General Assembly

“THE VOICE OF THE STUDENTS”
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Hello and welcome to the North Dakota Student Association!

As the leaves turn orange and fall, our spirit as students must remain forever resilient! I ask that our passion for serving others run abound as we meet once again as The Voice of the Students. My name is Jared Melville and I serve as President of the General Assembly.

I am very excited about October’s meeting at Williston State College. Shawn Postovit has done a wonderful job preparing amenities for the meeting and our committee’s agendas are packed. The Student Affairs Committee will be looking forward to more conversation surrounding open educational resources and multi-factor authentication, the State Legislative Affairs Committee will continue its work on the 2019 Legislative Strategy, and the Internal Affairs Committee will glean its first look at the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan. The work that will be accomplished this weekend will set the stage for our meeting in November and beyond. The future of the Student Association is looking very bright.

There is no better time to be a student involved with higher education in the state of North Dakota. Your voice will shape history. Share it. Be present. Be courageous.

I look forward to seeing all of you at October’s General Assembly!

In service,

Jared M. Melville
President of the General Assembly
October 3, 2018

Welcome to Williston State College Campus!

WSC Student Senate welcomes all from NDSA for joining us at our October General Assembly. We are excited for all of you to be here on the West side of this great state of North Dakota.

We have been very active on our campus so far this year by hosting a Senate Meet & Greet with a Qdoba Bar, attending faculty and staff senate meetings and upcoming we are hosting a District 1 Republican Meet & Greet with our local officials.

Our WSC slogan is ‘Where the People Make the Difference’ and we show that through our educational opportunities, student organizations, campus athletics and pure Teton pride. We believe NDSA strives for the same goal – encouraging all campus students to better themselves, their campuses and their communities. When we attend NDSA, let’s remember that we were chosen to be the “students who make the difference.”

Sincerely,

Shawn A. Postovit
Head Delegate
WSC Student Body President
General Assembly

Agenda & Meeting Materials
(Friday)

Stevens Hall, Williston State College

Chaired by Jared Melville, President
Gallup Themes: Achiever, Analytical, Input, Learner, Competition
General Assembly
Agenda
Friday, October 12, 2018

4:45 PM  I.  Head Delegate Meeting

II.  Dinner Served

5:00  III.  Welcome Address

5:05  IV.  Guest Speaker, Ashley Zarling, Student Member of the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education

5:35  V.  Call to Order

VI.  Roll Call

VII.  Executive Team Reports

5:50  VIII.  Video: How to Access the NDSA Office 365 SharePoint

5:55  IX.  Workshop: Writing an NDSA Resolution

6:15  X.  Sharing and Exchange of Student Concerns

Head Delegates shall discuss the statewide issues affecting students at their campuses.

XI.  Preview of Committees

XII.  Announcements

6:30  XIII.  Dismissal to Committees
Ashley Zarling is a student from Williston State College. She is pursuing two associate degrees currently with hopes of one day continuing her education for a degree in law.

While Ashley has lived in Williston for most of her life, her family is native to southern Idaho.

Ashley currently works at MedScan Lab Inc. where she has served many roles since March 2016. Currently she works as a Medical Billing Clerk auditing new automated systems while the company is rapidly growing.

In her time at Williston State College, Ashley served as President of the Student Senate as well as Head Delegate representing Williston at North Dakota Student Association.
## INSTITUTION | STUDENT TOTAL | APPORTIONED VOTING DELEGATES | DELEGATES PRESENT | DELEGATES VOTING
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Bismarck State College | 3,756 | 7 |  |  |
Dakota College at Bottineau | 909 | 4 |  |  |
Dickinson State University | 1,425 | 4 |  |  |
Lake Region State College | 1,972 | 5 |  |  |
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North Dakota State University | 14,358 | 17 |  |  |
University of North Dakota | 14,406 | 17 |  |  |
Valley City State University | 1,522 | 5 |  |  |
Williston State College | 1,098 | 4 |  |  |
**TOTAL:** | 65,671 | **58** | **17** | **17**
Internal Affairs Committee

Agenda & Meeting Materials

Stevens Hall, Williston State College

Chaired by Casey Orvedal, Vice President of Finance and Operations
Gallup Themes: Context, Input, Learner, Analytical, Intellection
I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Explanation of Meeting Procedure

