



STUDENT SENATE AGENDA

January 29, 2024
Plains Room/Virtual

1. **Call to Order** *President Willprecht called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.*
2. **Roll Call** *Administrative Assistant Warnecke took roll call.*
3. **Approval of Minutes** (January 22, 2024) *Senator Birnbaum moved to approve the minutes of January 22, 2024. Senator Weshnevski seconded. Motion carries.*
4. **Guest Speaker**
 - Students Fees Presentation
 - Melissa Johnson, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs
 - *There are three fees that were discussed with President Flanigan that he has approved to move forward with. Last year, there was a shift in some of the student fees that now go through the president's office and get approved. They then come to the Student Senate for our consideration alongside any increases of fees are directly related to programming, CAB, Senate, Student Center, etc. There are no fees being proposed for these things this year. This discussion is more so for our information so that we understand what some of the other fees will look like moving forward. Dr. Flanigan wants to advocate for an increase to a portion of the athletic department fees that go toward the pool. There will be an increase to the intramural fee. Dr. Flanigan is passionate about wanting to offer students activities and events. Some students say there is a lot to do, and others say that there is nothing to do. There is a QR Code that students can scan to give feedback on what events they would like to see on campus. The budget for counseling will be bumped up to help the Student Health & Wellness Department. There is a software program called Medicat, which will allow the campus clinic to track documents, visits, notes, etc. This program will also allow the enrollment process to go 80% faster than it usually does as Medicat will be able to put a student's immunization forms and they do not have to spend time searching for them.*
 - *Residential Life Housing rates on average are being proposed to increase by 5% in the next year. The calculations and numbers were on a sheet that was handed to the Student Senate board.*

Shown is a table of what the cost of single and double rooms will be, along with the campus apartments. Over the next ten years, there are plans to turn over six units at a time renovating the town homes.

- *Dining Services rates on average are being proposed to increase by 4% in the next year. They want to ensure that they have the ability to address and replace some of their equipment on an annual basis.*
- *Cloy Tobola, Chief Information Officer*
 - *President Flanigan, Melissa, and a few others met today to look at where they are spending their fee dollars. There are lot of people in the IT Department, but they do not have somebody to make sure systems are “talking” to each other. The IT Department used to have someone that did this, but years ago, the position was cut. IT went to President Flanigan and told him that they needed to create this position and they looked at the student tech fee. They agreed that \$1.67 would be used per credit, which would be an increase, to fund this new position. They are not going to be able to fund this position right away but will start to move in that direction. NDSCS only charges a tech fee for twelve credits. A student can take eighteen credits but will only be charged for twelve credits.*
- *Mathew Schur, Director of Residential and Student Life*
 - *Residential Life’s goal is to keep the student’s wants and needs in mind when thinking about the resident halls. Most students do not want long hallways with communal bathrooms. They want more apartment style suites and rooms. They want to give students the feeling of independence when living in the resident halls.*

5. New Business/Presentations

- **Marketing Committee**
 - *At our last meeting, we talked about adding the Marketing Committee and it was brought back to Exec and it was decided that there will be two to three senators on this committee. This committee will help advocate for Student Senate and student activities on campus. They would go under the Student Life account. The senators on this committee could create posters to share on campus and help promote NDSA.*
 - *Senator Klindt moved to approve the Marketing Committee. Senator Parks seconded the motion. Motion carries.*
 - *Senator Parks, Senator Klindt, and Senator Maudal are interested in joining the Marketing Committee. Senator Parks will be chairing this committee.*

- Student Recognition & Graduation Committee
 - *It sounds like they will not have nor need a student to sit on this committee. It has not been determined if they will need this committee in the Fall of 2024 yet. The exec team wanted to bring forward the option of dissolving this committee for the Spring of 2024.*
 - *Vice President Larson moved to dissolve the Student Recognition & Graduation Committee until Fall of 2024. Senator Birnbaum seconded the motion. Motion carries.*
- Club Bylaws and Constitution Second Reading
 - *Administrative Assistant Warnecke is in the process of removing all the edits from the Club Bylaws and Constitution. If there are any edits that anyone would like to make, they will need to contact President Willprecht, Administrative Assistant Warnecke, or Heather and let them know.*
 - *Senator Birnbaum moved to approve the Club Bylaws and Constitution with the intent to fix all edits. Senator Weshenvski seconded the motion. Motion carries.*

