

St. Norbert College

Student Government Association



Minutes of the General Assembly Meeting

November 29th, 2021

9:00pm, Mulva Library Room 218

Call to Order by Executive Board (9:00)

Land Acknowledgement Statement (Oliver Dressel)

Attendance (Porter Beilfuss)

New business (9:05)

Send in updates from task forces for final SGA Newsletter and semester review

(Katelyn Holmstrom & Molly Freye)

Holmstrom: I have most of the stuff for this month (November) and things coming up in December, but if you have any pictures from events, especially the recent Emerging Leaders event, please send them my way. Along with any other information regarding SGA's work recently.

Leadership Conference (Molly Freye)

Freye: A leadership conference is Saturday, February 5th from 8:30am to noon

Topic is by a comedian with a history in public speaking. She will be speaking about "Don't be a Karen", how to successfully handle relationships, but I probably butchered part of the topic. The key theme is being finalized right now.

SGA has been asked to sponsor this and it doesn't require money on our behalf, we just have to encourage other students to attend and advertise the event. Depending on COVID protocols, other schools will send students as well to St. Norbert.

Would SGA like to sponsor this event? Implementing some of the breakout sections.

Hess: I move to vote on the

Makope: Second

Dressel: 23 favor, 2 abstain from the vote. Majority yay, the motion passes to have the SGA sponsor this leadership event.

Freye: Topics around building up others, finding your own path, discovering your vocation, finding and constructing your path in life. Can we now just have an open floor discussion to submit ideas on behalf of SGA? If any of the SNC TedTalks that were declined but would still be willing to present, that could be a possibility.

Dressel: Open the floor for discussion

Lim: Social skills

Dressel: Marketing and advertising events

Fitzwater: Rebuilding clubs or organizations after the COVID pandemic; effectiveness of leadership styles situationally

Beilfuss: Conflict mediation, resolving conflicts in a relationship

Dressel: Goal setting

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Freye: Having healthy conversations about _____, change your conversation style based on who is in the room.

Fitzwater: Common biases based on class or gender, that sort of thing.

Hess: Power dynamics and how we work with them in a group setting

Dressel: Fun icebreakers!

Jansen: Dr. Chan gave a lecture based on what makes life purposeful or how to live purposefully

Allen: Brooke Gustafson might be able to speak about communication and goal setting, she is a first year orientation professor

Hess: Carol Bruess is an obvious choice to speak about relationships and communications

Committee & Task Force Updates (9:10)

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

REH partnership, student promotion and advertising

Dressel: Trash to treasure is going on, it is going on virtually on Facebook. If you would like to post anything or would like to look for anything to buy, it is on there! Hop on the Facebook page, if you have any item to sell just keep it in your room until you have a potential buyer. It will be open until December 18th, end of finals week. A great way to keep resources circulating around the college and out of the landfill.

Student Dance Event **December 4th at 8-11 pm** (Molly Freye & Helen Bui)

Promotion - Poster Below

Tuesday -

Wednesday -

Thursday -

Friday - S

Saturday - All

[Sign up - set up & clean up](#)

Freye: This event is this Saturday! It is almost here. People have given much excited feedback, especially since it is a semi-formal event, allowing students to dress up. There will be food and crafts at the event. Schedule for sharing the poster, want people to constantly see it in their story. Want to connect across our wide range of networks.

Bui: It will be from 8:00pm to 11:00pm. In the campus center gym. It has the theme of Winter Wonderland, there will be a bonfire weather permitting on the campus center patio. There will also be arts and crafts. The music will be on SNC radio. I reached out to the president of SNC radio today. She is welcoming us to make a list of music for the dance.

Freye: Do we want to have a little task force to make this list?

Dutton: We can share the playlist when we advertise this.

Dressel: I volunteer to head the committee. Alyssa and Bri Tully, along with Audrey Makope volunteer. We will make a Spotify playlist - add some great tunes to the playlist!