IV. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda

V. Officer Reports:
   A. Chief Administrator, Sovi Herring
   B. Vice President of Finance and Operations, Casey Orvedal

VI. Order of Business:
   A. Committee Activity
   B. Consider Approval of Vouchers
   C. Continue Discussion Regarding IAC Task List for the Year
   D. Review NDSA Policies
   E. Continue Discussion of the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan

VII. Announcements and Comments

VIII. Adjourn
The NDSA 2019-2023 Strategic Plan is aimed at providing a long-term plan for sustainable development for the organization. The Executive Team has expended a significant amount of time collecting information, analyzing the landscape, and preparing solutions to help the organization move towards a prosperous future. After either President Melville or Vice President Orvedal explains where the strategic plan is at in its development, we will launch into several topics for discussion.

### NDSA’S VISION: THE VOICE OF THE STUDENTS

When thinking broadly about NDSA, the vision The Voice of the Students is a natural fit. Of course, this begs the question, what does this actually mean? This question was asked to the General Assembly during its September 2018 meeting. Two ideas emerged as reoccurring themes:

**Discussion Question**: Are the proposed descriptive points for NDSA’s vision appropriate?

### NDSA’S MISSION STATEMENT

NDSA’s mission statement is explicitly stated in the organization’s Constitution. However, based on the length of the mission statement, it appears it was written quite some time ago. Modern mission statements strive for brevity; whereas, the current mission statement is lengthy. The advantage of a lengthier mission statement is that it covers the complete range of what NDSA is charged with doing as an organization.

**Discussion Questions:**
- Should NDSA amend its constitutional mission statement?
- If the mission statement should be amended, what elements should be included in the new one?

### NDSA’S CORE VALUES

Core values detail the fundamental beliefs and guiding principles of an organization. When we consider the activities NDSA involves itself with, it should be possible to connect them to the organization’s vision, mission, and core values. Two lists of core values have been prepared by the Executive Team: one based on the first two surveys, and one based on a third survey completed by the General Assembly.

The final version of the strategic plan should include between four and eight core values.

**Discussion Questions:**
- What else should be included in the definitions of proposed core values?
- Should Unity be added as a core value?
- Should Advocacy and Empowerment be removed from the list of core values?
- Should any other core value be added or removed?
Goals

Goals, objectives, and strategies are the meat and bones of a strategic plan. Goals are powerful and bold statements, yet intentionally ambiguous and vague.

Each of NDSA’s strategic goals will include a statement and a tag. The statement is the goal described in its entirety; whereas, the tag is a shorthand reference for the goal.

The final version of the strategic plan should include between four and six strategic goals. Currently, the Executive Team has proposed frameworks for four, five, and six strategic goals and is requesting feedback from the Internal Affairs Committee.

Discussion Questions:
- Should NDSA’s strategic plan include four, five, or six strategic goals?
- Are the proposed statements and tags for each of the strategic goals appropriate? We have not been able to determine good tags for several of the goals as of yet.
- In what order should the strategic goals be presented?

Objectives

While goals are vague, comparatively, strategic objectives are more definite. However, objectives remain vague in comparison to strategies. Objectives begin to describe the specific areas the organization will work in order to complete overarching goals.

The final version of the strategic plan should include between three and six objectives for each goal.

Discussion Questions:
- Does each objective fit into the vision, mission, and core values of NDSA?
- Does each objective fit underneath its goal?
- Do you have any suggestions for additional objectives that NDSA could pursue?

Goal: Relating NDSA’s Role with SGAs

One of the Executive Team’s proposed strategic goals is *Facilitate development for and collaboration between Student Government Associations*. Since the aim of this goal is to support SGAs, the Executive Team did not want to dictate an entire proposal for how this might be accomplished. Instead, it would like to collect feedback from delegates.

Discussion Questions:
- What does NDSA provide to SGAs in terms of resources? What sort of resources would you like NDSA to provide SGAs?
- How do you see your relationship between NDSA and your SGA? More importantly, how would you like to see it?
STRATEGIES

Strategies are narrow and defined. Strategies are the tangible actions NDSA will undertake to accomplish the strategic plan. Once we have completed the objective level discussion, we will return to the top of the list of objectives to discuss potential strategies. Generally speaking, these strategies should include tasks that NDSA will be able to complete regularly and consistently throughout the strategic plan’s four-year life cycle.