6. Programs *No Programs today.*

7. Old Business *No Old Business today.*

8. Student Concerns/Updates

- *In the Legacy bathrooms, the lock is in a spot where it is inconvenient for shorter people, like small children.*
- *There was a suggestion from a student that we get a Willy the Wildcat statue made by welding students and put it in the Oval.*
- *Another student suggested putting Willow Trees on campus because they provide shade and will provide some wind coverage.*
- *The water fountains in Robertson are not working.*
 - *Senator Birnbaum ran into some of the maintenance staff that were fixing a water fountain and talked to them. They said that parts are expensive, and it takes almost two months to get new water fountains in.*
- *There should be floor numbers in the Norgaard stairway as it gets confusing when going up and down the stairs. It is easier for RAs to do rounds.*
 - *They are in the process of finding a way to put numbers up.*
- *In the southside parking lot by Schultz Hall, there are new parking lines that were painted over the old lines, and it is making it confusing for students when parking.*
- *A student commented that the bathrooms on campus should have the same utility shelves that Minot State University has.*
- *The water bottle filler on the water fountain in Schultz first floor does not work.*

- *On the second floor of the Electrical Department, there is a water fountain that only has sludge water in it.*
- *The water fountains in Walton and Schultz are very dated and they do not have water bottle fillers. It would be nice if they did, but it would take a while to get new ones and to replace the old ones.*

9. Reports

- **Executive Team Reports**

- President Willprecht
 - *Nothing to report.*
- Vice President Larson
 - *Took a headcount for the February NDSA.*
- Admin Assistant Warnecke
 - *Nothing to report.*

- **Advisor Report**

- *Wanted to thank us for looking sharp and asking good questions.*

- **CAB – Senator Birnbaum**

- *Skate Night is Wednesday, January 31st at 7:15 p.m. There will be Pop-Up events that are going to be announced this week.*

- **Residential Life – Admin. Assistant Warnecke**

- *Room Change Requests started on Tuesday, January 23rd, and end on Friday, February 2nd. Next meeting is Monday, January 29th at 8 p.m.*

- **NDSCS Team Reports**

- Auxiliary Services ----- Open
 - *This committee was tabled till Spring of 2024. Will not have anyone join this committee until we hear back from Dining Services.*
- Management Team ----- Admin. Assistant Warnecke
 - *Nothing to report. Next meeting is February 20th at 8 a.m.*
- Diversity & Equity Team ----- Senator Makuach
 - *Nothing to report. Next meeting is February 6th at noon.*
- Parking Appeals Team ----- Senator Maudal
 - *Nothing to report. Next meeting is Thursday, February 1st at 11 a.m.*
- Safety Committee ----- Senator Klindt
 - *Senator Klindt fell last week on the ice and emailed someone from the Safety Committee. She will be asking about the form to fill out when you or you see someone else fall. Next meeting is March 12th at 2 p.m.*
- Accreditation & Strategic Planning Team ----- Open
 - *Senator Birnbaum will chair this committee. Next meeting is February 26th at 3 p.m.*

- Student Recognition & Graduation ----- Senator Maudal
 - *This committee was dissolved.*
- **NDSCS Student Senate Committee Reports**
 - Agawasio ----- Senator Hoff
 - *In their last meeting, they talked about events that they will have and there will be music. They thought it would be a good idea to take out the large event, like a comedian, and replace it with a Cornhole Tournament. They want to use the money that would have gone to the larger event and purchase prizes, like grocery and gas gift cards. They could buy multiple gift cards and put them all in a wallet. Some other prize ideas were Air pods, Dining/Wildcat dollars, and good cook wear. This event would start a little earlier, like during dinner, and the tournament would have a basic bracket to keep track of who wins. The prizes could be set out on a table like at Grocery Bingo.*
 - *They talked about a potential Dunk Tank. They wanted ideas on who to ask to participate in this. They were thinking that some instructors could join in on this as well.*
 - Community Engagement ----- Senator Weshnevski
 - *Senator Weshnevski will be sending out an email to set up a time to meet.*
 - Club Bylaws and Constitution ----- President Willprecht
 - *Nothing to report. There is not another meeting scheduled at this time.*
 - Tabling ----- Vice President Larson
 - *Reminder that everyone is required to have one hour of tabling for the month of January. Next meeting is Tuesday, January 30th at 3 p.m.*
- **North Dakota Student Association**
 - IAC
 - SLAC
 - SAC
 - GA
 - Breakout Sessions

10. Announcements

11. Adjournment *Senator Weshnevski motioned to adjourn the meeting. Vice President Larson seconded. Motion carries. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.*