



# General Assembly

Minutes

Saturday, January 24, 2020

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- I. Call to Order 8:38 AM
- II. Roll Call
- III. Explanation of Meeting Procedure
- IV. ACTION: Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
- V. Motion NDSU Will Fleck ( to approve consent agenda
- VI. LRSC
- VII. ACTION: Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda

A consent agenda allows the General Assembly to approve routine and noncontentious agenda items and reports simultaneously in a single agenda item, saving time during the meeting. Items will be placed underneath this line item prior the start of Saturday's meeting. Members may request to remove items from the consent agenda.

- A. Motion Moved NDSU Lindsey Pouliot
- B. Second Dawson
- C. So Moved Consent Agenda
- D. Consider Approval of Minutes from November 2019
- E. Consider Approval of Minutes from December 13,  
2019
- F. Consider Approval of the Kale Stroup as Director of OER Development
- G. Consider Approval of Rylee Linderman as Director of Governmental Affairs
- H. Consider Approval of Jorge Talamantes Baez as Director of PR
- I. Consider Approval of Ethan McGregor as Council Chief

VIII. Committee and Task Force Reports:

- A. Internal Affairs Committee

Miranda: Voted for Editing Proposal. Shown in February and the Future of NDSA

- B. Student Affairs Committee

Felicia: in SAC we discussed Open Forum for student concerns. Adding things to NDSA website in regard to student concerns and other resources



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What an OER campaign would look like.

Had Eric Olson explain the BoR

C. State Legislative Affairs Committee

Toso: We received update from Olson and Johnson for Political activities. It is on hold until we figure out usage of fees. Due pass recommendation on a task force

IX. Presidential Report

Cambree: Currently, those in SAC got a report on new marketing strategy. Will present on in feb. I will be doing more for the Census and trying to build momentum

X. New Business

A. Consider Approval of Civic Engagement Task Force

Toso: This charter is available on the sharepoint. The purpose of this TF is to bring students together from all institutions to organize and engage students with elections politics and other club politics. The main outcome would be a resource document to include organizing strategies to pull from everyone's experience. Having these publicly available for reference would help assist programs and initiatives that want to be achieved. This did receive due pass in SLAC. Membership is appointed by me. Anyone interested get ahold of me. We want as much representation as possible.

Miranda: We are moving into formal QA. Seeing none, move to discussion. No discussion.

I seek motion

Gracie: motion

Christopher Minot.

Vote 43 Yes

5 no

1 abstain

Miranda: Explanation of changes

Motions can be made

Dawson: motion to approve without dissent

Approved.

XI. Complete General Assembly Feedback Survey



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Will be in Head Delegate chat

XII. Institutional Reports

BSC: We are opening two coffee shops. Still looking for President

Dickenson: Going through some budget cuts right ow. Student sentate is trying to make this a smooth transition to make sure decisions are student focues. In other news basketball is doing well. We have a presient alum.

LRSC: Recently have things going on. Weekly activity from student center for torunaments.

Mayville: Not much that is relavant. Completed interviews for Sports

Minot: We have just implemented dispensers for menstrual products.

Student gov considering approval from students for ??

NDSCS: Student senate has had 3 students resign, ut we are looking for recruitment. Doing well in basketball. We will be offerering a baseball team in Fall 2020.

NDSU: Bison won another national for football. Deliberating how much to increase student fees. Could go up 3.4 dollars and we much consider several aspects. We also have budgeting period. We will meet with finance board. Commencement closet. 15 underrad robes and others for students in need. 1st gen etc. Working with attending OER conference in march. We have students that will be on a panel.

Have new provost interim. In search for new registrar. A student gov advisor is also leaving.

UND: Thank you VCSU for hosting and accomadating. Student gov just finished allocating student fees. Our new president has been meeting with students. Governer will be on campus next week to give state address at our auditorium. We will be hosting our first free hocky tailgait against Denver. Student gov has passed giving money for esports

VCSU: thank you all for coming. Online program ranked by US news. Softball tam starting. Development in spring approved.

Williston: Everything ood. Some renovations coming up for nursing building.

XIII. Public Comment and Announcements

Nathan UND: Happy Chinese new year

Miranda: Please have a member bring your clickers.

Cambree: 2/3 committees did activities for inter school communication. Try to reach out before February. Try to get a few more.



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Toso: Now that the Task Force is approved, if anyone is looking, it is good for resumes and helping the state. Please direct questions to me.