Discussion Questions: What can NDSA do as strategies/tasks to complete each objective?
I. Vision: *The Voice of the Students* – Descriptive Points:

A. NDSA relays the concerns of students to changemakers, including the NDUS, their institutions, the state legislature, and other higher education policymakers.

B. NDSA represents and speaks on behalf of all 45,000 students in the state regardless of which institution they come from.

II. Mission: The North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) is an organization that empowers students to speak for themselves. NDSA advocates for all students in the North Dakota University System. NDSA provides opportunities for student engagement, enhancement of the University System, and student education about higher education policy. NDSA facilitates inter-campus collaboration and communication to ensure that diverse student interests are represented in the formulation of higher education policy.

III. Core Values:

*Note: These core values do not currently reflect input from the NDSA General Assembly*

A. **Empowerment**: We create an environment that develops transformative leaders by giving them the skills to succeed in everyday endeavors.

B. **Transparency**: We practice honesty, openness, accountability, and integrity in order to ensure that the public and everyone is knowledgeable of the intentions and actions of the NDSA.

C. **Inclusivity**: We ensure that students not only have a seat at the table, but that their voices are heard.

D. **Collaboration**: We incorporate a variety of viewpoints in order to provide the best university system for all students. We believe the students of North Dakota are stronger united than divided.

E. **Advocacy**: We support the views of students on issues of their concern.

F. **Community**: We form an atmosphere of support and respect that allows all students to voice their concerns.

*Results from the September General Assembly feedback survey indicate the Assembly supports the core values as described above. A proposed value of *Unity* received an above-average amount of support, although it is included in *Collaboration*. There was not much support indicated for *Empowerment* and *Advocacy* in the feedback survey, although there was in the prior two surveys.*
IV. Overview of Strategic Goals:

A. Empower a generation of transformative leaders.

B. Maximize operational efficiency and sustainability.

C. Facilitate development for and collaboration between Student Government Associations.

D. Make NDSA a household name. /OR/ Increase NDSA brand awareness.

E. Emerge as the most influential voice in the formation of higher education policy.

V. Strategic Goals and Objectives:

A. {EMPOWER} Empower a generation of transformative leaders.
   i. Stress the importance of civic engagement.
   ii. Create a safe to fail environment and culture of development.
   iii. Connect students with opportunities to enhance their professional development.
   iv. Provide opportunities to complete professional-grade work applicable to students’ future careers.

B. {SUSTAIN} Maximize operational efficiency and sustainability.
   i. Implement governing structures that are efficient, transparent, and parsimonious.
   ii. Set consistent standards and deadlines for monthly General Assembly meetings.
   iii. Develop curriculum to orient new members of NDSA.
   iv. Commit to a strong transition between Executive Administrations.

C. {COLLABORATE} Facilitate development for and collaboration between Student Government Associations.
   i. Empower the role of Head Delegates
   ii. [Encourage] [Knowledge] transfer as a two-way relationship (or talk about two-way communication).

D. {IMAGE/RECOGNITION/AWARENESS/MARKET} Make NDSA a Household Name. /OR/ Increase NDSA Brand Awareness.
   i. Earn recognition by offering resources and services directly to students.
   ii. Share NDSA’s achievements with relevant stakeholders.
   iii. Market NDSA in the digital sphere.

*Note: The name for this strategic goal, or whether it should be included as its own goal or as an objective under Goal “B,” is currently a subject of debate.*
E. {INFLUENCE} [Emerge] as the most influential voice in the formation of higher education policy.
   i. Exert a political influence in state and legislative affairs.
   ii. Foster a healthy relationship with the North Dakota University System.
   iii. Partner with stakeholders in order to broaden NDSA’s reach and amplify the student voice.
   iv. Build capacity to be informed about and influence policymaking on the federal level.

Goal “E” was initially split into two separate goals, one for the state legislature and one for the NDUS/SBHE.

Considering the sheer importance of both the state legislature and the NDUS/SBHE, there is certainly merit for separating the two goals. However, this requires the creation of several additional strategic objectives for each goal.

