



STUDENT SENATE AGENDA

December 2, 2024
Plains Room/Virtual

1. Call to Order

President Hoff called the meeting to order at 6:21 pm

2. Roll Call

Admin Assistant Bohnenstingl and Senator Jensen online. Senator Eichele absent.

3. Approval of Minutes (November 18, 2024)

Senator Hollingsworth moves to approve minutes, Senator Exe seconds.

Motion Passes

President Hoff- Is there any additions to the agenda?

Senator Hollingsworth moves to add discussion under NDSCS team repots for an accreditation and strategic planning committee.

Senator Larson seconds

Motion Passes

4. Guest Speaker

5. New Business/Presentations

New Fundraising Application Hot Rod Club- Burger Fry

Senator Hollingsworth moves to pass, Senator Martinson seconds.

Motion passes

Thanksgiving recap

Senator Hollingsworth feels it went well. Sometimes there was too many people in the kitchen, some people didn't have jobs.

Senator Larson thought serving food was well. There was a solid number of people doing various things in the kitchen.

President Hoff saw people would come in all at one time, not just a steady flow of people.

Senator Hiltner didn't know until later that the two different colored buckets for washing tables were different colors. They should be made clearer in future years.

Heather- Numbers are up from last year. We had 600 and something.

Assessment

Heather- These are a survey to talk about what went well, what should be improved regarding senate. It is anonymous, though sometimes you can tell who is who.

Scholarships will not be disbursed until everyone's is in.

Charging Stations

President Hoff thought of compiling a word document for locations of charging stations for future years. He instructed people to get to him a list of the locations of charging stations and what cords do and don't work.

Vice President Maudal brought up the issue with cords is lots are unplugged, that's why they aren't working. They are also screwed into the wall and you cant access the plug in end without tools.

Heather brought up coordinating with FM to get help with taking ports apart to plug them back in.

Senator Martinson brought up certain tools needed to fix plug in stations.

Senator Larson brought up some cords would work one way, but flipping them upside down they don't work.

Senator Hollingsworth moves to add a discussion over the removal of Senator Eichele. Heather said we will discuss that next week. Exec needs to meet to do things the right way.

Senator Hollingsworth questions doing it next week due to guests being present.

Heather says she will touch on that.

6. Old Business

Nothing to report

7. Student Concerns/Updates

Senator Hollingsworth reading from concerns book. Concerns include Alley internet concerns, men's Riley 206 bathroom leaky, wifi in Riley 2nd floor, speeding problems on campus, Norgaard parking- people parking in middle of isle, not any good spots to plug in block heaters- more important for diesel vehicles, boot scrubber wanted in front of Norgaard and Robo, AC not working in Norgaard and Robo, recreational basketballs going flat, pothole in Norgaard lot. Good things though, good advisors, good food, thanksgiving break is awesome.

Senator Mumaw comments: Boot scrubbers would be awesome and would help severely. Lots of people have cowboy boots and have dirty boots. Now that its winter too it would help with the wet and nasties being tracked in the building. Would also help cleaning personnel.

Senator Hollingsworth continues, cleaning ladies talking too loud while cleaning, less Chinese food, Ag teachers being bad at teaching, bad parking, Robo 4th floor showers having bad pressure and not warm, pothole again in Norgaard lot, diesel students want layering under uniform.

Senator Martinson remarks on the layers. Auto can have on their jackets to keep warm.

Senator Hunsakor responds that auto can, diesel has to take it off as soon as they get in the building or else they get in trouble.

Senator Hollingsworth continues about general diesel program quality and poor information- lack of information to learn from and poor instructors. Tampons are also cardboard- some unsure what that means.

Vice President Maudal explains that they mean the applicators to the tampons. Plastic applicators are seen as a luxury, cardboard ones are given out at the college instead.

Senator Jensen talks about Mr. Matthews, a math teacher in Fargo, leaving because they will not offer him full time but he can't sustain his family on the current pay. Fargo students upset and wanting to petition to get him to stay. Jensen sent an email to the Fargo front desk lady asking what students can do, but hasn't heard anything yet.

