



Northern Vermont University – Lyndon

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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# GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

## *September 11, 2019*

### **I. MOTION TO START TONIGHT'S MEETING**

- Motion: Kyla Smith, Veterans Association;  
Second: Max Thurber, NVUnity;  
Call: Alexandra Huff, Model UN
- Everyone agreed to start the meeting. Meeting called to order at 8:01PM.

### **II. ATTENDANCE**

- Absent from Meeting:
  - i. Alpha Lambda Delta
  - ii. Intervarsity
  - iii. Peer Leaders
  - iv. Student Athlete Advisory Committee

### **III. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES**

- Motion: Kyla Smith, Veterans Association;  
Second: Becca Fauteux, The Critic;  
Call: Vanessa Symonick: Kingdom Crescendos
- Everyone agreed to approve last meeting's minutes

### **IV. ADDENDUM TO THIS WEEK'S MINUTES**

- Reports and Presentations
  - i. Removal of Mary Fafard, NVU Digital Content Coordinator
  - ii. Addition of Mike Stevens, NVU Director of Facilities
- Motion: Kyla Smith, Veterans Association;  
Second: Curtis Bates, Twilight Players  
Call: Alexandra Huff, Model UN
- Everyone agreed to the addendum in this week's minutes

## V. STUDENT BODY COMMENTS

- Kyla Smith, Veterans Association: Cars have been keyed in the Wheelock Parking lot
  - SGA Response: They are aware and Public Safety has asked whether SGA or the 10 percent committee would fund a security camera for Wheelock
- Sabra Snyder, Cultural Ambassadors: Excited for the meeting of the presidents
- Sam Lesmerises: Students were not aware of the VAST Conference taking place last weekend on-campus and there was limited space in the Dining Hall.
  - SGA Response: SGA will communicate with Conferences and ask that they let us know when events like this are taking place
- Kelsey Emery, Campus Activities Board: Concerned with the increase in laundry prices
  - Response from Erin Rossetti, Director of Student Life: The prices increased from \$1.25 to \$1.50 due to the contract with the latest laundry upgrade and update to the app system. If students have questions, they should contact Christina Cotnoir
- Curtis Bates: Believes laundry prices should be incorporated into tuition rather than having students pay.
  - Response from SGA: Some schools have this policy, but not all students use the laundry facilities on-campus
  - Patrick Wickstrom, SGA Financial Controller: wonders if laundry could be allocated like the printing system is currently set up

## VI. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Jonathan Hutchinson, Climate Consensus Student Leader
  - World Climate Strike is September 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 starting at NVU-Lyndon. This event is taking place in line with the global strike that is happening.
    - The strike will begin at ASAC and go down College Road and into downtown Lyndonville
    - A reception will follow at 12:30 with President Elaine Collins and Janel Hanerhan
  - Questions?
    - Sabra Snyder, Cultural Ambassadors: Are signs encouraged?
      - Response from Jonathan Hutchinson: Yes, and on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6PM in ASAC 319, there will be a sign making session to create signs.

- Kate Henriques, SGA President thanked John and the Climate Consensus for the Farmer's Market
- Mike Stevens, Director of Facilities
  - Mentioned the soap dispensers were changed because the old product they had was failing and the vendor saw it was failing. There was no charge for the new soap dispensers and the soap in the new dispensers is more affordable.
  - Mentioned new toilet paper dispensers will be provided in some bathrooms. This will allow for larger rolls of toilet paper.
  - Questions?
    - David Pardy, Gaming Community: Was concerned about the bricks in front of D-Hall and how they will be impacted during snow removal.
      - Response from Mike Stevens: Maintenance will be following the same procedure as in previous years. The advantage of those bricks is they are designed to reduce storm water runoff.
    - Kyla Smith, Veterans Association: Was concerned about ice removal given the difficulty of ice removal in Stonehenge.
      - Response from Mike Stevens: It will be easier to get equipment thorough Veteran's Park as opposed to Stonehenge.
    - Kate Henriques, SGA President: Are there any new projects maintenance is working on?
      - Response from Mike Stevens: The maintenance plowing crew was at four individuals this past winter and has since then three additional staff members have been trained to operate the plowing equipment.
    - Ben Johnson, Rugby: There is a missing goal post in the rugby field that needs to be replaced.
      - Response from Mike Stevens: This should be brought up with Chris Gilmore, the Director of Athletics first
    - Mike Stevens: Asked how people felt about Veteran's Park.
      - Kyla Smith, Veterans Association: mentioned the words "Veterans Park" and the plaques are not visible and asked if they can be power washed

