



STUDENT SENATE AGENDA

February 12, 2024
Plains Room/Virtual

1. **Call to Order** *President Willprecht called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.*
2. **Roll Call** *Administrative Assistant Warnecke took roll call.*
3. **Approval of Minutes** (February 5, 2024) *Vice President Larson moved to approve the minutes of February 5, 2024. Senator Weshnevski seconded. Motion carries.*
4. **Guest Speaker** *No Guest Speakers today.*
5. **New Business/Presentations**
 - Dreams Auction
 - *All senators need to make sure they have or will attend two NDSAs. The last NDSA is important, but Dreams Auction is also important to campus. Senator will be able to be excused early during the auction.*
 - New Senator Applications
 - *Both students introduced themselves.*
 - *Senator Birnbaum motioned to move into a time of closed discussion. Senator Klindt seconded.*
 - *Senator Weshnevski motioned to move into a time of open discussion. Senator Parks seconded.*
 - *Senator Klindt motioned to vote in Parker Martinson and Zoey Bohnenstingl. Vice President Larson seconded. The board voted and approved. Motion carries.*
 - ACHA-NCHA Survey
 - *Bethany Mauch emailed Administrative Assistant Warnecke about the National College Health Assessment survey and asked that the Senate helps to promote it. The survey takes about 15-20 minutes. They want to have a healthier and more informed campus community. This survey is national and will not pertain to our campus, they want to clarify this so as to not have any privacy issues. After students complete the survey, they will get a "Thank You" email letting them know that they can get their free Dippin Dots. These can be picked up at the school nurse or the Wellness Department.*
6. **Programs** *No Programs today.*

7. **Old Business** *No Old Business today.*

8. **Student Concerns/Updates** *No Student Concerns today.*

9. **Reports**

- **Executive Team Reports**

- President Willprecht

- Attendance

- *We are getting into the heat of the semester, so schoolwork comes first. If anyone needs to miss a meeting or will be late, that is okay, but they need to let the exec team and Heather know.*

- Vice President Larson

- NDSU Day of Higher Education

- *This event is on Saturday, February 24th. It will roughly start at 11 a.m. and will go till 3-3:30 p.m. This event is optional. Vice President Larson is wondering if anyone was interested in attending or learning more about it.*

- Admin Assistant Warnecke

- *Jackie Nordick has been sent the Club Bylaws and Constitution and will be updating them on the website as soon as possible.*

- **Advisor Report**

- *The two new senators will have to stay after the meeting for a few minutes to figure out scheduling for onboarding.*

- *Our next meeting is February 26th. The exec team will give an overview of their positions. Heather will bring intent to return forms and senators can say if they have interest in one of the executive positions.*

- **CAB – Senator Birnbaum**

- *This week is Snow Fest Week. Swing and Line is from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Alley on Monday, February 12th. There is a LoveSmart: Healthy Relationships Presentation from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Alley on Tuesday, February 13th. Bowling Night is at Terrace Lanes from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13th. On Wednesday, February 14th, there is a Kissing Booth from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Center. There is also Nacho Average Skate Night at 7:15 p.m. at the Stern Sports Arena. Thursday, February 15th, there will be a Snow Fest Dance in the Alley from 9 p.m. to midnight. On Friday, February 16th, there will be a Free Hot Chocolate Bar from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center.*

- **Residential Life – Admin. Assistant**

- *On Tuesday, February 13th, Stay and Save starts up. During Stay and Save, you can sign up for next year's housing if you will be living in the residence halls and you will be able to get this year's prices instead of next year's. This will be from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Plains Room.*

From February 14th to the 23rd, you can sign up for Stay and Save in the Residential Life Central Office from 7:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