8. Reports

- **Executive Team Reports**

- President Hoff
- Vice President Maudal
Discussion on apparel options, jacket vs. crewneck. Senators agreed it would look best at NDSA meetings that we should all have the same item. It was voted to get the zip up jacket. Senate will pay for half.
- Admin Assistant Bohnenstingl

- **Advisor Report**

- Student Fee Meeting/Senate Appearance

Next week's meeting will focus on understanding how student fees work, including which fees you can vote on and which ones will be discussed but ultimately decided by the president's office, such as athletics, dining services, residential life, and IT. Guest speakers may attend to provide more information, and attendance at these meetings will be strongly encouraged. While next week's meeting should be relatively short unless there are many questions, the January 13th meeting, when voting on fees will occur, is expected to be longer, so please prepare for that. Regarding concerns about a certain senator, the executive board has not been able to meet yet due to fall break but plans to address the matter soon. We ask for your understanding and patience as we take the appropriate steps. Lastly, the holiday party is scheduled for December 16th at Pizza Ranch. Dinner will be provided, and if you'd like to participate in the gift exchange game, please bring a wrapped gift. Wrapping supplies are available downstairs if needed, talk to Bobbi. If you don't want to participate you aren't required, we do play a fun game with gifts, though.

- **CAB – Senator Martinson**

There was a pickleball tournament, 23 people showed up to that. Turkey paint night was down from last years numbers, only like 23 people showed up but was still good. We had open skate and hockey which was really down normal numbers, only 48, usually around 100 that show up to that. Video game night only had 5 people. Thanksgiving dinner was good. Photobooth also went pretty good. Swing and line

was also good. We also amended our bylaws. Yoga tonight downstairs in Alley.
Interest meeting tomorrow for bookworm club.

- **Residential Life** – Senator Mumaw
Fall closing, some well an some not. New RD for south side. 3 new RA’s in Norgaard, starting first of the year. Now fully staffed on RA’s. Nothing else I can think of.
- **NDSCS Team Reports**
 - Dining Services -----Senator Hiltner
Monday-Friday will have oatmeal served with different flavors. Someone is also asking for a specialty hot sauce that we cant find the right avenue to order. Also looking at getting honey mustard packets.
 - Management Team ----- President Hoff
Interesting thing that’s a big topic at NDSA: duel credit. Duel credit is something NDSCS prides itself on. At this meeting NDSCS was “forced” into an agreement with VCSU and NDSU to contribute to duel credit. Now its up to legislatures how it will work. Aviation Program is being created, working with the Fargo Jet Center. Super cool stuff. If you have any questions about these meetings, please reach out to Aiden.
 - Diversity & Equity Team ----- Senator Bauer
Theres lots of different trainings for staff to attend. National coming out day happened, there was a flue shot clinic, domestic violence awareness had 85 attendees. Nov 26th was a native American dance and the gratitude campaign.
 - Parking Appeals Team ----- Senator Exe
Named various tickets that happened. People parking in yellow hash lines get charge \$10 for the first time.
 - Safety Committee ----- Senator Larson
2pm Dec 12th is the next meeting, nothing to report.
- Accreditation and Strategic Planning
Senator Hollingsworth and Senator Larson explained: National accreditation coming up in spring. Vice President Karch wants us to create a document outlining what student senate does. Document what senate does for accreditation. Loosely wants it by the end of December. The word resolution was used when describing what it is, doesn’t have to be long. Think about next week what senate does that is important. We should have a specific and general list.
- **NDSCS Student Senate Committee Reports**
 - Community Engagement ----- Admin. Assistant Bohnenstingl
Going to twin town villa on the 5th. Two separate groups. 1-3 and 3-5. The one to three group will play games and engage with residents. Will

double check with activity person. Second group will set up Christmas decorations. Any questions reach out to Zoey.

