



STUDENT SENATE AGENDA

March 18, 2024

Plains Room/Virtual

1. **Call to Order** *President Willprecht called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.*
2. **Roll Call** *Administration Assistant Warnecke took roll call.*
3. **Approval of Minutes** (March 11, 2024) *Senator Birnbaum motioned to approve the minutes of March 11, 2024. Vice President Larson seconded. Motion carries.*
4. **Guest Speaker**
 - Heather Weber, Director of Dining Services
 - *Heather started in her role as the Director of Dining Services in August during move in week. All new management for Dining Services started at this time. The first thing that was given to Heather was a large binder full of responses form a survey that was completed by student in the school year of 2022-2023. Heather spent about twelve hours reading all of them as she only had a day or two to do so. The responses told Heather where dining services at the time scored high and low. There were comments about wanted more variety, higher meat quality, and less processed food. Dining Services implemented Willies's Burger Bar in the Wildcat Express. This gave them new burgers to work with and TacoCat was something fresh as well as a different variety. In the Dining Hall, they started the pizza and pasta bar daily because it was what students wanted. A few months into her position, Heather and the dining staff noticed that there were some students misusing the buffest style in the Dining hall by trying to consume an unlimited amount of food. Students would load up multiple plates and not eat all of it. The rest would be dumped in the trash bins. The reason the Dining Hall is buffet style is because there are some students who would like to eat more than others. The Wildcat Express was implemented to be simpler for students that just wanted the one option. The number of people that were abusing the buffet system was becoming increasingly worse. Dining Services were going through so much food that they could not keep up with the students. A lot of the food was going into the trash and not being eaten. This is part of the reason the to-go boxes were taken away. Students were filling both sides of their box, and some students would take as much as they could fit and then share it with another student so that they would not have to use their meal swipes. After students came back*

from Spring Break, the to-go boxes were gone, and they noticed the immediate drop of how much food they had to make. Because of the drop in production, it takes a lot of stress off the kitchen. Since Dining Services do not have to focus on production as much, they can now focus on continuing to work on staff training and potentially the quality of food can now go up.

5. New Business/Presentations

- Nomination Process
 - *April 8th will be the first nominations. Senators can raise their hand and nominate someone else or themselves. April 15th, there will be another round of nominations and each person will give a speech about why they want to run for an executive position and why they think they would be good in that role. April 22nd will be the meeting where voting will take place.*
- Fargo Meeting
 - *Need to decide what food the Senate will be eating at the Fargo meeting. Options that were mentioned are Olive Garden, Jimmy Johns, or Noodle & Co. Will take a vote on these three in the next meeting and Heather will set up a pickup order from them for the Fargo meeting.*
- *Senator Birnbaum motioned to add a discussion of the Treasurer position to the agenda. Vice President Larson seconded. The board voted and approved. Motion carries.*
 - *The Treasurer position was not used to its full extent. The position was supposed to report on the Senate budget, but the Senate has not seen anything about it yet. If the Treasurer position were reinstated, it be changed to take tasks from the other executive positions. The Treasurer position could also be renamed, and the Senate could make a whole new executive position.*
 - *Vice President Larson motioned to table discussion and send it to the Club Bylaws and Constitution Committee. Senator Hollingsworth seconded. Motion carries.*

6. Programs *No Programs today.*

7. Old Business *No Old Business today.*

8. Student Concerns/Updates

- *Students mentioned that it would be nice if there were separate ice machines in the Dining Hall so that students could fill their water bottles with ice.*
- *The third floor of Robertson is having Wi-Fi problems. Have reached out to IT Services.*

9. Reports

- **Executive Team Reports**
 - President Willprecht
 - *The NDSU Student Senate sent a 'thank you' card for attending their Higher Education Day.*
 - Vice President Larson
 - Committee Chair
 - *Reminder to fill out committee report form. If members chair a committee of any kind, any absences should be kept track of and an issues can be brought to the executive team or Heather.*
 - Admin Assistant Warnecke
 - *Nothing to report.*
- **Advisor Report**
 - *Heather will be interviewing graduating students for student recognition. Senators are encouraged to be open to other executive positions.*
- **CAB – Senator Birnbaum**
 - *There is a St. Partrick's Day Pop-Up Photo Booth at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 11. On Tuesday, March 12th, there is Grocery Bingo at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 21st, Paint Night is at 7 p.m.*
- **Residential Life – Admin. Assistant Warnecke**
 - *Nothing to report. Next meeting is undetermined.*
- **NDSCS Team Reports**
 - Dining Services ----- Senator Klindt
 - *Talked about the concerns that were brought up at the last Senate meeting. Next meeting is to be determined.*
 - Management Team ----- Admin. Assistant Warnecke
 - *Nothing to report. Next meeting is March 19th at 8 a.m.*
 - Diversity & Equity Team ----- Senator Makuach
 - *Nothing to report. Next meeting is April 12th at noon.*
 - Parking Appeals Team ----- Senator Maudal
 - *Had three appeals. Next meeting is Thursday at 11 a.m.*
 - Safety Committee ----- Senator Klindt
 - *Nothing to report. Next meeting is March 19th at 2 p.m.*
 - Strategic & Accreditation Planning Team ---- Senator Birnbaum
 - *Nothing to report. Next meeting is April 23rd at 3 p.m.*
- **NDSCS Student Senate Committee Reports**
 - Agawasia ----- Senator Hoff
 - *Decided that they are only going to do top three prizes. The ideas for prizes are two 65" TVs, a JBL Speaker, and Air Pod Pros. Will not have a meeting until close to Agawaise Day.*

- Community Engagement ----- Senator Weshnevski
 - *Have not found a date to meet yet. Will not be moving forward with the painting of parking lot lines. Could do the campus clean up around earth day.*
- Club Bylaws and Constitution ----- President Willprecht
 - *Nothing to report. Next meeting will be determined.*
- Marketing Committee ----- Senator Parks
 - *Got good ground going. Will meet twice a month. The focus will be on Senate, hot topics, etc.*
- Tabling ----- Vice President Larson
 - *Reviewed who had hours completed for February. And who has their hours scheduled for the month of March. Next meeting is March 28th at 3 p.m.*
- **North Dakota Student Association**
 - *Senator Klindt moved to table the NDSA discussion until the next meeting. Senator Maudal seconded. The board voted and approved. Motion carries.*
 - IAC
 - SLAC
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 - GA
 - Breakout Sessions

10. Announcements

- Dreams Auction – Friday, April 12th
- UND NDSA – Friday, April 12th and Saturday, April 13th
- Fargo Meeting – Monday, April 15th
- End Of Year Party – Monday, April 29th
- Agawasie Day – Thursday, May 2nd
- Student Recognition Ceremony – Thursday, May 9th
- Graduation – Friday, May 10th

11. Adjournment *Senator Hollingsworth motioned to adjourn the meeting. Senator Martinson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.*