XIV. Adjourn: 9:04



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- I. Committee Activity
- II. Call to Order
- III. Roll Call
  - BSC- 0
  - Bottineau- 0
  - DSU- 1
  - Lake Region- 1
  - Mayville- 2
  - Minot- 1
  - NDSCS- 1
  - NDSU- 1
  - UND- 5
  - VCSU- 1
  - Williston- 0
  - Total= 13 (majority 7)
- IV. Explanation of Meeting Procedure
  - Loose parliamentary procedure
- V. Video: How to Join the NDSA Office 365 SharePoint
  - All know how to join the Sharepoint or will ask [Video Link](#)
- VI. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
  - Line item E, new proposal for “consider the future of NDSA as we register as an organization”
  - Motion to approve Kylee NDSA, second Carly Lake Region
- VII. Officer Reports:
  - A. Vice President of Finance and Operations, Miranda Petrich
- VIII. Order of Business:
  - A. Consider Approval of Vouchers
    - 72 students x 15 (only fund up to that amount) total \$1,080
    - Motion Carly Lake Region, second Nathan UND
  - B. Consider Proposed Bylaw Update/Addition
    - Baseline, wanted to come to IAC for final review



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Changed line item C, added to the section

Kaelen UND: point of clarification, addressed by VP Petrich

Nathan UND: doesn't change process, responsibility of President or VPFO to reach out rather than just get rid of them, Chief of Staff may have fewer responsibilities, so this makes sense

Dawson UND: agree, Chief of Staff maybe is the best person to be the third in line for investigation

Kylee NDSU: clarification, goes to President first

Q. Is the timeline reasonable?

Gracie UND: comfortable, at discretion of President or VPFO, handle before next General Assembly meeting

Abby VCSU: would help, rushing is bad, next general would be good for more time for input

Kylee NDSU: should we leave it open?

Nathan UND: doesn't matter either way timeline or no, doesn't make much of a difference, not a huge task so fine with leaving it

Gracie UND: within a week of concerns being raised, clarification, this organization works on rotating schedules, may help or hurt to have restrictions

Simon Mayville: may need to set a period of time before the GA meeting in order to allow for proper time

Dawson UND: if it's too close to a meeting maybe wait until the next meeting?

Kylee NDSU: more general consideration, wouldn't be forced days before

Q. What actions can IAC take in the situation that VPFO approaches with concerns?



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Carly Lake Region: current process of removal?

Kylee NDSU: IAC takes over president's role?

Dawson UND: Ch 10 of Bylaws, no mention of IAC in removal? Probably do need to spell out what IAC can do (recommend)

Nathan UND: take president's role in determining if further action needs to be taken, committee recommendation for action

Aaron NDSCS: proposing 2/3 majority vote for a recommendation? Talking about it or adding?

Carly Lake Region: has IAC been added to it already?

Aaron NDSCS: what are we recommending? Clarify our power

Sarah Mayville: similar train of thought, after the recommendation where does it go? Want more detail/be more specific

Kaelen UND: do we want to draft the context in committee?

~VP Petrich draft overnight, bring back to IAC next month

Abby VCSU: agree it should come back to us (IAC)

Sarah Mayville: talk about it as a committee makes more sense, necessary for input since we will be involved

Dawson UND: moved to table discussion until the next meeting of IAC

Second Aaron NDSCS, motion carries

### C. Consider Policy Updates

Made some updates to change "Business" to "Shared" to be accurate for other entities we work with

Nathan UND: move to approve all edits, second Carly Lake Region, motion carries



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### D. Begin Preliminary Discussion of FY21 Budget

Same budget as this year down to the penny, looking at motor pool budget for next year's legislative session travel, travel (hotels and fuel) may also need to be adjusted for the legislative year, increase chief of staff compensation by \$500, President then reduced by \$500, awards were all reduced, try and keep education social?

Carly Lake Region: what is education social?

Dawson UND: reiterated changes from last year, may be good planning to increase motor pool but would rather budget in black to keep a balanced budget, wants to keep it where it is

Kylee NDSU: change "business" to "shared," would vote to increase travel and not motor pool as they can use their personal vehicles but it's important to travel and lobby





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**E. Consider the transition of NDSA into a non-profit organization [“consider the future of NDSA as we register as an organization”]**

What is NDSA, how do we work, how do we fit in?