- Club Bylaws and Constitution ----- Admin. Assistant Bohnenstingl
Discussed Bylaws should be updated every year, no meeting yet.
- Tabling ----- Vice President Maudal
Everyone except for one got all their tabling hours last month. Also is a discussion to update tabling guidelines. People don't even know we have guidelines. We are looking at putting tabling rules/requirements in the bylaws, where they should have always been.
- Marketing Committee----- Senator Hollingsworth
Impromptu meeting last week. Talked about NDSA recap post. Talked about doing a club highlight thing. Could also have a 30 second recap of what we did this semester. Do recaps monthly maybe.
Heather brought up Emily Bakken works with marketing dept and does videos really well, we could work with her. When Heather was a senator they had "the senate scoop."

- **North Dakota Student Association**

- IAC

Senator Larson- I gave my report on recent activities, including host school reimbursements and the success of our last event, which had 65 attendees from 10 institutions—the highest turnout since 2021. This success is likely due to the executive team's efforts to promote NDSA by visiting schools. I also discussed promotional items and the strategic plan, emphasizing the need to purposefully purchase and distribute items rather than doing so carelessly. All promotional items still require approval from IAC and GA. Financially, we have \$90,000 in reserves but are operating with a \$6,000–\$7,000 deficit; it costs \$42,000 to operate annually, while we only generate \$35,000–\$38,000. Questions about quorum were addressed, starting with the issue of not meeting quorum and being unable to fix it. We decided to keep the current quorum formula, as it represents us well, but clarified its application. It's better to not conduct business with fewer people than to do so without proper representation.

Additionally, we discussed updating SharePoint, which has a 40-year gap in its records. While paying people for this work was considered, it was determined that our budget and bylaws don't allow for it effectively. Payments will now be decided year-to-year by directors as needed. Finally, we clarified bylaws related to who can attend NDSA, confirming that each institution's student government decides its representatives. The updated bylaws have now been uploaded to SharePoint, ensuring clarity and accessibility for all institutions.

- SLAC

Senator Hollingsworth- VP Gill are working on a resolution to host a writing workshop, though attendance at the last one was low. A newsletter is being planned and will be managed by an individual from NDSU. There was discussion about organizing a Higher Education Day in Bismarck to lobby legislators, with potential venues being BSC or the Heritage Center. BSC would be a cost-free option, with catering provided through the school, whereas the Heritage Center would incur additional costs. Possible resolutions about voting laws in North Dakota were discussed but didn't gain traction. A "do pass" recommendation was given for a resolution on Multicultural Engagement, which is seen as a less triggering alternative to the term DEI. Additionally, Connor and Joseph are joining the PAR Taskforce, where they will testify on bills presented to the legislature, with this work expected to take place from January to mid-March.

- SAC

Senator Hiltner discussed the mental health taskforce motion, which failed due to being outdated and sourced from 2020—mental health needs have shifted significantly since COVID. A motion for mandated staff training on mental health received a "do pass" recommendation. Regarding Duo, a recommendation was made to extend the implementation from 3 hours to 2 weeks, but it was decided the inconvenience wasn't severe enough to outweigh the associated security risks.

- GA

Senator Mumaw read updates from the NDSA Instagram post, with a few items being sent back to committees for wording adjustments. Discussions about Duo became heated, but the topic was tabled indefinitely. The duel credit issue was also intensely debated, as is often the case.

- Breakout Sessions

Senator Bauer facilitated conversations about mental health initiatives on different campuses. Max provided an overview of the duel credit situation, explaining the implications if it passed or failed and gathering input from members.

9. Announcements

- **Community Engagement Day:** December 5th 1-5 p.m.
- **Required NDSA Online:** December 6th
- **Student Fee Meeting:** December 9th
- **Student Free Meeting:** January 13th
- **Senate Holiday Party:** December 16th @ Pizza Ranch
- **Christmas:** December 25th

10. Adjournment

Motioned by Senator Martinson, seconded by Senator Mumaw
President Hoff adjourned the meeting at 7:28pm