



STUDENT SENATE AGENDA

February 26, 2024
Plains Room/Virtual

1. **Call to Order** *President Willprecht called the meeting to order at 5:54 p.m.*
2. **Roll Call** *Administrative Assistant Warnecke took roll call.*
3. **Approval of Minutes** (February 12, 2024) *Senator Birnbaum motioned to approve the minutes of February 12, 2024. Senator Weshnevski seconded. Motion carries.*
4. **Guest Speaker** *No Guest Speaker today.*
5. **New Business/Presentations**
 - New Senator Application
 - *Joseph Hollingsworth introduced himself.*
 - *Senator Weshnevski motioned to move into a time of closed discussion. Senator Birnbaum seconded. Motion carries.*
 - *Senator Birnbaum motioned to move into a time of open discussion. Senator Klindt seconded. Motion carries.*
 - *Senator Birnbaum motioned to vote in Joseph Hollingsworth. Senator Weshnevski seconded. The board voted and approved. Motion carries.*
 - New Members Committee Assignments
 - *The new senators were assigned to committees.*
 - Intent to Return/Executive Interest
 - *Intent to Return forms were handed out. They will need to be turned in as soon as possible. There is a section to mark whether senators are interested in an executive position next year or not.*
 - Exec Position Explanation
 - *President*
 - *The President runs the meetings and if the president is unable to attend the meeting, they need to make sure the Vice President knows what needs to be discussed and moving forward with meetings. If needed, the president can have a weekly meeting with the Student Senate Advisor. The president will do a speech at graduation. Over the summer, President Willprecht was contacted by Melissa Johnson and asked to write a small letter that was to be put in the new FYE books. If there are conduct issues within the members of the Student Senate, the president*

will be the one to take care of that. The time commitment for this position is about three to four hours a week.

- *Vice President*
 - *The Vice President is the Head Delegate, so they will be in contact with people from NDSA, set up the state fleets and hotel rooms for NDSA, and give news updates at each NDSA. This position also requires them to take estimated head counts and confirmed head counts for each NDSA. It is highly encouraged for the Head Delegate to attend every NDSA. The Vice President chairs the Tabling Committee and does a speech at graduation. This position ranges from three to five hours per week.*
- *Administrative Assistant*
 - *During every meeting, the Administrative Assistant takes minutes or a record of what is said and what motions are done during meetings. These minutes are then sent to the Advisor to be revised. This position helps to make the agenda along with the rest of the exec team and sends the finished agenda along with the revised minutes to Jackie Nordick in marketing. The Admin. Assistant will also take attendance at the start of each meeting. This position ranges from five to six hours per week.*
- *Mid-Term Grade Reports*
 - *Senators were handed a form that needs to be handed in by March 11th which will be filled out with grades and professor comments.*
- *Student Recreation Fee*
 - *The Student Recreation Fee is a fee increase to the intermural sports on campus. This fee was \$7.28 and is being proposed to increase to \$7.68.*
 - *Senator Klindt motioned to increase the proposed fee of \$7.68. Vice President Larson seconded. The board voted and approved. Motion carries.*
- *Vice President Larson motioned to add Automotive Technology Club Fundraiser to the agenda. Administrative Assistant Warnecke seconded. Motion carries.*
- *Automotive Technology Club Fundraiser*
 - *The Automotive Technology Club is wanting sell sportsmen raffles to raise money for a trip they want to take later in the semester.*
 - *Senator Birnbaum motioned to approve. Senator Martinson seconded. The board voted and approved. Motion carries.*

6. Programs *No Programs today.*

7. Old Business *No Old Business today.*

8. Student Concerns/Updates

- *There was a small fire in Schultz because the washer was overloaded. There were concerns that some students did not know the fire alarm was going off because there were only alarms in Walton and Schultz, but not Forkner or Riley.*
- *There is a chlorine gas problem in the Schultz 1st floor bathroom due to students urinating on the floor and facilities cleaning it up with bleach.*
- *Some students have said that the Dining Hall should have simpler meals and bring back the ranch they used to serve.*
- *Students are wanting smaller meal plans as they don't eat a lot in the Dining Hall or the Wildcat Express.*
- *More Lent friendly meals on Fridays.*
- *Want dining to consider adjusting mealtimes for students that participate in Ramadan because they can only eat before sunrise or after sunset.*
- *Work orders have been put in some of the water fountains and they are just waiting on parts now.*
- *No update on the parking lines in Southwest parking lot.*
- *Heather brought up having utility shelves in the bathrooms during one of her meetings and they thought it was a great idea.*