Bui: Party.0 is also doing cookie decorating, there will also be chips, hot chocolate, etc. Phil's will be open until 10:00pm. \$1 off the chicken strip basket. There will also be a cool photo booth for people, a backdrop for people. We spent \$250 on the backdrop for pictures, it will look very nice. We do need help setting up and taking down. The more people that show up the faster it will be done. It will probably not be the entire time, but please sign up. The clean up should be swift and quick. John Seckel has to be there, as the director of the campus center, to help us and supervise. John has to stay here until midnight for this. The quicker we clean up the sooner he can get back to his family on Saturday night.

Staff and Faculty Appreciation Breakfast **December 1st at 8:30-11:00am** (Helen Bui)

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Promotion

[Sign Up](#)

Bui: A google form was sent out to faculty and staff, it is an RSVP. If we run into any faculty and staff in the next couple days, let them know about it. It will be in the flex space of TWH. There will be coffee, tea, other hot drinks, along with scones, cookies, fruits, etc. If any staff or faculty cannot make it, I have set up a tab at Ed's where they can get a free drink option. Ed's should know the faculty and staff, but if they are being charged let the employee know at Ed's. Catering will be setting up and taking away the breakfast goods. But it would be nice for us to talk with the professors and thank them in person for their service to the college this crazy busy semester! It would be helpful!

Freye: Sign up for a time, even if it is not for the full half hour. I know from the few RSVPs that I have received that the professors are grateful.

Bui: We have received about 75 RSVPs. But I have emailed individually to try to advertise and market the event. Many staff have put it on their calendar so they know, they just might not have responded.

Old business (9:25)

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

Possible ideas, example of "maintenance-less" investments

Freye: This is the same agenda item as it has been. We would like to have this fund chosen towards something by the end of the academic year. As SGA, we could spend the money on having a crosswalk sign face both ways on the busy crosswalk on Third Street.

Hess: In addition, we should have one on the other sidewalk as well.

Freye: It is about 2,000 for the sign to light up, 8,000 in total for the metal sign post as well.

Allen: We could also possibly have a light up sign on Fourth and Marsh Street, since many students cross the busy street to get to P16.

Hess: I have received a second "yes" for the pool tables in the campus center.

State of the College Address (Molly Freye)

Thoughts and feedback

Freye: I would like to thank the Emerging Leaders and all of those who attended the event. I had people message me on Instagram wanting to see the recording. Many people want answers to their questions. Going forward we are hoping to hold another one next semester. Continuous event for SGA to host. The ELs did a wonderful job putting on this event, a large event to coordinate with many moving parts. What did you all think the event needed or what went well? What needs to be improved?

Dressel: I think doing it outside would be neat. Maybe down by the docks, or by the campus center.

Hess: I think having a bigger forum would be beneficial.

Dressel: We have a resources tab on the SGA website, put the recording there.

Beilfuss: We could have a better recording than just my computer. Maybe have IT send a better recording camera.

Dressel: Maybe we could have GreenKnight TV record the event? Possible live stream?

Lim: Could we possibly host the event in the Walter Theater?

Freye: Who would like to run this event in the spring semester? If we do this closer to the SGA elections, we could do a forum for campus officials and have it as a forum running for certain positions. This could just be a separate event since we do not want complications with someone planning the event who is also running for a position and campaigning at the event.

Dressel: You mentioned making sure people who are not running for election next year are on the planning team for this event.

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Gonnering: Wouldn't this fall under the community engagement task force in general? We can either continue this as it is, or edit the task force for the next semester. I was left in the dark for this event.

Communication did not happen as I had hoped, for both Porter and I.

Freye: I apologize for the communication, it was my fault due to my position with the Emerging Leaders.

Hess: I think it clouds the purpose of having a State of the College address. They seem to be two separate events.

Dressel: Thank you for all of the feedback. Any other old business?

Hess: I move to adjourn the meeting.

Jansen: I second.

Adjournment (10:00)

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Saturday, Dec. 4
Campus Center
8 - 11 p.m.
Semi-formal attire

Join us for
dancing, crafts,
and a bonfire and
hot chocolate!

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