



STUDENT SENATE AGENDA

October 23rd, 2023
Plains Room/Virtual

1. **Call to Order** *President Willprecht called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.*
2. **Roll Call** *Administrative Assistant Warnecke took roll call.*
3. **Approval of Minutes** (October 16th, 2023) *Senator Jibben moved to approve the minutes of October 16th, 2023. Senator Weshnevski seconded this motion. Motion carried.*
4. **Guest Speaker**
 - Matt Schur, Student and Residential Life Director
 - *Here to address the changes of the bathrooms outside the dining hall. Have gotten a better understanding of why it was done and can explain it to us. Sometimes organizations will rent out facilities and they can make special requests. One request was to have gender neutral bathrooms available for them. After this event, our inclusion desires were evaluated by the executive directors. There was a request and the desire to have gender neutral facilities here on campus. It was opted to make it permanent instead of temporary. The area was chosen because the other bathrooms by the IT Department, don't have doors and it was more cost effective to have doors put in. The fairest way to go about this was to use the bathrooms by dining hall. A lot of what needs to be done as administratives for students is to have a private place for individuals to find comfort. There may be a desire to renovate this building and have single use bathrooms. It is believed that this building has already been on the agenda for change. In future, the renovation of this building could happen, but right now, we don't have the facilities to add another bathroom and make it the gender neutral bathroom. We will make sure that our facilities are in a fair, safe, and comfortable place and that happens to be in this building. It's not a convenient set up but it's the most cost effective. The signage on the doors needs to be changed. The decision of the bathrooms was not communicated with the students and the executive directors recognize that they need to give their voice along with listening to students. Matt's office is in Riley 137 if there are any questions.*
5. **New Business/Presentations**
 - Midterm Grade Reports

- *Are due if not turned in.*
- Senate Apparel
 - *Discussed this in Exec meeting. Will be looking into Grippers and get a few options to through around and have discussion.*
- Vote in New Member
 - *Senator Weshnevski moved to vote in Elise Klindt. Senator Parks seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

6. Programs *No Programs today.*

7. Old Business *No Old Business today.*

8. Student Concerns/Updates

- *The dining concerns were shared with the dining staff.*
- *More darts were ordered and have talked about ordering another dart board.*
- *For the past 5 or more years, the library has been closed on Saturdays except move in days. Open to getting feedback on whether the library should be open on Saturdays or not. We could do a trial run to see how many people show up on Saturday because barely any people show up on Sundays. Wonder if the library could have an ID scanner for athletes so they can have more options of places to get studying and homework done. Challenge us to ask students that if the library was open on weekends, would you go there or use the student center to study.*
- *Have kept checking in on the Night of Remembrance, and it sounds like upper staff doesn't want CAB or Senate to host this event. There is a student that has been connecting with Bailey's family. CAB member is trying to do decals and t-shirts. When people buy the shirts, so much of the money will go to Bailey's family.*

9. Reports

- **Executive Team Reports**
 - President Willprecht
 - *Nothing to report.*
 - Vice President Larson
 - *NDSA is this weekend.*
 - Admin Assistant Warnecke
 - *Nothing to report.*
- **Advisor Report** *Midterm grades need to turned in. Assessment of how Student Senate is going will be coming to email and ask us to do this. Will be talking about Club Travel Funding requests. NDSA is on Friday and there have been invites sent out for Friday night and Saturday morning.*
- **CAB** – Senator Birnbaum

- *Tournament Night is Tuesday, October 24th from 7-9 p.m. in the Den. Open Skate and Hockey is Wednesday, October 25th at 7:15 p.m. at the Stern Sports Arena.*
- **Residential Life – Senator Jibben**
 - *Nothing to report. Next meeting is Monday, October 23rd at 8 p.m.*
- **NDSCS Team Reports**
 - Auxiliary Services ----- Senator Maudal
 - *Nothing to report.*
 - Management Team ----- President Willprecht
 - *Has been talk about remodeling the library and potentially adding Allied Health to the library. There are three dorm buildings that aren't used and would like to use them. Watning to remodel them as well. Culinary has asked for an expansion because it hasn't had a good upgrade in awhile and have been requesting it. The Music Department has requested money to replace seats in the Auditorium. Talked about putting turf on football field. There is a new person in the Marketing Department. Will be doing marketing throughout the entire year now. Asked about what thoughts they had about getting more people at sporting events. Mellissa Johnson reached out and said that she wants to encourage CAB and Senate to make a committee to discuss ways to increase attendance at games. Next meeting is November 21st at 8 a.m*
 - Diversity & Equity Team ----- Senator Makuach
 - *Nothing to report. Next meeting November 7th.*
 - Parking Appeals Team ----- Senator Maudal
 - *There were 3 appeals, two in person and one online. 2 appeals were reduced to \$5 and 1 appeal was reduced to \$15. Next meeting is Wednesday, October 29th at noon.*
 - Safety Committee ----- Senator Birnbaum
 - *Nothing to report. Next meeting is December 12th at 2 p.m.*
 - Student Recognition & Graduation ----- Senator Jibben
 - *Nothing to report.*
- **NDSCS Student Senate Committee Reports**
 - Agawasio ----- Senator Hoff
 - *Nothing to report.*
 - Community Engagement ----- Senator Weshnevski
 - *Nothing to report.*
 - Club Bylaws and Constitution ----- Admin. Assistant Warnecke
 - *Nothing to report. Next meeting is October 24th at 1 p.m.*
 - Tabling ----- Vice President Larson
 - *Next meeting is Monday October 30th at noon.*
- **North Dakota Student Association**

- IAC
- SLAC
- SAC
- GA
- Breakout Sessions

10. Announcements

- NDSCS NDSA October 27th and 28th – All Required

11. Adjournment *Senator Weshnevski moved to adjourn the meeting. Senator Birnbaum seconded this motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.*