



Northern Vermont University – Lyndon

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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### GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING November 18, 2020

#### I. Motion to Start Meeting

- a. Motion: Curtis Bates, Peer Leaders  
Second: Campbell Jillette, WWLR  
Call: Stephen Sandor, Residential Assistants
- b. All agreed to start meeting. Meeting started at 8:03PM.

#### II. Attendance

- a. Absent
  - i. Lyndon Gaming Community
  - ii. Adrienne Hutchin, Nontraditional Student Representative
  - iii. SAAC

#### III. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

- a. Motion: Kate Henriques, Twilight Players  
Second: Jasmyn Wilkinson, Class of 2024 Representative  
Call: Stephen Sandor, Residential Assistant
- b. All agreed to approve last meeting's minutes

#### IV. Student Body Comments

- a. Alexandra Huff, Model U.N.: The Critic published an article earlier this week regarding concern for testing results and

leniency regarding COVID-19 policies. Other students on campus have shared similar concerns and would like to see testing become mandatory every two weeks due to the increase of cases in the area.

i. Kate Henriques, Twilight Players: It is difficult for student who receive testing off campus or may have other commitments regarding scheduling and limitations.

ii. Jasmyn Wilkinson, Class of 2024 Representative: If we moved COVID-19 testing to have a greater window of time to accommodate students with tight schedules.

iii. Rob Cassuci, Ski and Ride: UVM has mandatory testing, how would that look for us here at NVU-Lyndon?

1. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Understands that there are limitations on students being able to test, however after the Critic Article was released many students expressed similar concerns. If this were to happen there would have to be changes to the current testing model in order to accommodate the student body.

iv. Jasmyn Wilkinson, Class of 2024 Representative: What is the potential for going completely online?

1. Erin Rossetti, Director of Student Life: As of right now there has been no conversations about going remote for the next semester. Spring semester will begin February 1st and will conclude in May as originally planned.

## V. Reports and Presentations

a. Financial Update : \$63,399.67

- i. Total: \$95,949.67

## VI. Discussion and Action Items

### a. 49900 Account Updates

- i. Disc Golf Course: We have Contacted the necessary people regarding making updates to this course.
- ii. Internet Access Outdoors: This is a project that I.T. has been working on
- iii. Penguin Gazebo: An Option we have been looking at regarding adding an outdoor space.

1. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: What would be the square footage?

a. Gill MacDonald, S.G.A. President: 12 ft x 12 ft is the size we are currently looking at.

2. Jasmyn Wilkinson, Class of 2024 Representative: would we be getting one or multiple?

a. Gill MacDonald, S.G.A. President: I currently do not have an answer for that, but if we were interested in multiple we are happy to entertain that idea.

3. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Where would this go?

a. Gill MacDonald, S.G.A. President: We are looking into multiple locations at the moment.

4. Curtis Bates, Peer Leaders: Thinks that the located where the old Gazebo was located would be a good place for the new one.

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5. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: The Tent where outdoor classes were held might be a good space for a permanent outdoor location. There used to be a garden there but was taken away. IT would be in the center of campus which would be accessible to many student on campus.
  6. Mary Berger, NVUnity: expressed concerns about the threat of this space becoming vandalized for misused if it is in a centralized location on campus.
  7. Ben Lebeau, M.E.I.S.A.: I like the idea of placing it where the tent was. I would not like to place it where Veteran's park is as that is a nice outdoor space as it stands.
  8. Jasmyn Wilkinson, Class of 2024 Representative: Agrees regarding it being located in a centralized space on campus.
- iv. Campus Printing Improvements: Currently awaiting IT's response about current printing usage.

## VII. Other Business

- a. Lyndon and Spring Day Updates
  - i. Gill MacDonald, S.G.A. President: Current tentative dates for Lyndon Day: February 12, 2021, and Spring Day: April 23-25, 2021
  - ii. Club Representative had not received the information regarding Lyndon and Spring Day, this was sent out once again after the S.G.A. General Board meeting.
- b. Michael Secreti, S.G.A. Advisor: Reminded us about the opportunity regarding the leadership workshops which were



included in the email accidentally not sent out to the general board members.

i. Ben Lebeau, M.E.I.S.A.: Would that be just for events or will clubs be able to use this as well?

