



Northern Vermont University – Lyndon

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES October 30, 2019

I. MOTION TO START TONIGHT'S MEETING

- Motion: Max Thurber, NVUnity
- Second: Vanessa Symonick, Kingdom Crescendos
- Call: Becca Fauteux, The Critic
- All agreed to start meeting. Meeting started at 8:06PM

II. Attendance

- Absent from Meeting:
 - i. Alpha Lambda Delta
 - ii. Ski/Ride
 - iii. Sports Management
 - iv. Sports Medicine
 - v. Veteran's Association
 - vi. Peer Leaders

III. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

- Motion: Vanessa Symonick, Kingdom Crescendos
- Second: David Pardy, Gaming Club
- Call: Curtis Bates, Twilight Players

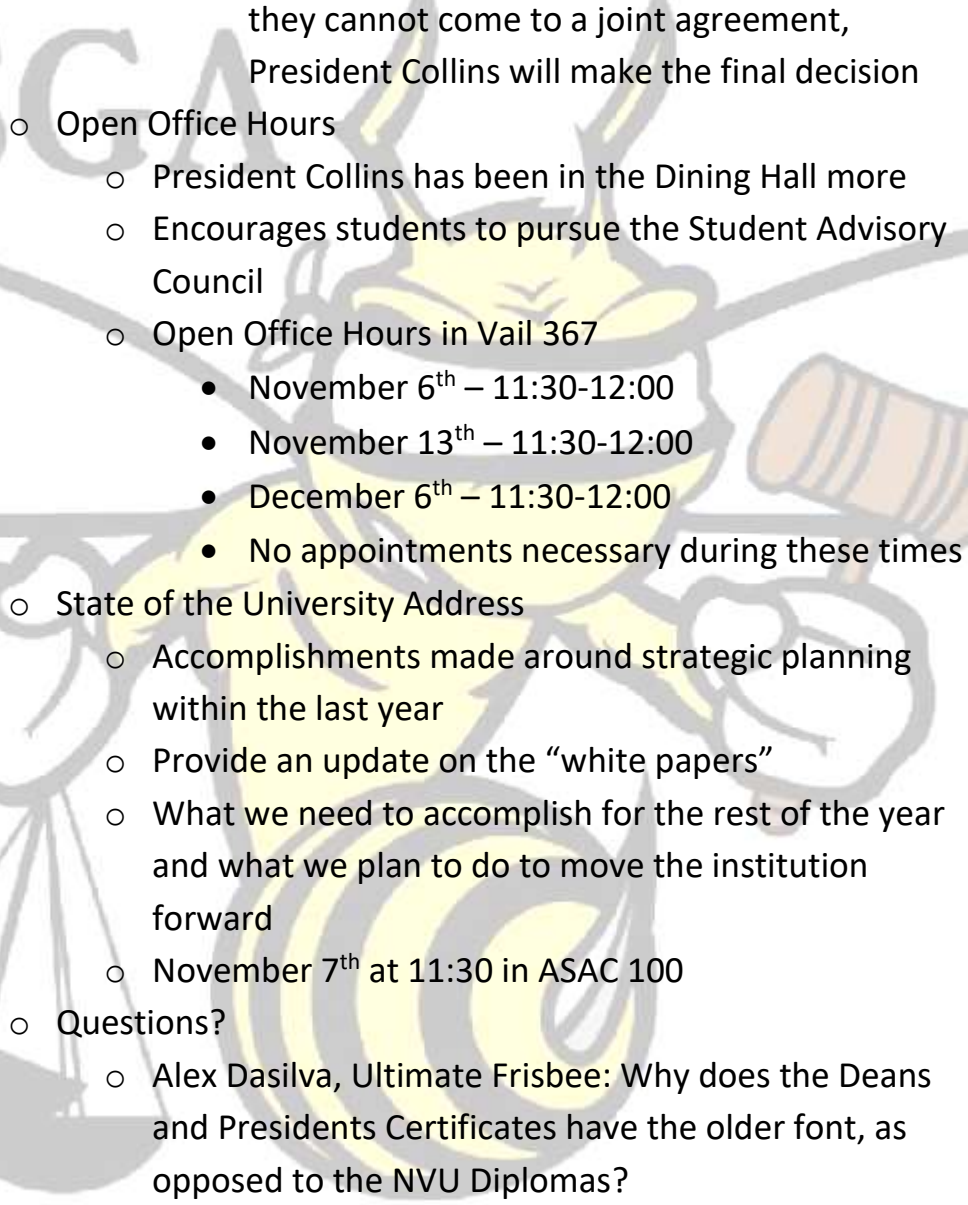
IV. Student Body Comments

- Kelsey Emery, CAB: Ten percent committee purchase a hot dog roller and it has mysteriously gone missing
 - Patrick Wickstrom, SGA Financial Controller will follow up with JD on it
- Kelsey Emery, CAB: There is a huge waiting list of at least 20 people at the Brown House, which is growing as it gets darker
 - Max Thurber, NVUnity suggests generating a list of other therapists in the area
 - Kelsey Emery, CAB responds about the issue with students whose insurance is not covered outside of campus
 - Kate Henriques, SGA President: VSCSA is working on this.
- Vanessa Symonick, Kingdom Crescendos: there are flies in the lights in the Burke Mountain Room
 - Kate Henriques, SGA President: there is also a problem in LAC with the windows not opening properly

V. Reports and Presentations

- a. President Elaine Collins
 - The Executive Team includes:
 - Nolan Atkins, Provost
 - Responsible for all academic-related matters
 - In charge of all-degree programs
 - In charge of all faculty, registrar, academic support, Upward Bound, and the library
 - Creates new academic programs and removes existing degree programs
 - Retention

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- Formed the new schools model
 - Sharron Scott, Dean of Administration
 - Chief financial officer for the university
 - Oversees all finances of the university, accounting, human resources, conferences and events, the bookstore, and food services for the Johnson campus
 - Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students
 - Chief student affairs officer
 - Serves on VSCSA council
 - Oversight of all staff related to student activities, residence life, health and counseling, first-year experience, student learning, public safety, and dining services for Lyndon
 - Chairs Lecture and Arts Committee
 - Michael Fox, Dean of Enrollment and Marketing
 - Recruits support for NVU Online
 - Created an enrollment strategic plan
 - Coordinates marketing (internal and external) for NVU
 - Is looking for student volunteers as ambassadors
 - Leah Hollenberger, University Development and External Relations Officer
 - Oversees development and alumni relations personnel for Lyndon and Johnson
 - Oversees fundraising
 - In charge of community building
 - President's Role
 - End of the chain of command
 - It is best to speak with people directly involved in the areas you are concerned with

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- Executive Team
 - Meets three hours every two weeks
 - Discuss their issues and come to a joint agreement based on the issues discussed. If they cannot come to a joint agreement, President Collins will make the final decision
 - Open Office Hours
 - President Collins has been in the Dining Hall more
 - Encourages students to pursue the Student Advisory Council
 - Open Office Hours in Vail 367
 - November 6th – 11:30-12:00
 - November 13th – 11:30-12:00
 - December 6th – 11:30-12:00
 - No appointments necessary during these times
 - State of the University Address
 - Accomplishments made around strategic planning within the last year
 - Provide an update on the “white papers”
 - What we need to accomplish for the rest of the year and what we plan to do to move the institution forward
 - November 7th at 11:30 in ASAC 100
 - Questions?
 - Alex Dasilva, Ultimate Frisbee: Why does the Deans and Presidents Certificates have the older font, as opposed to the NVU Diplomas?
 - President Collins: there will be a few fonts that students will be able to select one font most like best