- Response from Mike Stevens: pressure washing will not change how the letters look, but maintenance can look into painting the words “Veterans Park”
- Kyla Smith, Veterans Association: invited Mike to attend the Veterans Association meeting on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> in LAC 342
  - Response from Mike Stevens: he did not want to commit to a meeting Tom Archer, the Director of the Physical Plant, is not aware of and will see if he can attend a meeting at some point
- Kate Henriques, SGA President: asked about the benches destroyed last winter and how that will be prevented this winter
  - Response from Lauren Cornell, Resident Assistant and member of the 10 Percent Committee: the 10 Percent Committee has purchased benches.
  - Response from Mike Stevens: Old benches have been repaired, but there is no guarantee benches will not be destroyed given the new staff members who will be operating the plows this year
- Kyla Smith, Veterans Association: mentioned there is no light on the hill going down from the Hornet’s Nest and is wondering if we can hook a light on the gazebo
  - Response from Mike Stevens: anything can be accomplished, but he would need to see if a power source is there
- Kate Henriques, SGA President: asked about how maintenance was doing on the residence hall requests
  - Response from Mike Stevens: maintenance is working on it, but is currently understaffed
- Mike Dente, NVU Chief Technology Officer
  - What did OIT accomplish over the summer?
    - Switch from Moodle to Canvas
    - MBI Lab and Johnson MARS labs were upgraded
    - The library’s VDI devices were upgraded
    - The wireless network in the Rita Bole Complex was upgraded
  - What future plans does OIT have?
    - Upgrading the Stonehenge Residence Hall network
    - Greater outdoor wireless network coverage

- Updates to the infrastructure
- Upgrades to the wireless network in the Johnson residence halls
- Apple Mobile Device Management
- SAN and Failover Cluster Improvements
- Questions?
  - Sabra Snyder, Cultural Ambassadors: where are the two outside access points currently?
    - Response from Mike Dente: outside Bayley and Vail
  - Patrick Wickstrom, SGA Financial Controller: what is going on with the updates to the charging ports in the Hornet's Nest?
    - Response from Mike Dente: it's in the work order system and he is working on it
- Computer Lab/24 Hour Lab Discussion
  - Changes to the computer lab were looked at based on budget reductions, reduced enrollment, changes in usage, better efficiency, and return on investment
  - At one point, Lyndon had 14 labs and 375 computers—double what Johnson had
  - In the 24 Hour Lab there are 16 computers, which has been reduced given enrollment changes. In the spring semester, no more than 6 computers were used at the same time and during overnight hours (11pm-8am) there were no more than 3 computers being used at the same time
    - The reduction from 16 computers to 8 computers will save \$30,000, however it did not make sense to have a room like the 24 Hour Lab filled with only 8 computers
    - Johnson's 24 Hour Lab is used 10x more than Lyndon's
  - IT is looking into giving students access to different applications with the use of their personal laptops
  - The most commonly used applications include Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, Microsoft Word, and Safari
- Questions
  - Kate Henriques, SGA President: How does reducing the computers save money?
    - Response from Mike Dente: it will once we upgrade computers
  - Kate Henriques, SGA President: What happens to the old computers?

- Response from Mike Dente: Staff members get computers that come out of the labs and after that they are thrown in the trash
- LabFind App
  - A new platform currently undergoing testing
  - It will eventually enable students to locate computers when they are available. It will also provide directions to the nearest computer, as well as computers with access to printers or scanners. This will be rolled out once Mike thinks it's ready.
- Keeping computer labs open until 11pm, like Johnson, will need to be discussed with Public Safety
- Questions/Comments
  - Ben Johnson, Rugby: What is happening with LAC 411?
    - Response from Mike Dente: it is up to the administration
  - Ben Johnson, Rugby: Is there going to be another 24 Hour lab?
    - Response from Mike Dente: It will be open until midnight.
  - Alexandra Huff, Model UN: Where will the new lab be?
    - Response from Mike Dente: in the peer resource room
  - David Pardy, Gaming Community: Commented he does not know the locations of printers on-campus and is glad the LabFind App will help with that
  - Kate Henriques, SGA President: Appreciates that IT is working with Public Safety
  - Maison De Jesus: Mentioned that LSC was registered for Spotify, but NVU is not and was wondering if this could be done
    - Response from Mike Dente: He will look into it, but just needs the information
  - Kelsey Emery, CAB: Commented that the peer resource room, where the new lab will be is an “athletic hub” and it will be awkward asking people in the space to use a computer to print
  - Sabra Snyder, Cultural Ambassadors: thanked Mike and IT for all their busy work over the summer
  - Kate Henriques, SGA President: Asked what is happening with Aaron Young's position now that he's left and whether or not Tim Mikovitz will take over Aaron's position?
    - Response from Mike Dente: there will be two part-time positions who Tim will be overseeing along with student-employees

