

St. Norbert College

# Student Government Association



## Meeting Minutes of the General Assembly President Oliver Dressel

### Call to Order by Executive Board (4:00)

Beilfuss nominated Freye as chair of the general assembly for 9 March 2021. Nomination seconded.

Nomination accepted by Freye.

Land Acknowledgement [Statement](#) (Ms. Freye)

Attendance (Mr. Beilfuss)

### New business (4:05)

Fresh Aire (Mr. Chahal)

Chahal: I had a couple professors come up to me (science professors) saying that if they were students here, they would want this. Now that it is spring again, with winter being done.

Students should talk about an area that is mask-optional. No need for any student to be there, unless they decide to walk there. Those people would be outside, and the main thing would be for students to enjoy the weather with their mask off. An area, such as the corner of campus by the meditation garden, down by the river by the Lady Mary shrine. A surprise from professors that there are no areas open for students to have their mask off outside right now. The proposal would be for a mask free area from the St. Mary shrine to an area close to the campus center along the river.

Should we include the docks and the gazebo by the campus center?

Freye: Similar to the sign-up for the gym, could we have a sign up for people, especially groups, to sign up ahead of time?

Chahal: There are already a lot of people who play sports or football behind Gries Hall without a mask on.

Freye: I am just worried that a large group would possibly cause an issue, if there was no regulation regarding the mask-free space.

Chahal: It would be up to the students to not be stupid, to make the right choices.

Burmesch: Would there be signs to designate the area of the mask-free zone?

Chahal: End of the priory to the river perhaps would be the designated area.

Corday: A point of order. We would not have the authority to designate a space. We would need to make a proposal to health services.

Chahal: I feel that this is an idea that a lot of students would appreciate.

Dressel: Would you like to start a new task force for this initiative?  
Corday: You also have the choice to skip the extra work and put it to a proposal right away.  
Freye: Would the proposal be written out to health services?

Chahal: Would you recommend a course of action, Corday?  
Corday: It is up to the group to decide if they would like to go through with creating a proposal right away.  
Edlebeck: It would be nice to have the area be specifically for students in the freshman dorm areas (MadLor, Bergstrom, or 3M).  
Chahal: We would need to send it out to Health Services and Julie Massey.  
Edlebeck: I do wonder if it would better promote distancing if it is a larger distance.  
Gonnering: I feel that while the larger area would be a good thought, how much green space is really behind those dorms that is not a straight drop off? There is not a lot of room back there anyway.  
Chahal: Should we try for the docks, or keep it just the grassy area?  
Dressel: I think we should personally keep it from the docks, using the docks as a barrier.

Freye: I entertain a motion to table to motion this topic, so that Chahal can write a proposal outside of the meeting hours.  
Gonnering: I motion to table.  
Dressel: I second.

## Task force updates (4:20)

LASS (Mr. Hess)

Hess: Ollie and I, along with Ruthie Tucker, have been working on a Land Acknowledgement Statement scholarship. Big update so far is meetings with Ed Lamm, Jon Seckle, and staff of color on campus. Putting up a Menonminee nation flag in front of Bemis Hall. The flag will be going up this summer, with a ceremony taking place as well.

Affordability (Ms. Faudoa)

Faudoa: Last week the college affordability task force met and brainstormed:

1. Higher wages for students on campus
2. More scholarships available on campus
3. Contacted Jessica, the director of financial aid, to get her insight and expertise.

Next time we meet we will have a more solidified plan to bring to the general assembly.

Food Insecurity (Ms. Duckart, Ms. Holmstrom)

Ms. Holmstrom: We have added two new students to our committee, interested in food insecurity. New ideas are always welcome! Lots of posters up around campus advertising the 1, 2, 3 steps to getting food on campus. We feel we are not getting the response, and that there are students out there that are food insecure. How do we draw in those students and allow these students to see there are resources available to them?

Dressel: Are the posters up on our SGA drive at all? Are they in the task drive folder?

Duckart: I believe they are!

Dressel: That way we can share them on our own social media pages.

Holmstrom: It would be nice if a representative from each class could post it on their respective pages?

Corday: If you look at the food insecurity dashboard online, you will see the large amount of resources just sitting there ready to be utilized.

Freye: Thinking about it, since it does require first and second year students to have the full meal plan on campus, would St. Joe's or Hugh Hall be a better option for putting these posters? Since upperclassmen may not have the full meal plan (platinum). Posting it on the junior and senior pages may be well too.

Edlebeck: My thoughts would be that asking for that help may not be the most comfortable way for students to ask. Is there another way, maybe virtually, that students can reach out and ask for the assistance? Maybe a form with a QR link that they can scan and fill out regarding their insecurity?

Corday: It is a simple online form to fill out if you need something, and automatically put on some meals on your card. Right now, even today, anyone can walk over to Campus Safety and pick up a small bag of food. The form is reviewed by Melissa DePra in dining services, and then food is sent out. A meeting with the student is also possible to discuss more permanent solutions.

Duckart: The next task force meeting we have we will discuss these changes and suggestions. The two new students who came onto the task force had the idea of having food put into the library. Hopefully food will be put in the library within two weeks time.

Corday: There is a lot of support from faculty and staff in this initiative. People just need to know about this! Share it as much as you can!

Holmstrom: The form can be shared with the post to each class as well.

## Old business (4:25)

Student Organization Representation (Ms. Hunt)

Updates from representatives.

Hunt: No new updates!

Dressel: Any updates from the general assembly?

Funds dispersed - VAWA Safe Space Donation (Mr. Ulrich)

Freye: Open the vote for the donation of \$500 to the VAWA grant safe space

Dressel: I motion to vote for the donation.

Hess: I second.

Freye: The vote passed with zero opposed.

Mental Health Speaker [Event](#) (Mr. Dressel)

Dressel: Jessi Beyer will be zooming in on March 24, 2021 from 7:00pm to 8:15pm. A follow-up presentation with SNC available resources will follow the presentation. Register on the form on our shared drive! Share with other organizations on campus as well. No capacity on the zoom call. This event is on an advisement day.

## College committee/special project updates (4:30)

Strategic Planning: Mission Radiance [Survey](#) (Mr. Dressel)

Dressel: Three different planning groups going on right now. Our last strategic plan lasted five years, the current one being made will last only three years. More compact. The mission radiance strategic planning committee created a form for students to fill out, as long as hosting multiple open forums. We will take some time for everyone to fill out the survey right now.

Chahal: I move to adjourn the meeting.

Hess: I second

## Adjournment (5:00)