If enough objectives cannot be developed, it makes sense to keep the goals combined.

Below you will find the two goals as if they were separated.

E. Emerge as the most influential voice in the formation of higher education policy:
   v. Build relationships with legislature/governor.
   vi. Provide analyses for policymakers to make decisions.
   vii. Partner with stakeholders in order to broaden NDSA’s reach and amplify the student voice.
   viii. Build capacity to be informed about and influence policymaking on the federal level.

F. Foster a healthy relationship with the North Dakota University System:
   ix. Establish platforms to innovate, collaborate, and share the student perspective.
   x. Invite NDUS staff to GA meetings.
   xi. Form NDSA task forces to advise and collaborate with the NDUS.
   xii. (Objective about Presence)

Each of the objectives will require at least two strategies.

In addition to all the elements described above, the strategic plan will also include a table of contents, executive summary, SWOT analysis, and benchmarks/performance indicators/metrics.
Student Affairs Committee

Agenda & Meeting Materials

Stevens Hall, Williston State College

Chaired by Gracie Lian, Vice President of Communication
Gallup Themes: Achiever, Harmony, Input, Learner, Focus
Student Affairs Committee

Agenda
Friday, October 12, 2018

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Explanation of Meeting Procedure

IV. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda

V. Officer Reports:
   A. Council Chief, William Fleck
   B. Vice President of Communication, Gracie Lian

VI. Order of Business:
   A. Committee Activity
   B. Consider NDSA-01-1819: A Resolution in Support of Continued Use of Open Educational Resources
   C. Consider NDSA-02-1819: A Resolution in Support of Multi-Factor Authentication
   D. Discuss Media Outreach Strategies
   E. Review Charter for NDSA LGBTQ+ Task Force
   F. Discuss Prior-to-Enrollment Textbook Price Disclosure
   G. Discuss Common Application for NDUS Institutions
   H. Weigh Merits and Implications of Hosting a Spring NDSA Leadership Conference

VII. Announcements and Comments

VIII. Adjourn
A Resolution in Support of Continued Use of Open Educational Resources

WHEREAS, the excessive cost of textbooks places a heavy financial burden on students, discouraging them from purchasing required course materials; and,

WHEREAS, students lacking access to affordable textbooks are placed at an academic disadvantage; and,

WHEREAS, the continued implementation of Open Educational Resources (OERs) across the North Dakota University System (NDUS) will help to alleviate the academic challenges that arise when one is unable to afford necessary course materials; and,

WHEREAS, the availability of OERs promotes a university-wide culture of opportunity for all students; so,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) urges a continued emphasis on the availability and importance of OERs and supports initiatives that will implement OERs throughout the North Dakota University System.

Respectfully submitted,

Landen Einarson
Executive Commissioner of External Affairs, NDSU

Joseph Vollmer
Assistant Executive Commissioner of External Affairs, NDSU

Dominic Fettig
Executive Commissioner of Academic and Student Affairs, NDSU

William Fleck
Council Chief, NDSA

Ivan Wognin
Student Senator, NDSU

Lindsey Pouliot
Student Senator, NDSU

Kylee Arndt
Student Senator, NDSU

Chase Grindberg
Student Body President, NDSU

Carter Mattheis
Head Delegate, VCSU
A Resolution in Support of Multi-Factor Authentication

WHEREAS, passwords are a vulnerable security measure, leaving student information and identities at risk of being stolen by hackers and cyber criminals; and,

WHEREAS, passwords provide only a single layer of defense against hackers and cyber criminals, and the security of online accounts is based solely on the strength of the password; and,

WHEREAS, phishing attempts have been an issue in the past at institutions within the North Dakota University System (NDUS); and,

WHEREAS, phishing attempts may compromise the information of many students and faculty within the NDUS, including social security numbers and financial information; and,

WHEREAS, multi-factor authentication (MFA) requires not only a password, but also requires additional authentication such as a code sent to a trusted device, a biological finger scan, or a physical token; and,

WHEREAS, these other factors are much more difficult to spoof, which will compensate for the weakness of the password, ultimately assisting in the creation of an effective security system; and,

WHEREAS, the convenience and accessibility of students needs to be considered when determining what type of MFA is being used; and,