- Follow-Up Question: Kate Henriques, SGA President: Who will be doing classroom technology?
    - Response from Mike Dente: this will be split amongst IT
- Financial Update
  - \$32,000, excluding the funding set aside for the Adventure Program
  - SGA is still waiting for the financial documents from Toby Stewart
  - The 10 Percent Committee is meeting Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> and Patrick asks if there are any suggestions
    - Alexandra Huff, Model UN: replace with old gazebo area with some furniture since this is a Pokémon Go hotspot
    - Kyla Smith, Veterans Association: security cameras for the Wheelock lot
    - Ben Johnson, Rugby: asks what the 10 Percent Committee does
      - Patrick Wickstrom, SGA Financial Controller: responds saying that it is a committee overseen by Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students that uses 10% of the student activity fee to facilitate campus improvements
        - Examples of 10 Percent Committee initiatives include: wireless charging station, new furniture by the Hornet's Nest, and replacing water bottle filling stations
  - Kate Henriques, SGA President: reminds students to complete the SGA suggestion box on the SGA website with any questions or concerns
  - Sabra Snyder, Cultural Ambassadors: asks if Kate will still be meeting with the clubs individually
    - Response from Kate Henriques, SGA President: Yes, SGA will

## **VII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

- Disbandment of the Intervarsity Club
  - Motion: Kyla Smith, Veterans Association;
  - Second:
  - Call: Alexandra Huff, Model UN
  - Everyone agreed to disband the Intervarsity Club
- Voting on the SGA Executive Board, Ben Mitchell for Executive Vice President
  - Wants to communicate to the student body about meetings, elections, open positions, and student concerns
  - Will get student input on Spring Day and communicate will communicate with all clubs on events
  - Will step up to the plate if needed as President

- Vote from General Board:
  - Elected Representatives: 0 in favor, 2 opposed
  - Club Representatives: 13 in favor, 5 opposed
  - Ben Mitchell becomes SGA's next Executive Vice President
- Katy Ebner, Adventure Program Funding Request
  - Questions
    - David Pardy, Gaming Community: When will the Adventure Program would be given a budget?
      - Response from Katy Ebner: The Adventure Program submitted a budget proposal, but was not given a budget
    - Kyla Smith, Veterans Association: asks about the dollar amounts Katy has listed and why some numbers were different from the previous meeting
      - Response from Katy Ebner: The numbers presented today are more accurate. For anything where a dollar amount is not listed, Katy asks the SGA to come up with an amount they think is appropriate
    - Patrick Wickstrom, SGA Financial Controller: What in the gravity well are you looking to improve?
      - Response from Katy Ebner: new shoes, new harnesses, and larger climbing holes
    - Kyla Smith, Veterans Association: Do you have plans for fundraising?
      - Response from Katy Ebner: There are costs for course programs, as well as bringing people from outside into the gravity well. Students also pay out-of-pocket for many events.
    - Patrick Wickstrom, SGA Financial Controller: Will the Adventure Program come back for other requests?
      - Response from Katy Ebner: Yes, if needed.
  - Patrick Wickstrom, SGA Financial Controller explains the SGA executive board wants to see more local trips and has creating a starting point of what to choose from Katy's "menu"
  - Vote for Discussion
    - Motion: Kyla Smith, Veterans Association  
Second: Alexandra Huff, Model UN  
Call: Curtis Bates, Twilight Players
    - Kyla Smith, Veterans Association suggests SGA give the Adventure Program \$8,000 additional funding in addition to the \$10,000 set aside from the spring