1. Gill MacDonald, S.G.A. President: Clubs will be able to have this resource as well.

ii. Alex Huff: Expressed an interest in Secrets of Motivation and Delegations regarding stress relieving for the conclusion of the spring semester of the next school year.

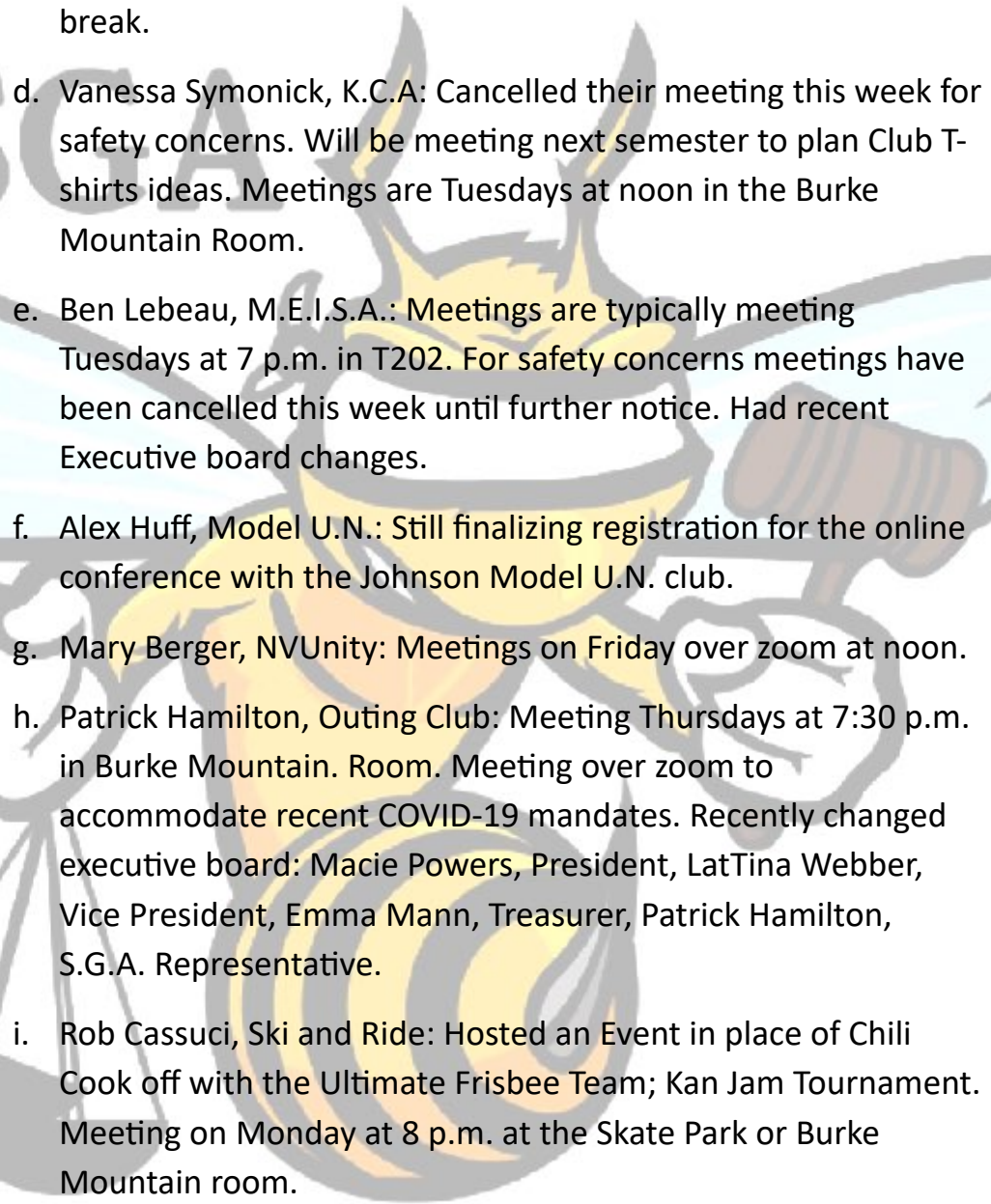
iii. Kate H: Who would be doing this?