9. Reports

- **Executive Team Reports**
 - President Willprecht
 - *Nothing to report.*
 - Vice President Larson
 - VCSU NDSA Estimated Headcount
 - *Need an estimated headcount for the VCSU NDSA on the 15th and 16th of March.*
 - Discussion
 - *Vice President Larson was wanting to bring up the possibility of adding a five-minute ice breaker or social before or after each meeting. This could also be added to the agenda.*
 - Admin Assistant Warnecke
 - *Nothing to report.*
- **Advisor Report**
 - *Both the intent to return and mid-term grade report forms were handed out.*
- **CAB – Senator Birnbaum**
 - Monday, February 26th, there will be Swing and Line in the Alley from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday, February 27th, Game Night is in the Den from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Wednesday, February 28th, Open Skate and Hockey is at the Stern Sports Arena from 7:15 p.m.-10:15 p.m. Thursday, February 29th, Bowling Night is at Terrace Lanes from 8 p.m.-11 p.m.
- **Residential Life – Admin. Assistant Warnecke**

- *Health and Safeties for Spring Break are on Friday, March 1st. Spring Break is Friday, March 1st to Saturday, March 9th. Resident Assistants have started hosting programs for their floors or halls. The programs are an event for their residents to participate in and for the RAs to interact with their residents more. Some may be educational, like learning how to properly do laundry, or others could be about mental health or studying. There are a lot of possibilities of what these events could be about. Next meeting is Monday, February 26th at 8 p.m.*
- **NDSCS Team Reports**
 - Dining Services ----- Senator Klindt
 - *At the last meeting, there was discussion about how to go boxes and how they are being misused. Students are misusing these by overloading their boxes, not leaving the lunchroom after getting a to go box, or in other ways. This option will be gone by Friday, March 1st. There have been problems with garbage and how many bags they are taking out each day. They usually only take out two bags of trash, but because people are overloading plates and do not eat a large portion of their food, staff is having to take out four bags of trash. Dining has been sending out emails with the schedule and addressing suggestions or concerns that are brought to dining. If senators are getting questions about the changes coming to dining, direct the students to the Dining Services office by the Customer Service Desk. Next meeting is Wednesday, February 28th at 8:30 a.m.*
 - Management Team ----- Admin. Assistant Warnecke
 - *The Higher Education Committee will be on campus on Wednesday, February 28th at 10 a.m. President Flanigan will be giving a presentation with the help of Lee from Marketing. There will be a number of legislatures coming to this meeting and this is where President Flanigan will promote the renovations they are planning with the library. They will also be speaking about enrollment numbers and dual credit students and try to show how important dual credit students are to our campus, as well as how important they will be to the new Fargo campus. President Flanigan wanted to ask the Senate how they think campus can engage more student in intermural sports. There was an idea to have a video like they have for the laundry machines, but for intermural sports instead of just words that students are more likely to not read. Marketing is trying to make positive press releases every week because there could be negative news that could be correlated with NDSCS, and they want to turn people's focus from that to the more positive things that are going on around campus. Next meeting is March 19th at 8 a.m.*
 - Diversity & Equity Team ----- Senator Makuach

- *Nothing to report. Next meeting is March 5th at noon.*
- Parking Appeals Team ----- Senator Maudal
 - *Nothing to report. Next meeting is Thursday, February 29th at 11 a.m.*
- Safety Committee ----- Senator Klindt
 - *Nothing to report. Next meeting is March 12th at 2 p.m.*
- Strategic & Accreditation Planning Team ---- Senator Birnbaum
 - *Nothing to report. Next meeting is March 19th at 3 p.m.*
- **NDSCS Student Senate Committee Reports**
 - Agawasia ----- Senator Hoff
 - *The Senate was showed the logo for this year's Agawasia Day. The color for the t-shirts needed to be figured out. The volunteer shirts will be Pale Pink and the shirts for students and community members will be a Pebble color.*
 - Community Engagement ----- Senator Weshnevski
 - *Nothing to report. Next meeting is undetermined.*
 - Club Bylaws and Constitution ----- President Willprecht
 - *Nothing to report. Next meeting is unscheduled.*
 - Marketing Committee ----- Senator Parks
 - *Senator Klindt reached out to someone within either Marketing or Student Life to ask about social media. Next meeting is undetermined.*
 - Tabling ----- Vice President Larson
 - *When they last met, everyone was either scheduled or had their tabling hours done. The month is almost over, so if anyone has not finished their hours or has them scheduled, they will need to do those as soon as possible. Next meeting is Thursday, February 29th at 3 p.m.*
- **North Dakota Student Association**
 - IAC
 - SLAC
 - SAC
 - GA
 - Breakout Sessions

10. Announcements

- VCSU NDSA – March 15th and 16th

11. Adjournment *Senator Weshnevski motioned to adjourn the meeting. Senator Martinson seconded. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.*