- Sabra Snyder, Cultural Ambassadors: The SGA should include rentable equipment to provide “local” opportunities to students.
- Patrick Wickstrom, SGA Financial Controller: asks Katy how much rentable equipment would cost and what equipment they would need
  - Response from Katy Ebner: New mountain bikes, snogo bikes, better camping equipment
- Alexandra Huff, Model UN: Seconds renting equipment
- C.J. Gaunce, Outing Club: Loves the idea of renting equipment for mountain bikes as additional rentable equipment would allow for the Outing Club to have more opportunities. Also, rentable water equipment would open a bigger range of activities.
- Kyla Smith, Veterans Association: Reminds the SGA to keep in mind their budget as other clubs might want funding later in the year
- David Pardy, Gaming Community: A lot of students do not use the disc golf course, so the SGA should not purchase the lawn mower
- Lauren Cornell, Resident Assistants: Reminds the SGA to be mindful of where their money is going and to wait and reevaluate as the year goes on.
- C.J. Gaunce, Outing Club: Suggests the SGA provide Katy a “trails budget” to help maintain the trails since students, community members, and tourists utilize this space.
- Pete Cormier, WWLR: Asked the Adventure Program to leave the room. The Adventure Program stepped out.
- C.J. Gaunce, Outing Club: We should allocate \$2,500 towards the rock wall.
- Pete Cormier, WWLR: It’s the beginning of the semester and the SGA needs money for many clubs on-campus. It is the upperclassmen’s duty to invest in the future of the Lyndon campus for the upcoming years
- Kyla Smith, Veterans Association: Detracts her statement regarding an additional \$8,000 for the Adventure Program
- David Pardy, Gaming Community: The SGA should figure out what the other clubs need first and come back to the Adventure Program at a later date
- Vanessa Symonick, Kingdom Crescendos: Other clubs need to be financially supported as well.
- C.J. Gaunce, Outing Club: All the money Katy earned prior to starting her position was based on fundraising. It was because of the SGA that Katy was able to fund her trips.

- Alex DaSilva, Ultimate Frisbee: Agrees we need to wait and see how money is allocated in the coming months.
- C.J. Gaunce, Outing Club: Proposes to increase the original \$1400 for the Gravity Wall up to \$2500 to allow for an additional \$1100 in facilities improvements.
- Ben Johnson, Rugby: Proposes the SGA provide an additional \$8000 to the Adventure Program
- David Pardy, Gaming Community: The SGA should wait as time goes on to see where other clubs are at financially.
- Ben Johnson, Rugby: How long do we need to wait before we find out an update?
  - Response from Patrick Wickstrom, Financial Controller: At the all-treasurer meeting we will go over what clubs have in their SGA budget and if they need additional allocations.
- Alexandra Huff, Model UN: Motion for an additional \$3000 for the items discussed.
- Vote was unanimously approved to provide the Adventure Program funding for all their “appetizers” (zip-lining [\$1000], white water rafting [\$1500], and ski/ride in New England [\$4000]), the bottom two “entrees” (rock climbing in West Virginia [\$3500] and backpacking in New England [\$400]), improvements to the Gravity Well [\$1400], and \$1100 for facilities improvements

## VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- Meeting with the Presidents – all SGA Club Presidents are required to attend
  - Meeting is on Tuesday, September 24th at 11:30 in T202
  - Sabra Snyder, Cultural Ambassadors: Can we do monthly meetings?
    - Response from Kate Henriques, SGA President: We’ll see how it goes
- Meeting with the Treasurers – all SGA Club Treasurers are required to attend
  - Meeting is on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 in T202 and is to make sure clubs are planning to use their funding efficiently
- Club information reminder – please provide updated club information
- For getting into contact with the SGA, please e-mail [LyndonSGA@NorthernVermont.edu](mailto:LyndonSGA@NorthernVermont.edu)
- Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students: Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 in ASAC 100 will be “Serving Vermont’s Students by Securing the Future of the Vermont State College Initiative” (with Jeb Spaulding)

- Sabra Snyder, Cultural Ambassadors: How is the filtering system going to work? Is there going to be space in ASAC 100?
  - Response from Jonathan Davis: There will be a chat session online and mics will be set up after the chancellor's presentation and attendees will be asked to line up to voice their concerns
- Ben Johnson, Rugby: What are the most influential things to be aware of for this meeting?
  - Response from Jonathan Davis: The cost of maintaining programs, the demographic challenges facing the state of Vermont, NVU online and the fact it is the fastest growing segment of NVU
- Kate Henriques, SGA President: Can you talk about the Q&A with the Executive Team on September 26<sup>th</sup>?
  - Response from Jonathan Davis: Students can ask curricular-related questions and questions concerning communication

## **IX. CLUB AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- Lauren Cornell, Resident Assistants: RA's completed their suite meetings and fire drills will be happening soon. Kate's Calendar's program will be September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Rogers Lounge; the Rita Bole RA Bonfire will be September 12<sup>th</sup> at 8pm and WWLR will be playing music; Patrick and Erica will be doing a session on cooking safety and sushi making; Lauren will be hosting Lauren's Declassified School Survival Guide at September 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Crev lounge and she will have building survival kits; Ras are preparing from Homecoming Weekend
- Kelsey Emery, CAB: September 12<sup>th</sup> at 8pm is the Paint 'n Sip in the Hive with free mocktails and a cash bar; September 14<sup>th</sup> will be a trip to Littleton, NH; September 17<sup>th</sup> will be Constitution Day and free pie will be served; September 20<sup>th</sup> will be a Bonfire; September 21<sup>st</sup> will be Bingo and a Pre-Fireworks Party; September 24<sup>th</sup> will be water bottle piggy banks; and September 28<sup>th</sup> will be a trip to Fenway Park. The vice president position on the CAB Executive Board is still vacant.
- Erin Rossetti, Peer Leaders: The peer leaders hosted four summer orientation programs, a fall orientation program the weekend of move-in, and hosted a wide range of events at welcome week. 131 students went to Johnson to see Jason Reynolds. Four-week check-ins are taking place next week for first-year students. Peer leaders do one hour each week in the Student Life office