- Becca Fauteux, The Critic: is the State of the University Address in Moore Community Room?
 - President Collins: Yes
- Max Thurber, NVUnity: thinks it is cool students will be able to select a font for the diplomas
 - President Collins: clarifies that there will only be one font to choose from
- Pete Cormier, WWLR: spoke directly to President Collins at the Jeb Spaulding meeting and would like to thank President Collins for all she has done for NVU since that meeting
- Financial Update
 - Available: \$27,743.21
 - Total in account: \$56,293.21


VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Voting on LyndonHEIM

- Elijah Clarke: seeking to create LyndonHeim
- LARPing is an acronym for Live Action Role Playing
- LARPing began in Europe and the United States in the 1970's and has gradually grown in popularity
- What they shall't do:
 - Weekly practices – Thursdays 3:30-4:30
 - Monthly Governance Meetings
- Questions? People can e-mail ejc0711@nvu.vsc.edu
- Alex Da Silva, Ultimate Frisbee: are there tournaments you will do?
 - Elijah Clarke: potentially
- Kelsey Emery, CAB: how many members do you have?

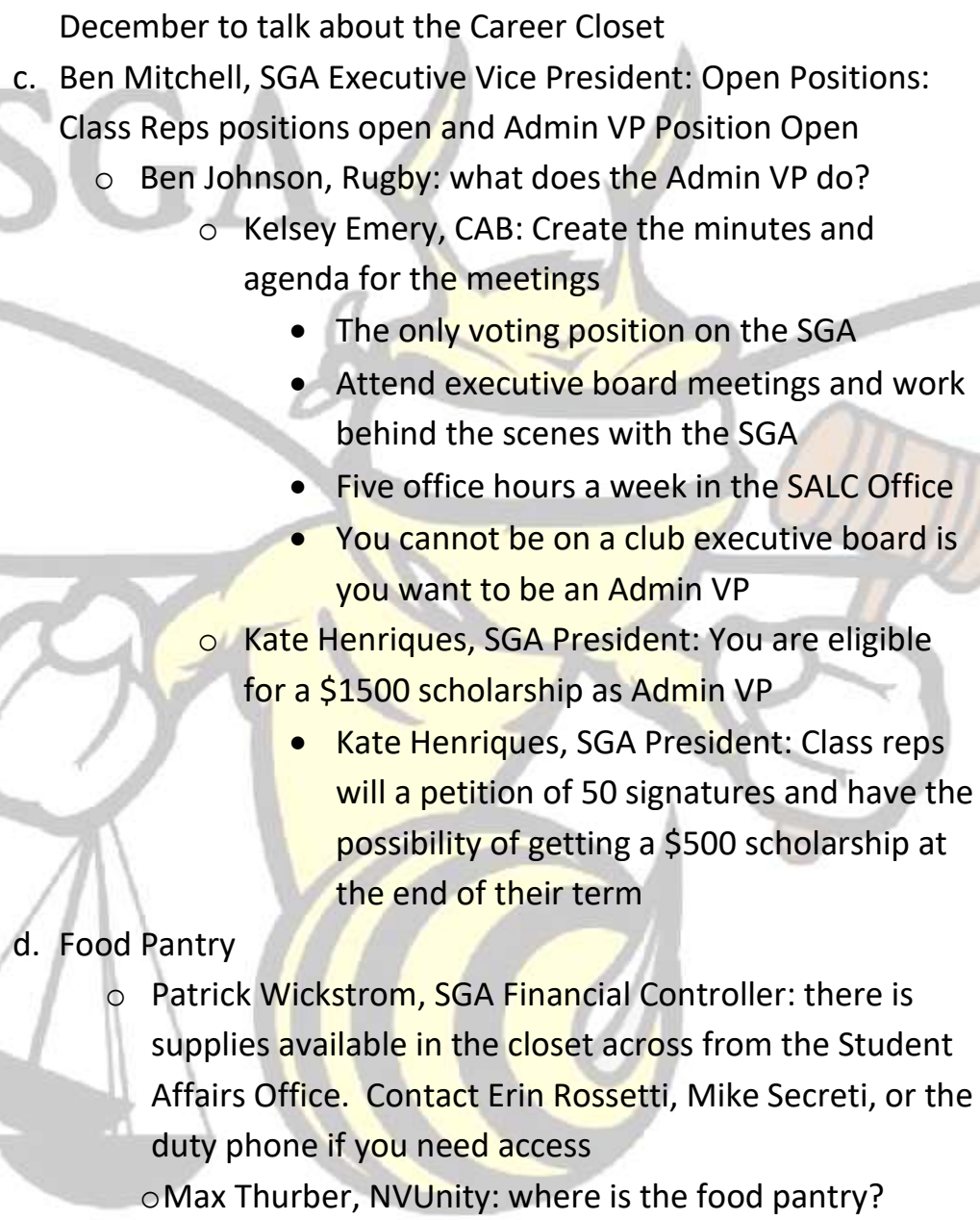
SGA

- Elijah Clarke: He has a mailing list, but it is not clear yet
- Kelsey Emery, CAB: how will you try to recruit members?
 - Elijah Clarke: we will recruit members and many people on the Gaming Club seem to be interested
 - David Pardy, Gaming: Elijah came to the Lyndon Gaming Community to ask about interest in LARPing and there was interest
 - Ben Johnson, Rugby: Rugby would get involved too
- Voting
 - Motion: Alex Huff, Model UN