- **NDSCS Team Reports**

- Dining Services ----- Senator Klindt
 - *They talked about the comment cards that dining has set out and how students are not using them as much. It was also explained to Senator Klindt that she can bring student concerns about dining to these meetings, and they will give her updates on these concerns.*
 - *Next meeting is Wednesday, February 14th at 8:30 a.m.*
- Management Team ----- Admin. Assistant Warnecke
 - *Nothing to report. Next meeting is Tuesday, February 20th at 8 a.m.*
- Diversity & Equity Team ----- Senator Makuach
 - *Budget is good, although either we use it or lose it. Talked about hosting a pride in the park. Talked about the positives and negatives of the surveys sent out recently. For Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women Day, we will be sponsoring the first five hundred bags of popcorn to be free. They discussed the Grab N Go Station in Riley Hall, talked about how the supply is getting low, how can they supply more? Are pregnancy tests a good option to supply? Talked about equal pay day in march. Talked about how we need to recognize natives' land and areas. Finally, should we supply free laundry pods in dorm laundry rooms?*
 - *Next meeting is to be determined.*
- Parking Appeals Team ----- Senator Maudal
 - *They had two appeals, and one was reduced from \$20 to \$10. The other was reduced to \$5. Next meeting is Thursday, February 15th at 11 a.m.*
- Safety Committee ----- Senator Klindt
 - *Senator Klindt reached out about the form to report a fall. They are in the process of changing the form to make it more student friendly.*
 - *Senator Birnbaum suggested that the form could be part of FYE classes.*
 - *Next meeting is March 12 at 2 p.m.*
- Strategic & Accreditation Planning Team ---- Senator Birnbaum
 - *They are waiting for other departments to get their reports to them. They are wanting to set up dual credit in Fargo because of the new campus, which they are planning to visit on March 19th. Next meeting is March 19th.*

- **NDSCS Student Senate Committee Reports**

- Agawasio ----- Senator Hoff

- *They are waiting for posters and logos. All the food has been submitted. Next meeting is undetermined.*
- **Community Engagement ----- Senator Weshnevski**
 - *Thought about switching Service-Learning Project to repainting parking lines in parking lots. Senator Maudal spoke with Missy from the Police Department about this, and she said that it is a process, but she could help navigate the people they would need to talk to.*
 - *Senator Birnbaum brought up that safety committee has been wanting to do something like this and that we could work with them.*
 - *Next meeting is undetermined.*
- **Club Bylaws and Constitution ----- President Willprecht**
 - *Received final copy of the bylaws. No next meeting is scheduled at the moment.*
- **Marketing Committee ----- Senator Parks**
 - *Nothing to report. Will determine meeting time and date.*
- **Tabling ----- Vice President Larson**
 - *Need two hours scheduled by the 15th on the tabling calendar. All new senators will be addressed.*
- **North Dakota Student Association**
 - **IAC**
 - *Discussed ideas for marketing tools and possibly having fidget spinners, bracelets, etc. Decided on a technology purchase as they were trying to find a different type of camera to use during live streaming. They discussed raising scholarships with the reserve money they have. This would help to spend down the reserves. There was also a discussion about the NDSA fee increase that was passed to the GA.*
 - **SLAC**
 - *Discussed updates on Envision 2035- Teacher of the Future Award. There is emergency licensure in the state in response to teacher shortage. They are talking about how to incorporate AI into corporations. They discussed how to increase attendance for sports games and other activities around campus. They talked about OERs, Open Educational Resources, and the usage of them among campuses. There was a suggestion to have an OER Task Force. This task force would help promote OERs and the faculty and staff at VCSU would like to be involved if we further this task force. There is funding given out to each campus for OERs, but either campuses do not know about it or are not being used for OERs specifically. Instructors do not always tag the OERs every year for each specific class that makes it unavailable for students.*

There will be an OER summit held in Bismarck at the Heritage Center for further knowledge.

- SAC
 - *Discussed the Student Outreach Taskforce and there was not a lot of interest in it. They want to work on pushing their social media a little bit. They are doing a lot of “story takeovers” where delegates will share from their campus. They are doing this as a way to try and encourage students to go to NDSA. Talked about the NDUS Presidential contracts, changing the initial annual contract to a three-year contract. This was then pushed to the GA.*
- GA
 - *The bylaw change in support of a fee increase that was tabled to this meeting was tabled indefinitely, effectively killing the change. The resolution in support of that bylaw change was voted on and failed. A resolution to support extending initial NDUS president contracts to 3 years was brought forward and passed. Approval for additional cameras to have in committees was also passed. A resolution in support of DEI departments was passed in reaction to possible legislation coming next year that would attack these departments. A resolution in opposition to paid supplemental material being used as core content was passed. Michael Thomas, NDSU's head delegate, was awarded delegate of the month. Finally, NDSU brought up their upcoming higher ed day.*
- Breakout Sessions
 - *Discussed how to promote NDSA on campuses across the state. BSC students did not know what student government or NDSA was. It was mentioned that NDSA should be promoted within schools/institutions themselves rather than widespread across the state. Talked about potentially pulling from reserves to start NDSA tabling at events and how students do not need to be on Student Senate to go.*

10. Announcements

- No Meeting on Monday, February 19th – President’s Day
- VCSU NDSA – March 15th and 16th

11. Adjournment *Senator Weshnevski motioned to adjourn the meeting. Senator Klindt seconded. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.*