



STUDENT SENATE AGENDA

January 8, 2023
Plains Room/Virtual

1. **Call to Order** *President Willprecht called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.*
2. **Roll Call** *Administrative Assistant Warnecke took roll call.*
3. **Approval of Minutes** (November 27, 2023) *Vice President Larson moved to approve the minutes of November 27, 2023. Senator Weshnevski seconded the motion. Motion carries.*
4. **Guest Speaker** *No Guest Speaker today.*
5. **New Business/Presentations**
 - Fargo Meeting
 - *We have a regular senate meeting at the Fargo NDSCS campus every year. We need to decide on what date our meeting will be. Our Fargo meeting will be sometime in April, and we will set a date for the next meeting.*
 - Agawasie
 - *Meetings will be on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Senator Maudal has withdrawn from the Agawasie Committee as it will not work with her schedule.*
 - Student Recognition & Graduation
 - *Senator Maudal will be chairing this committee until further notice.*
 - Treasurer Position
 - *Admin. Assistant Warnecke has sent out the Bylaws and Constitution by email. Earlier this past year, the Bylaws and Constitution Committee has talked about revamping the Treasurer position and met with Matt Schur, the Residential Life Director, and he suggested that they dissolve the Treasurer position and then create a new position. In the current version of the bylaws, the Treasurer position is still in there until we vote to dissolve the Treasurer position.*
 - *We want to dissolve the Treasurer position because we do not really need someone to do the financial side of things. Heather has been taking care of that and all the Treasurer would do is report at meetings and then report back to Heather to get anything done. So, we want to create a new position that might focus on the social media side of things and helping out the three executive members on where we are hitting and missing in some spots.*

- *Senator Klindt moved to dissolve the Treasurer Position. Senator Weshnevski seconded the motion. Motion carries.*
- **Discuss New Executive Position**
 - *The Bylaws and Constitution Committee has been trying to find a title for the position on the cabinet level. We have a few options available, but we can discuss a name or title at the next meeting.*
 - *Senator Weshnevski brought up she had spoken with a senator from VCSU and asked how they would go about getting more attendance at games because we have been having some struggles with it here at NDSCS. The senator said that VCSU has a committee called “Viking Pride.” All first-year students in Student Senate are required to be on this committee. They make posters and buy about 900 pompoms that are then handed out at games to get people excited. They also do theme nights to get students to participate. We could possibly have a position like that.*
 - *The position sounds like something that would be more under CAB than Senate. On CAB there are only three executive positions and that would work just as well in CAB as it would in Senate. Senator Klindt mentioned that if we were to have a position like this, they could do posts like the NDSA does and update students on what we talked about during meetings. Senator Klindt said that she does not know how exciting it would be to do a post every day or week. Senator Birnbaum brought up how Senate used to do “Senate Scoops” and they would update everyone what happened during the senate meetings by making a video and uploading it to YouTube. Senator Hoff mentioned that he feels like having a marketing or social media position would be better for CAB. We would have to be marketing for Student Senate and the only people that may see that are the people on senate or wanting to be on senate. There may not be a high enough demand for that to last because as the school year progresses, the students become less interested. Nobody is opposed to just having three executive positions.*
- **Club Bylaws and Constitution First Reading**
 - *The Club Bylaws and Constitution has been emailed out to everyone and the senators can make any edits on it, in a different color, as they see fit. The first reading will be the document with edits and the second reading will be the document without edits. Matt Schur met with the Bylaws and Constitution Committee for several weeks the past semester and they finally got everything taken care of. If there are any edits and suggestions senators have, we will have to do a new first reading of the Club Bylaws and Constitution.*
 - *Senator Birnbaum asked why the committee decided to eliminate the 25 signatures that applying senators have been required to get in the past. President Willprecht explained that she thinks it was originally there to*

get the people that are more interactive and so introverted. The original purpose behind the 25 signatures was for the applying senator to explain why they wanted to be on Student Senate and how they could make an impact on the board. We could replace the 25 signatures with 3 from a close friend and have them write a small reason why they think the applying senator would be good on Student Senate. The friends may not want to write a small message about the other person, and it would be harder for first years to get something like that because most of them don't know anyone when they first come to college.