 - Second: Lauren Hyde, AMS
 - Call: Alex Dasilva, Ultimate Frisbee
 - Vote unanimously passes and LyndonHeim becomes a club
- b. American Meteorological Society (AMS) Funding Request
 - Bobby Saba: seeking money to bring members of AMS to the AMS Conference
 - The AMS Student Conference occurs annually
 - Consists of 100% student research
 - An entire networking evening for students to make connections
 - Benefit for students:
 - Networking
 - Career fair
 - Easy to understand research
 - More experience
 - Request:

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- Scholarships for active members of the club to attend
 - Registration covered for 10 students at \$60 per person
 - This is a new idea for AMS
 - Due to the proximity of the conference (in Boston, MA), this is possibly the only time they will have to bring so many people
 - Lauren Cornell and Lauren Hyde have attended previous conferences and had some positive experiences
 - Questions?
 - Kate Henriques, SGA President: how are you deciding the 10 students?
 - An application is going out for those interested. The hope is to bring as many first-year students as possible. Dr. Preston will go through the applications and the AMS Executive Board will review the applications without the names of the submissions. AMS Executive Board will then move to a vote.
 - Voting
 - Motion: Alex Dasilva, Ultimate Frisbee
 - Second: Vanessa Symonick, Kingdom Crescendos
 - Call: Becca Fauteux, The Critic
 - Vote Passes:
 - Elected Representatives: 2 yes, 1 abstain
 - Club Representatives: 10 yes, 1 no, 4 abstain