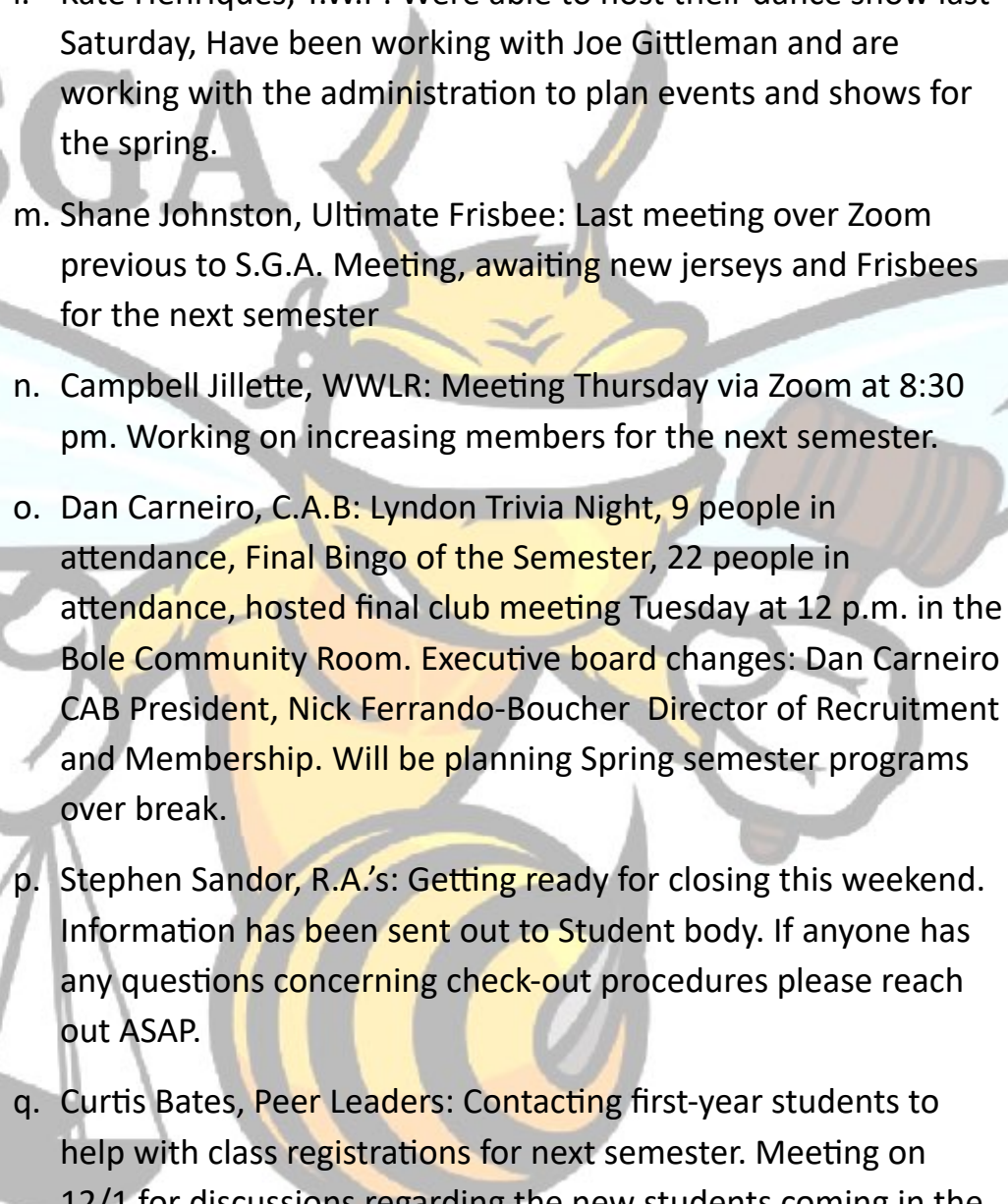
1. Michael Secreti, S.G.A. Advisor: David Kelly, he works with many organizations and schools, he will be able to give us a new perspective and everything is virtual. Is interested if this could be something we could do with other schools for money saving purposes. The Service includes interactive webinars with breakout rooms.

iv. Jasmyn Wilkinson, Class of 2024 Representative: Expressed interest in Confidence as a Leader, believes this could encourage more of the student body to have the confidence to step up as a leader.