WHEREAS, the flexibility of being able to choose from a variety of secondary authentication factors would benefit all students while allowing for an easier transition to an MFA system; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of MFA must be considered when implementing it into the NDUS; so,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) supports the implementation of MFA at all institutions within the NDUS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NDSA supports the NDUS in collaborating with students to decide on the best method of implementing MFA for students, faculty, and staff within the University System.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaleb Dschaak
Student Body Vice President, UND

Miranda Petrich
Head Delegate, UND

Kale Stroup
Delegate, UND

Dawson Dutchak
Delegate, UND

Trevor Weiland
Delegate, UND

Taylor Toso
Delegate, UND
OVERVIEW

The LGBTQ+ Task Force will work to provide student guidance on LGBTQ+ issues to NDSA, Student Government Associations, and the NDUS. This guidance will include guides explaining the unique needs and struggles that LGBTQ+ students face, how institutions and the University System can help meet those needs, advising on the continuing implementation of chosen names, provide a student resource for LGBTQ+ students to voice their concerns and receive help, and other LGBTQ+ issues within the University System.

This task force shall gather concerns from LGBTQ+ students and relay them to the appropriate entities.

LGBTQ+ Task Force Leadership

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EFFECT DATE AND DURATION

October 13, 2018 – April 30, 2019

DELIVERABLES

- A guide that provides advice on pronouns geared towards SGA members, NDSA, and the NDUS with input from transgender students and other students who identify as a gender minority.
- A guide that provides information about LGBTQ+ terminology geared towards SGA members, NDSA, and the NDUS.
- A resources pamphlet for LGBTQ+ student with NDUS resources and resources outside the university system.
LGBTQ+ Task Force
Task Force Charter
Authorized on October 13, 2018, Pending General Assembly Approval

MEMBERSHIP, LEADERSHIP, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Membership: Voting members of the task force shall be appointed by the Council Chief, William Fleck.

Qualifications:
- Passionate about helping better the lives of LGBTQ+ people
- A willingness to learn about issues affecting LGBTQ+ students and working to fix them
- Reliability

Leadership: NDSA Council Chief William Fleck will serve as the chair of the task force. The vice chair shall be elected from among the member of the task force during its first meeting.

The chair shall appoint a secretary to record meeting minutes to be approved by the task force and uploaded to the ND Student Association SharePoint. In the event of the secretary’s absence or a vacancy in the position, the vice chair shall serve as the secretary of the task force.

MEETINGS AND DECISION-MAKING

The LGBTQ+ Task Force shall convene at least once a month or as needed and available.

Meetings shall occur electronically. Quorum shall consist of a simple majority of voting members. Should a vote be required to make a recommendation, a simple majority vote of present members shall suffice.

AUTHORIZATION

Pending approval by the General Assembly, the creation of this task force is hereby authorized by NDSA President Jared Melville on October 13, 2018.
State Legislative Affairs Committee

Agenda & Meeting Materials

Stevens Hall, Williston State College

Chaired by Cambree W. Smith, Vice President of Governmental Affairs
Gallup Themes: Competition, Futuristic, Achiever, Focus, Significance
I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Explanation of Meeting Procedure

IV. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda

V. Officer Reports:
   A. Vice President of Governmental Affairs, Cambree Smith

VI. Order of Business:
   A. Committee Activity
   B. Discuss Legislative Preparation Task Force
   C. Presentation: Tammy Dolan, NDUS Vice Chancellor for Administrative Affairs, Higher Education Budget Formula
   D. Presentation: Tammy Dolan, NDUS Vice Chancellor for Administrative Affairs, SBHE-Recommended Higher Education Budget
   E. Consider NDSA-01-1819: A Resolution in Support of Continued Use of Open Educational Resources Page 19
   F. Continue Discussion Regarding 2019 NDSA Legislative Strategy Page 25

VII. Announcements and Comments

VIII. Adjourn
During the September 2018 meeting of the North Dakota Student Association, the State Legislative Affairs Committee embarked on its discussion of NDSA’s 2019 Legislative Strategy, a document that will be approved by the General Assembly in November that details the top priorities for the organization and students in advance of the 66th Assembly of the North Dakota State Legislature.

SLAC identified several potential items for inclusion in the Legislative Strategy. The list below is certainly not exhaustive. It is a starting point.