VII. Other Business

- a. Trunk or Treat

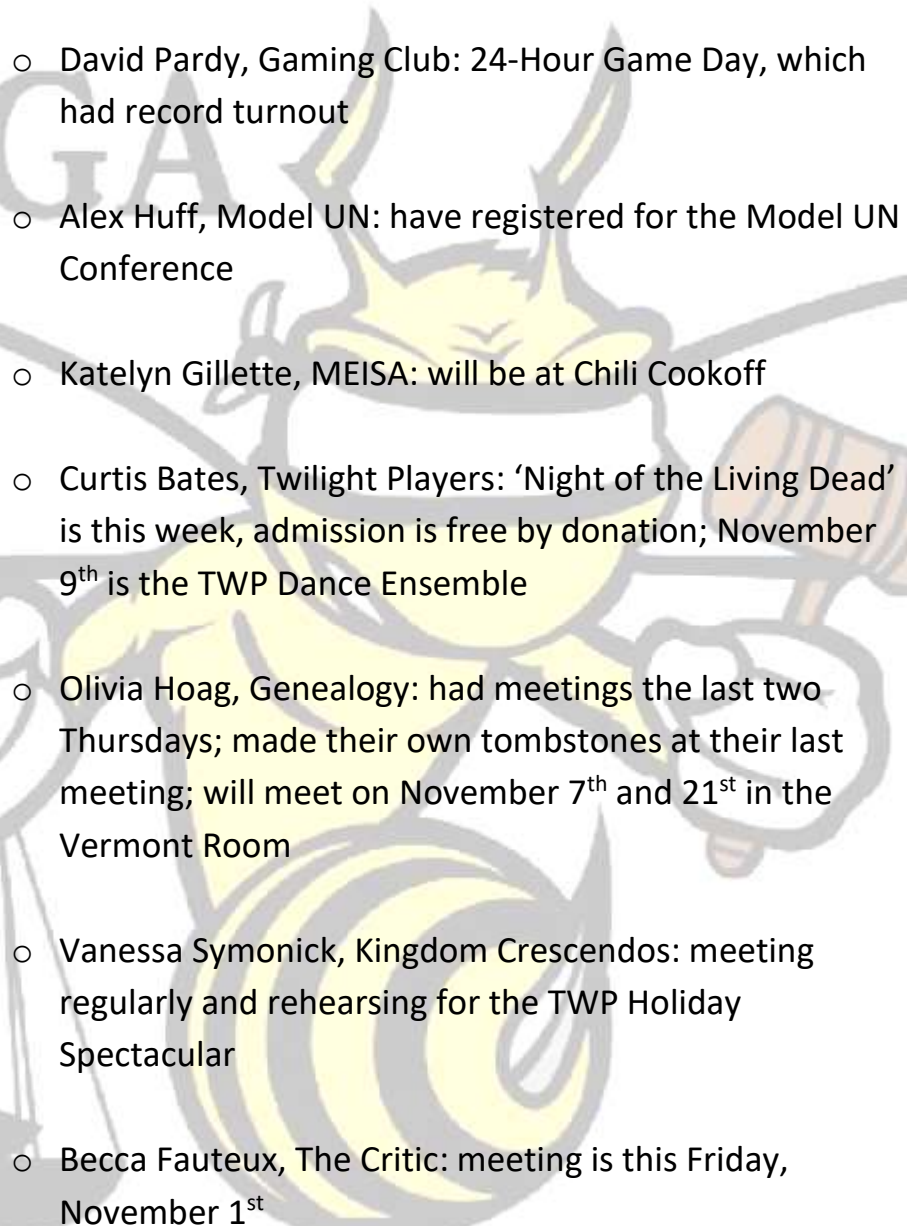
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- If you are going, please e-mail the Lyndon Chamber of Commerce
 - b. Kate Henriques, SGA President: Amy Wright will come in December to talk about the Career Closet
 - c. Ben Mitchell, SGA Executive Vice President: Open Positions: Class Reps positions open and Admin VP Position Open
 - Ben Johnson, Rugby: what does the Admin VP do?
 - Kelsey Emery, CAB: Create the minutes and agenda for the meetings
 - The only voting position on the SGA
 - Attend executive board meetings and work behind the scenes with the SGA
 - Five office hours a week in the SALC Office
 - You cannot be on a club executive board if you want to be an Admin VP
 - Kate Henriques, SGA President: You are eligible for a \$1500 scholarship as Admin VP
 - Kate Henriques, SGA President: Class reps will a petition of 50 signatures and have the possibility of getting a \$500 scholarship at the end of their term
 - d. Food Pantry
 - Patrick Wickstrom, SGA Financial Controller: there is supplies available in the closet across from the Student Affairs Office. Contact Erin Rossetti, Mike Secreti, or the duty phone if you need access
 - Max Thurber, NVUnity: where is the food pantry?
 - Becca Fauteux, The Critic: right before the double doors on the third floor it is on the right in a kitchen door

