



## STUDENT SENATE AGENDA

January 22, 2024  
Plains Room/Virtual

1. **Call to Order** *President Willprecht called the meeting order at 5:50 p.m.*
2. **Roll Call** *Administrative Assistant Warnecke took roll call.*
3. **Approval of Minutes** (January 8, 2024) *Senator Weshnevski motioned to approve the minutes of January 8, 2024. Senator Birnbaum seconded the motion. Motion carries.*
4. **Guest Speaker** *No Guest Speaker today.*
5. **New Business/Presentations**
  - Club Bylaws and Constitution First Reading
    - *The Club Bylaws and Constitution were handed to everyone. We did do the first reading last week, however since we voted to dissolve the Treasure position, we have to do another first reading. Everyone was given time to read through them.*
  - Marketing Committee
    - *Have been talking in executive team meetings about adding another committee. Since we took out the treasurer position, we talked about the treasurer potentially being a marketing position. Because of the decision to dissolve the position completely, we wanted to bring forth the idea of having a marketing committee. This committee would be able to post social media under the Student Life Instagram page, Snapchat, Facebook, etc. They could also do meeting highlights, like what we talked about, what was talked about at NDSAs, who we are, if students wanted to apply, or ask for student concerns. There will be two the three people on this committee.*
    - *Senator Birnbaum asked if this committee could promote NDSA on our campus. This could be added to what the committee does.*
    - *This will be brought back to Exec and will move forward to being put on the next agenda.*
  - Accreditation and Strategic Planning Team
    - *Melissa Johnson reached out and let us know that the Accreditation and Strategic Planning Team is looking for a student rep to join this committee. They usually meet Tuesdays on 3 p.m.- 4 p.m. monthly. Senator Makuach and Senator Birnbaum would be able to attend these meetings.*

6. **Programs** *No Programs today.*

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

8. **Student Concerns/Updates**

- *A message about the lat pull down was sent, but there has been no response.*

9. **Reports**

- **Executive Team Reports**

- President Willprecht

- Senator Applications

- *We have three positions open, two senators at the Wahpeton NDSCS Campus and one at the Fargo NDSCS Campus. We should be advertising our open positions when we are tabling.*

- Vice President Larson

- *Nothing to report.*

- Admin. Assistant Warnecke

- *Nothing to report.*

- **Advisor Report**

- *The meeting next week is important, so we cannot be late. Everyone needs to wear their red polos, black dress pants or khakis, and black dress shoes. President Flanigan, Melissa Johnson, and Matt Schur will be attending said meeting.*

- *Heather is starting to work on end of year things. She is looking into the Student Recognition Ceremony. President Willprecht and Vice President Larson will each have to do a speech at graduation.*

- **CAB** – Senator Birnbaum

- *Swing and Line from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Alley. Tournament Night is Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in The Den. Open Skate and Hockey is Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:15 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. at the Stern Sports Arena. Bowling Night is Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Terrace Lanes.*

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

- *Nothing to report. Next meeting is Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8 p.m.*

- **NDSCS Team Reports**

- Management Team ----- President Willprecht

- *There was no one available to attend the last meeting. Next meeting is February 20<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m.*

