as much done before everyone goes home this coming Tuesday.

Dressel: Could we get Phil's to do an extra special on their food that night? Increase students going to that area.

Lim: Could we get MSS to help with the event as well?

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Bui: What are you looking for them to do?

Lim: Tie in our outing into this event?

Bui: This is an entire student population event.

December 4th, from 7:00-10:30pm.

Staff and Faculty Appreciation Breakfast (Helen Bui)

Bui: I know at this point of the semester we are tired and burnt out. Lots of extra stress that all of us have. I think it is important to recognize that if we are not doing well, the professors are not doing well either. A lot of professors are tired, and while happy to see us, have many different classes and responsibilities outside of campus too. Many professors are taking on more responsibilities because of the pandemic as well. An open coffee bar for faculty and staff. From meeting with Dr. Webb and the Eboard, they said they would do more of a full breakfast, catered by our event services.

Volunteers: Alyssa Tully, Mehrzad Tardast, Audrey Makope, Jon Hess, Andrea Fuentes, Bri Tully, Hannah Allen

Allen: When are you planning on having breakfast? After Thanksgiving break.

Bui: Have it open for a couple hours in the morning. Dining services, facilities, and housekeeping staff could attend - background workers that we do not talk about.

Tentative number for all faculty and staff is 600, planning for about that number of people. For the funds, we will be using the survey fund.

Makope: Can we also do some sort of appreciation notes?

Bui: I thought about the notes, setting it up would be easy. I am hesitant however, since some of the background staff are people that students do not know about.

Hess: What if we just put up the giant sheets of paper in the buildings for people to write on?

Klatt: Would it be possible to send out an interest form to see how many staff/faculty would be interested

Dressel: For those who could not make it, depending on our budget, we could give free drink vouchers to Ed's

Freye: We could place notes around the breakfast setup. Todd Wehr Hall would be the location.

Committee & Task Force Updates (9:30)

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

Mandatory for all SGA members (Tuesday, Nov 16th, 6:00pm)

Sharing Social Media & Advertisements

Feedback and help

Dutton: This event is happening tomorrow night in the library. Mandatory event for all SGA members. Sent out a Google form for students to fill out questions prior to the event. Molly has compiled them into categories which we expected, for example; affordability, COVID-19, sexual assault, parking, etc. President Bruess and VP Joe Webb will both be there, along with Chrystal Woller and Sarah Olejnczak. These questions have been shared with the people attending tomorrow night.

Freye: One thing I would like to add is since this event could be very impactful for students, can we take 5 minutes to share this event on social media? I will send out the poster once again. Share with groups on campus as well. We have the dessert bar as an attraction as well. Take time to share on our social media.

Holmstrom: The poster is also on our Instagram.

Faudoa: For putting this on our Instagram, can we break it up so that we are not all doing it right now?

Dressel: I just shared it, upper class reps share it tonight sometime, underclass reps share it tomorrow morning.

Allen: I also shared it at the end of my classes today to campaign for the event.

Dressel: Write it on the chalkboards as well, too!

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Beilfuss: Will the event be recorded?

Dutton: We considered live streaming the event, it would be nice to have it recorded somewhere. I can look into seeing if we can find a way to record it tomorrow.

Freye: A really exciting opportunity to connect with first year students along with upperclassmen.

Old business (9:45)

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

Possible ideas, example of “maintenance-less” investments

Lim: I took notes from some friends, who said we could possibly get some pool tables for the campus center area. With CAPS there could be more therapists. A bowling alley somewhere on campus? An update on the desks in Boyle Hall.

Bui: I have looked into the academic buildings, and every number of years they have a plan for updating or renovating. If you know any place in Green Bay that does nice photo backdrops, we can outsource it to them. Or we can do it ourselves.

Give or take the dance will be about 2,000.

Hess: I like the idea of pool tables, but back on the idea of CAPS therapists, that is not maintenance-less.

Freye: We have started talking about the idea of an endowment for a counselor-of-color on campus.

Hess: I motion to adjourn the meeting. Beilfuss seconds.

Adjournment (10:00)

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