6. Programs *No Programs today.*

7. Old Business *No Old Business today.*

8. Student Concerns/Updates

- *The Lat Pull Down bar in the weight room is still broken. They put tape on it and said that it was "fixed."*
- *President Flanigan got hot apple cider back and there were a few students that were very happy about this.*
- *If you fall on campus or see anyone else fall, there is an online form that students are supposed to fill out to report where they fell or saw someone else fall.*

9. Reports

• **Executive Team Reports**

- President Willprecht
 - *President Willprecht wanted to welcome everyone back and wish everyone a good semester.*
- Vice President Larson
 - *The final headcount for NDSA was moved to this Friday, the 12th. Everyone is available to attend this NDSA. We will be meeting outside the Student Center at 10:30 a.m. on Friday the 19th.*
- Admin Assistant Warnecke
 - *Nothing to report.*

• **Advisor Report**

- *The new Senate Apparel is in, and everyone owes \$22.50.*
- *On Monday, January 29th, it will be a long meeting because we will be talking about student fees, and we will have multiple guest speakers.*
- *The musical has started practices and will be running into our meeting times. We would be able to meet a little earlier than normal until the musical is done in March. Everyone agreed that we can meet at 5:45 p.m. on Mondays for Student Senate meetings.*

• **CAB – Senator Birnbaum**

- *Swing Dancing is Monday, January 8th from 7 p.m.- 9 p.m. Grocery Bingo is Tuesday, January 9th at 7 p.m. Skate Night/Hockey is Wednesday, January 10th, at 7:15 p.m. Trivia Night is Thursday, January 11th at 7 p.m.*
- **Residential Life** – Admin. Assistant Warnecke
 - *We've been doing check-ins the past two days for everyone coming back from break. We will be doing floor meetings today and tomorrow.*
- **NDSCS Team Reports**
 - Management Team ----- President Willprecht
 - *Nothing to report. Next meeting is January 16th at 8 a.m.*
 - Diversity & Equity Team ----- Senator Makuach
 - *Went over the budget and effective ways to go about using it as well as making a Diversity Lounge. It seems like a Diversity Lounge is something they will be petitioning for it to be in the library when it is remodeled. Next meeting is Tuesday, February 6th at noon.*
 - Parking Appeals Team ----- Treasurer Maudal
 - *There were two appeals, and both were forgiven. Next meeting is Wednesday at noon.*
 - Safety Committee ----- Senator Klindt
 - *There have been comments of needing more lighting at the BAC. There will be Narcan boxes around campus. They mentioned having parking for snowmobiles. Next meeting is March 12th at noon.*
 - Student Recognition & Graduation ----- Senator Maudal
 - *Nothing to report.*
- **NDSCS Student Senate Committee Reports**
 - Agawasio ----- Senator Hoff
 - *Nothing to report. Next meeting is to be determined.*
 - Community Engagement ----- Senator Weshnevski
 - *Nothing to report. Next meeting is to be determined.*
 - Club Bylaws and Constitution ----- Admin. Assistant Warnecke
 - *Nothing to report.*
 - Tabling ----- Vice President Larson
 - Fargo Tabling
 - *Need senators that are interested in going up to Fargo to table at the Fargo NDSCS campus. Vice President Larson, Senator Klindt, and Senator Wehsnevski are interested in going.*
- **North Dakota Student Association**
 - IAC
 - SLAC
 - SAC

- GA
- Breakout Sessions

10. Announcements

11. Adjournment *Senator Weshnevski motioned to adjourn the meeting. Senator Birnbaum seconded the motion. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.*