## **VIII. Club and Committee Updates**

- a. Lauren Hyde, AMS – Meetings via Zoom on the first Thursday of every month. Annual Conference will be held online for safety concerns.
- b. Becca Fauteux, The Critic – Meetings on Friday at 4pm in the Rita Bole Community Room. Due to COVID-19 restrictions will be meeting remotely. Plans on posting articles over the break.

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- c. Macie Powers, Dance Ensemble: New S.G.A. Representative, Macie Powers. Has been meeting via Zoom instead of hosting in person practices. Will be having meetings once a week over break.
- d. Vanessa Symonick, K.C.A: Cancelled their meeting this week for safety concerns. Will be meeting next semester to plan Club T-shirts ideas. Meetings are Tuesdays at noon in the Burke Mountain Room.
- e. Ben Lebeau, M.E.I.S.A.: Meetings are typically meeting Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in T202. For safety concerns meetings have been cancelled this week until further notice. Had recent Executive board changes.
- f. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Still finalizing registration for the online conference with the Johnson Model U.N. club.
- g. Mary Berger, NVUnity: Meetings on Friday over zoom at noon.
- h. Patrick Hamilton, Outing Club: Meeting Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in Burke Mountain. Room. Meeting over zoom to accommodate recent COVID-19 mandates. Recently changed executive board: Macie Powers, President, LatTina Webber, Vice President, Emma Mann, Treasurer, Patrick Hamilton, S.G.A. Representative.
- i. Rob Cassuci, Ski and Ride: Hosted an Event in place of Chili Cook off with the Ultimate Frisbee Team; Kan Jam Tournament. Meeting on Monday at 8 p.m. at the Skate Park or Burke Mountain room.
- j. Shelby Benton, Sports Medicine: Meeting every other Wednesday over zoom. Recently purchased new sweatshirts and t-shirts.

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- k. Jesse Munroe, Student Investment: Had last meeting two weeks ago, awaiting new merchandise for the next semester.
  - l. Kate Henriques, T.W.P: Were able to host their dance show last Saturday, Have been working with Joe Gittleman and are working with the administration to plan events and shows for the spring.
  - m. Shane Johnston, Ultimate Frisbee: Last meeting over Zoom previous to S.G.A. Meeting, awaiting new jerseys and Frisbees for the next semester
  - n. Campbell Jillette, WWLR: Meeting Thursday via Zoom at 8:30 pm. Working on increasing members for the next semester.
  - o. Dan Carneiro, C.A.B: Lyndon Trivia Night, 9 people in attendance, Final Bingo of the Semester, 22 people in attendance, hosted final club meeting Tuesday at 12 p.m. in the Bole Community Room. Executive board changes: Dan Carneiro CAB President, Nick Ferrando-Boucher Director of Recruitment and Membership. Will be planning Spring semester programs over break.
  - p. Stephen Sandor, R.A.'s: Getting ready for closing this weekend. Information has been sent out to Student body. If anyone has any questions concerning check-out procedures please reach out ASAP.
  - q. Curtis Bates, Peer Leaders: Contacting first-year students to help with class registrations for next semester. Meeting on 12/1 for discussions regarding the new students coming in the spring.
  - r. Jasmyn Wilkinson, Class of 2024 Representative: Hosted final Town hall for the semester, had some student express concerns of the potential of not returning to campus.

- s. Renee Chaples, S.G.A. Administrative Vice President– no new updates
- t. Katie Flannigan, S.G.A. Executive Vice President – No New Updates
- u. Alex Huff, Model U.N.: Interested in any updates regarding the bookstore and what is may be used for. Wants to open up the bookstore to student discussions.

### **IX. Adjourn**

- a. Motion: Campbell Jillette, WWLR  
Second: Jesse Munroe, Student Investment.  
Call: Jasmyn Wilkinson, Class of 2024 Representative.
- b. All agreed to end meeting. Meeting concluded at 8:52PM.