- Lauren Hyde, AMS: AMS had their first general board meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup>. This weekend (September 14-15), AMS will have a fall BBQ at Lake Willoughby and will hike Mount Washington either this weekend or next weekend.
- Alex DaSilva, Ultimate Frisbee: Ultimate Frisbee meets at 7pm on Mondays in HAC 121
- Pete Cormier, WWLR: WWLR has 20 members and has started to do trainings for their members. WWLR will be at the Rita Bole bonfire on September 12<sup>th</sup> and will be providing music at the pre-fireworks party on September 21<sup>st</sup>
- C.J. Gaunce, Outing Club: The Outing Club's meeting was the largest ever with 25 people and 20 people at their second meeting. They have chosen a new logo and voted to buy wind breakers, which 22 people are interested in purchasing. The Outing Club is planning a hike up Lafayette, a rafting trip on September 29<sup>th</sup>, and hosts weekly bike rides on Wednesdays. They are also looking into fundraising opportunities at the climbing wall and a bike trip to Highland.
- Zach Coolbeth, Sports Management: No new updates
- Patrick Kern, Ski & Ride: Had their first meeting and are preparing for a skate trip to Burlington, glacier prep work, and creating logos for their hoods
- Ben Johnson, Rugby: Rugby had their first week of practices
- Raymond Ezirike, Sports Medicine: Sports Medicine had their first meeting and they are working on recruitment
- David Pardy, Gaming Community: The Gaming Community had their first meeting
- Sabra Snyder, Cultural Ambassadors: Cultural Ambassadors has Deb Bailin as their new advisor and a new e-mail address. Meetings are scheduled bi-weekly twice a week on Tuesdays at 5:30 and Thursdays at noon in the Hornet's Nest. Shea is preparing to do a presentation, but the Cultural Ambassadors continue to look for other presenters and members
- Alexandra Huff, Model UN: Model UN had their second meeting yesterday and they have one of the largest Model UN groups in a while
- Kyla Smith, Veterans Association: The Veterans Association had four members attend a funeral for a WWII Veteran. The Wall of Arm Plaque has enough names and there will be a ceremony for it on Veteran's Day. Meetings are on Thursdays from 11:30-12:30 in LAC 342.

- Curtis Bates, Twilight Players: Auditions for the Twilight Players were last week, but they are still in need of zombies for their fall show. Anyone interested in being a zombie should contact Gianna Fregosi if they are interested in being involved with the show. The first and last weekend of the October break will be their first fundraiser—Dead North at the Great Vermont Corn Maze.
  - Question by Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students: What is the rehearsal commitment for being a zombie?
    - Response from Kyla Smith, Veterans Association: Rehearsals for zombies are Monday-Thursday at 7pm, but not every night. Gianna Fregosi would have a better answer.
  - Kate Henriques, SGA President: The Twilight Players will also be having their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cabaret during Homecoming and Family Weekend.
- Katelyn Gillette, MEISA: Oktoberfest will be on September 19<sup>th</sup> in Veteran's Park or the Hornet's Nest if it rains. There will be a beer garden. Students should also check next Monday's weekly e-mail to submit their GreggFest ideas
- Vanessa Symonick, Kingdom Crescendos: The Kingdom Crescendos recently held auditions and performed the Lyndon alma mater at Convocation
- Becca Fauteux, The Critic: The Critic had their first meeting and there seems to be a lot of interest. The next meeting is next Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at the radio station.
  - Kate Henriques, SGA President: It would be cool to have an article about the chancellor meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>
- Olivia Hoag, Genealogy: Genealogy Club's first meeting is September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Vermont Room
- Max Thurber, NVUnity: NVUnity had their first meeting a few weeks ago and had a good turnout. The Burlington Pride trip was fun! Their next meeting is next Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **X. ADJOURN**

- Motion: Kelsey Emery, CAB  
Second: Kyla Smith, Veterans Association  
Call: Max Thurber, NVUnity
- Everyone agreed to end the meeting. Meeting called to order at 10:43PM.