VIII. Club and Committee Updates

- Patrick Wickstrom, SGA Financial Controller: HOPE will be coming in to next meeting to talk about what they do and what they bring to the community. From there, we will get a feel for where SGA is on this and could come back with a funding request. They usually do not come in with a set amount.
 - Ben Johnson, Rugby: what has HOPE been giving in the past?
 - Patrick Wickstrom, SGA: Last year HOPE was given \$10,000, but they are typically given around \$2,000.
- Patrick Wickstrom, SGA Financial Controller: 10 Percent Committee: a new page has been added to the SGA website describing what the 10 Percent Committee does. The committee is chaired by Jonathan Davis and is made up of Patrick Wickstrom, Lauren Cornell, and Alex Dasilva
- Kelsey Emery, CAB: CAB is going to Trunk or Treat on Halloween; there is a trip to Ben & Jerry's on Saturday; Family Feud on November 5th in the Hive; Open Mic Night on November 7th in the Hive; shuttle to Littleton on November 9th; Stuffed Animals on November 12th; the Vice President position is vacant.
- Lauren Cornell, Resident Assistants: Wheelock put on Descent into the Wheelock Basement, RA Trevor had Therapy Dogs, RA Jack had DIY Stress Jars; tomorrow Rita Bole is having a Costume Contest; on October 30th, RA Faibe is putting on African Food Cooking; RA Mary is

doing coloring in the Theater Lobby at 11:30 on Tuesday, November 5th; Whitelaw/Crevecoeur is putting on a cleaning competition for November

- Faith Poirier, SAAC: November 8th, Women's Basketball is putting on their Tip Off Tournament; Hornet Madness is coming up soon; "Rivalry Week" when we come back from break
- Colton Lafayette, Sports Management: no new updates
- Lauren Hyde, AMS: thank you for the funding request approval; doing Trunk or Treat on Halloween; ticket sales are happening soon for the AMS Talent Show
- Alex Da Silva, Ultimate: elections happened last week; St. Mike's Tournament on Saturday; Cam Jam Tournament on November 11th
- Radek Przygodzki, Cultural Ambassadors: had their first event yesterday: Shea's Semester in Ireland; next meeting on November 5th
- Pete Cormier, WWLR: co-hosting CAB Open Mic Event and Rita Bole Costume Contest event; attending a conference at UVM in April with the Critic; looking for sports producers
- Outing Club: Trunk or Treat on Halloween, trip to Wheeler Mountain, climbing trip next Friday, will have a representative at the chili cookoff

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- Ben Johnson, Rugby: had their last fall game; preparing for their snow bowl
 - David Pardy, Gaming Club: 24-Hour Game Day, which had record turnout
 - Alex Huff, Model UN: have registered for the Model UN Conference
 - Katelyn Gillette, MEISA: will be at Chili Cookoff
 - Curtis Bates, Twilight Players: 'Night of the Living Dead' is this week, admission is free by donation; November 9th is the TWP Dance Ensemble
 - Olivia Hoag, Genealogy: had meetings the last two Thursdays; made their own tombstones at their last meeting; will meet on November 7th and 21st in the Vermont Room
 - Vanessa Symonick, Kingdom Crescendos: meeting regularly and rehearsing for the TWP Holiday Spectacular
 - Becca Fauteux, The Critic: meeting is this Friday, November 1st
 - Alex Huff, Model UN: The Critic is also working on "Lyndon Alphabet": what do you associate each letter with in regards to Lyndon?; "Bucket List" Project: what are must-do things to do before graduation

- Max Thurber, NVUnity: planning ahead for Movie Nights in November and programming in the spring

IX. Adjourn

- Motion: Curtis Bates, Twilight Players
- Second: Becca Fauteux, The Critic
- Call: Vanessa Symonick, Kingdom Crescendos
- All agreed to end the meeting. Meeting ended at 9:21PM