- Open Educational Resources
- Challenge Fund Grants (and extending its sunset clause)
- Protecting the Higher Education Funding Formula (and extending a sunset clause include within the formula)
- Supporting Funding for Higher Education and Opposing Budget Cuts

NDSA will need to identify between three and five priorities to advocate for during the legislative session. Please come to the meeting armed with additional ideas and a willingness to discuss the proposed ideas.

Cambree Smith and Jared Melville will be preparing a list of discussion questions in advance of Friday’s meeting.
General Assembly

Agenda and Meeting Materials
(Saturday)

Steens Hall, Williston State College

Chaired by Jared M. Melville, President
Gallup Themes: Achiever, Analytical, Input, Learner, Competition
General Assembly

Agenda
Saturday, October 13, 2018

8:30 AM  I. Breakfast Served

8:45  II. Call to Order

III. Roll Call

IV. Explanation of Meeting Procedure

V. **ACTION:** Consider Approval of the Minutes from September 14 & 15, 2018  

VI. **ACTION:** Additions to and Approval of the Agenda

8:55  VII. Committee and Task Force Reports:

A. Internal Affairs Committee

B. Student Affairs Committee

C. State Legislative Affairs Committee

D. Legislative Preparation Task Force

E. CTS Advisory Task Force

9:10  VIII. Presidential Report

9:15  IX. Workshop: NDSA and SGA Recruitment and Involvement

9:45  X. New Business:

A. **ACTION:** Consider Approval of the NDSA LGBTQ+ Task Force

11:00 XI. Complete General Assembly Feedback Survey

XII. Additional Student Concerns

XIII. Institutional Reports

XIV. Public Comment and Announcements

11:30 XV. Adjourn
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## General Assembly
### Parliamentary Procedure
#### Short Form

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<td>Two-Thirds Majority</td>
<td>Impose (or repeal) a limit on the length of any form of debate. Limits may be specified in terms of time or number of speeches.</td>
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<td>Suspension of the Rules</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Two-Thirds Majority</td>
<td>Used to allow the General Assembly to violate its own rules, except for rules specified in the Constitution. The object of suspension must be specified.</td>
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<td>Division of the Question</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Simple Majority</td>
<td>Divide a resolution or report into two or more clauses/sections, each to be voted on separately. This motion is used after the passage of Closure of Debate.</td>
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<td>Reconsideration of a Motion</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Two-Thirds Majority</td>
<td>Reconsider an item on which debate has ended or upon which a vote has taken place.</td>
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<td>Appeal a Decision of the Chair</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Simple Majority</td>
<td>Challenge a ruling made by the Chair. <em>May interrupt a speaker.</em></td>
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*Final approval of any NDSA resolution requires the affirmation of at least 60% of the General Assembly.*
Institutional Reports is an opportunity for each Head Delegate to share something that is happening at their campus or something their Student Government Association is working on. Head Delegates should describe a project and how it affected students. These examples are shared in hope they may be replicated at other campuses. Institutional pride is encouraged.

In alphabetical order:

A. Bismarck State College
B. Dakota College at Bottineau
C. Dickinson State University
D. Lake Region State College
E. Mayville State University
F. Minot State University
G. North Dakota State College of Science
H. North Dakota State University
I. University of North Dakota
J. Valley City State University
K. Williston State College
During the academic year, the General Assembly of the North Dakota Student Association meets monthly to discuss issues affecting the student interest.

A preliminary agenda is posted approximately two weeks before any meeting.

Schedule for the 2018 – 2019 Academic Year:

- September 14 & 15 – North Dakota State University
- October 12 & 13 – Williston State College
- November 2 & 3 – Valley City State University*
- December 7 – Web Session (TBD)**
- January 18 & 19 – Bismarck State College***
- February 22 & 23 – North Dakota State College of Science***
- March 8 & 9 – University of North Dakota***
- April 12 & 13 – Minot State University***

*Note: Meeting was previously scheduled for November 9 & 10. NDSA’s 2019-2023 Strategic Plan and 2019 Legislative Strategy will face consideration for approval during this meeting.

**Note: Details and logistics are to be determined.

***Note: Dates are subject to change based on the agreement on the NDSA Executive Team and the Student Government Association of the host institution.