- Diversity & Equity Team ----- Senator Makuach

- *Nothing to report. Next meeting is February 6<sup>th</sup> at noon.*
- Parking Appeals Team ----- Senator Maudal
  - *Nothing to report. Next meeting is Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.*
- Safety Committee ----- Senator Klindt
  - *Nothing to report. Next meeting is March 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.*
- Student Recognition & Graduation ----- Senator Maudal
  - *Heather met with the graduation rep. They do not know if there will be any meetings. The committee may not be needed this semester.*
- **NDSCS Student Senate Committee Reports**
  - Agawasio ----- Senator Hoff
    - *Met last Wednesday and talked about some ideas for food. They also came up with some games and attractions that will be out during the day. They are still discussing what will replace the face painting they had last year and figuring out who the next public speaker is. Next meeting is Wednesday at 4 p.m.*
  - Community Engagement ----- Senator Weshnevski
    - *Nothing to report. Next meeting is not scheduled yet.*
  - Club Bylaws and Constitution ----- Admin. Assistant Warnecke
    - *Just handed out the first reading of the Club Bylaws and Constitution. Hopefully at next week's meeting we will be able to approve the Bylaws as is. There is not another meeting scheduled at this moment.*
  - Tabling ----- Vice President Larson
    - *One hour of tabling is required for the month of January. Next meeting is Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.*
- **North Dakota Student Association**
  - IAC
    - *Minot was reimbursed for the meal. The Constitutional Taskforce revised the Bylaws. A scholarship increase was discussed as they want to increase student fees by two cents. The two cents fee increase was passed by IAC to the General Assembly.*
  - SLAC
    - *There was an NDUS Diversity Tuition Waiver update stating that legal teams are advising diversity waiver changes. There was a discussion about how committees would refer back to the NDSA exec team during non-legislative years instead of turning things over to a taskforce. In the Governmental Handbook, they have been updating it and have a "bare bones" version of it currently. They want to give insight on how to prep for testimony, how to write testimonies. They would give examples of testimonies that have been used in the past and how to get good research for*

them. This is eventually be put on the NDSA website. There were three student concerns brought up during the meeting. The first one was concerning the Student Board of Higher Education and how we should have more than one advocate. This would be a state constitutional amendment and NDSA already has a challenging time with this. Step one would be to pass something from the NDSA, from there they would have to find a legislative to sponsor this decision. This concern would be more beneficial to discuss with the system office and the NDSA exec will reach out to them. The second concern was student government at institutions having more say or power. This concluded that a resolution coming from the NDSA is going to carry more power than one from NDSCS or VCSU. The third student concern brought up dealt with House Bill 1404. This senator had concerns with recent events that happened around their campus. The senator suggested that we allow concealed carry on campuses so that students can defend themselves in case of an intruder. There has already been a resolution written in opposition to HB 1404 stating that there would be mental health risks and the potential of having more suicide attempts. Having concealed carry on campuses could also risk student and campus safety. It was determined that if this were to come up in the General Assembly, it would not pass. This discussion was tabled indefinitely. The next topic of discussion was the NDSA Guidebook. They wanted to get ideas on how to explain each committee within the NDSA better. This may lead to another taskforce being created. The exec team was going to send out an email to each head delegate to get information from their senate boards, but it was determined that they could just put it as a question on the NDSA feedback surveys. The last concern that was brought up at the last NDSA meeting, was the use of State Fleet Vehicles. An institution reached out and said that they are not allowed to bring anyone that is not on the student senate and wanted to know if other institutions were having the same problem. There was only one other institution that had the same problem.

- SAC
  - Talked about the current social media posts and how to improve it. They also discussed how to get more members to join senate or NDSA. There was a discussion about NDSA councils and if anyone would like to join.
- GA
  - Sammy Weber was confirmed at the Vice President of Communications. The resolution involving diversity and equity was tabling indefinitely. The fee bylaw change proposal had its first reading and the resolution in support of the bylaw change was

*tabled until next month. Since this resolution was tabled, it will no longer get to the State Board of Higher Education in time for the Chancellor to review it. He will be making a fee increase decision without the NDSA's input. There were two amendments added to the Diversity and Equity Tuition Waiver Resolution. The resolution was passed by the GA with both amendments.*

- Breakout Sessions
  - *The breakout session was just NDSCS. Talked about how to improve the NDSA attendance. Discussed how NDSCS requires us to go to two NDSAs per semester and how this tends to be more strict than other institutions. Had a quick discussion about the social media influence and increasing NDSA requirements and scholarships in general.*

#### **10. Announcements**

- MANDATORY Student Fees Meeting Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**11. Adjournment** *Senator Birnbaum motioned to adjourn the meeting. Senator Weshnevski seconded the motion. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.*