

The New Face of Student Government

Students become active on campus with Leadership, Experience, Advocacy and Development through Student Life programming. The design of this model shift takes into consideration and addresses the roles/functions the SGA model served:

- Club/Advisor Training (q 6)
- Professional Student Development (q 2, 6)
- Club Funding Request/Review (q 4,8)
- Student Feedback (q 5)
- Encourage Campus Engagement (q 2, 4, 6, 9)
- Advocacy with Wisconsin Student Government (q 4)
- Serve as a Core Student Advisory Group (q 4)



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Overview FAQs

1) Why are we shifting from SGA to LEAD and how did it come about?

The shift to the newly created LEAD model is based on student feedback and designed to address the challenges SGA previously faced including the misidentity of government/politics, a clearly defined purpose, membership opportunities open to all students, and flexibility of scheduling.

2) You mentioned purpose. What's the purpose of the new model?

- To create community (a pack) by
- connecting with others
 - giving back through community service
 - advocating for student needs
 - building diversity awareness
 - developing social/soft skills

3) Who was involved in the decision to change?

Members of the SGA board, club officers, and campus ambassadors were included in the planning. Club advisors from all divisions were consulted. Additionally, feedback was obtained from members of NTC's Student Services and learning teams and the new Wisconsin Student Government Resource Director with further review by NTC's Executive Leadership Team.

4) So what's happening with SGA and the bimonthly meetings?

There will no longer be bimonthly SGA meetings. The leadership opportunities previously available through SGA will now be offered through:

- Timberwolf Voices: advocacy committee collaborating with Wisconsin Student Government
- The Wolfpack: programming/events committee
- Club Funding Committee: comprised of student representatives from 4-6 clubs each year
- Timberwolf Champions: the leaders among leaders who are personally invited to serve as a core advisory group

5) Without monthly meetings, how will students provide feedback and share concerns?

There will now be at least two listening/advisory sessions offered each semester which will be open and promoted to all students. Members of Timberwolf Voices will also seek student feedback. Additionally, students are still able to share concerns through the NTC website and with employees, such as advisors or instructors.

Funding FAQs

6) My club used to earn money from SGA meetings. How do we earn money now?

Clubs can still earn the same amount of money by being engaged on campus! Earn \$100 seed money each semester by attending a club/advisor orientation. Clubs also receive \$20 attendance bonus (up to \$200 annually) by attending 5 events (1 per category) of their choosing each semester:

- Social events
- Community service opportunities
- Advisory/listening sessions
- Diversity programs
- Skill development activities

With a variety of offerings and an assortment of days/times, you're sure to find many events to attend as a club!

7) **How many members of our club need to attend to receive the SEED and attendance bonuses?**

We know students are more likely to attend events when they know other students who are planning to attend. Our hope is multiple members – or even your whole club – will want to attend. To receive SEED and attendance bonuses, however, only one member of your club needs to attend and check in with Student Life.

8) **Can our club still request additional funding from SGA?**

As long as 4-6 clubs volunteer to serve as a funding committee to review the requests, clubs can still request additional funding for up to half the cost of an event by submitting the Club Funding Request Form.

9) **What happens if there aren't club volunteers? Who will review the funding?**

Because there is no longer an SGA Executive Board and the funding review comes from peers, if there are no peers to review the funding then no funding requests will be granted.

10) **How does our club join the funding committee?**

Email studentlife@ntc.edu with your club name and the request to be on the committee. Note the club is signing up for the school year. Because there is training and a learning curve with processing funding requests, ideally the same club member will serve on the committee for the full year. If that is not possible, it's requested for the individual to serve through the fall semester with a new member serving the entirety of the spring semester.

Typically there are 4-5 funding requests in the fall and 10-15 requests in the spring. If each member comes prepared to discuss, each request can be less than 30 minutes to discuss. Meetings will be scheduled with the committee as requests come in, and Student Life will work with the committee to identify a common meeting time.

Club Event and Attendance FAQs

11) **Will our club still host its own events?**

Clubs are still required to host at least two events each semester. Club events are a great way to engage club members in activities specific to your club's mission and goals (as well as your career field) while increasing soft skills, providing leadership opportunities, and building camaraderie with club members.

12) **If I attend another club's events, will they count toward the \$20 attendance bonus for events?**

At this time only designated Student Life events will count toward the \$20 attendance bonus for clubs. For clubs hosting annual events open to all students, it may be possible to include the events in future school years.

13) **How do I know what events count?**

There's a complete list for fall available on the Student Club Resources web page. Visit www.ntc.edu/studentlife. Then click Student Clubs and Student Club Resources. You'll find it at the bottom of the page.

14) **Is my club required to perform community service in addition to the Student Life service options?**

While each club is encouraged to perform community service related to its club mission, community service has never been a club requirement.

15) **Will clubs still receive recognition?**

Student Life will continue to host the annual Student Recognition Banquet honoring outstanding clubs and student leaders. We look forward to seeing your nominations for club awards this year!