Eric Olson: I am the Attorney General assigned to be the general council to NDUS and Board of Higher Ed. Nothing in my discussion should be taken as legal advice. Nothing is establishing an attorney client privilege. Please reach out to a private attorney for official advise.

This is a very recent addition to agenda and is moving very quickly, reach out to him or Cambree for resources.

In November we talked about political activities policy, how would it affect NDSA? Never been a good answer reached, started further research, how would restrictions apply to NDSA? engaged AG’s office, nothing he says can’t be solved it’s just how the group wants to approach it, tight timeline, researching lead to

a) no indication NDSA was ever proposed as State Law or included on State Board other than to appoint a representative,

b) no indication that NDSA was privately funded under state law.

What does that actually mean? Where do we go from here? *Absence of proof is not proof.* Cambree and Casey found a thesis from 1976 (88 pages), gives a good oral history with some documents about how the NDSA came to be. While it is not proof in itself of anything, it shows how the group came to be in ’68 ’69 and it looks as though nobody formalized the institution, meaning that we lack legal status. This wouldn’t be a problem in a lot of states because there is legislation around these kinds of situations. North Dakota, however, doesn’t



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have that in its laws. This leaves the question facing NDSA “what do you want to be when you grow up?”

What are the options moving forward? Well, there are at least two ways to approach but key fact is this needs to be done relatively quickly, state law requires justification of disbursement of state funds, need to resolves these questions to NDSA can receive disbursement. The options are as follows

1. More formally come under State Board of Higher Education. This is where it was assumed to be previously. The “control” of state board of higher ed but loosely, lots of benefits for monetary disbursement (wouldn’t have to change), drawback is that NDSA is theoretically under control of State Board, could impose restrictions or be more involved than we would like. There are strong and apparent conflict of interest to have control of group that is nominating one of its members, primarily when the State Board is nominating the SBHE representative.

2. formally organize as a nonprofit organization 501(C)(4). There would be no oversight from the SBHE under this option. The benefits include independence, oversight by State Board but it wouldn’t be overly restrictive, track funds and such as we already do, big drawback is things would be more complicated in the relationships between NDSA and SBHE, questions that could come up in terms of functional services, how does the NDSA continue to live in the environment with how it has in the past for shared services



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First option SBHE would need to pass a policy to formally adopt NDSA under its control, second option is to file paperwork to become a nonprofit, would need to be advised with legal counsel outside of system attorneys.

I am happy to provide context, but I will not advocate one way or another

Mason NDSU: third option is for NDSA to stop receiving funding, eliminating fees allows us to exist in the same way we normally exist

Eric Olson: That would avoid problems for the near future, but not very long.

NDSU: don't know how we spend our \$25,000, and I don't think we provide enough transparency for our students

VPFO, Miranda Petrich: all students have access to monthly statements, reimburse every school that hosts a meeting (big NDSA \$\$), officers receive scholarships for their positions which are payment for the time they commit to this organization, come to IAC to see the budget monthly or ask and you can be sent

Lindsey NDSU: if we were to continue as a nonprofit, how would we continue to collect student fees? Seems unethical to require students to pay into a nonprofit?



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Eric: That's literally how every state grant works. It can be analogized to a tax, state legislature appropriates dollars and money is paid out in grants to nonprofits, NDSA acts for the benefits of all students, no legal problems with paying out fee as a grant each semester

Lindsey NDSU: Is there an example of another student fee that has gone to a non-profit?

Eric: yes, other institutions have this happen, counseling services at UND, campuses will bring in services with nonprofit or for profit, take student fee dollars through the student government (sometimes) and will pay for services like a speaker

Lindsey NDSU: accountability measures for nonprofits in ND?

Eric: I am not an expert on non-profits. I have advised in virginia, dc, and MN. I am looking at this federally. There are filing requirements involved here. The primary way NDSA would have transparency, the SBHE would not provide. These are open records that can be made public.

Gracie UND: when considering stability for NDSA, much of this will come down to funding and ability to operate as we have been Formally coming under the control of SBHE, the money side of that would remain the same, but the conflict



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of interest that arises, which begs the question of the amount of autonomy that we keep if that happens and how could we assure that?

Eric: I see no reason that the level of independence would have to change but nothing to guarantee that. There is no reason to think this would happen currently, but there is nothing to stop the policy being written in a way to ensure maximum independence, policies can be changed by the State Board, can't speak for the board

Nathan BSC: would it become school's choice to get the student fee?

Eric: Institutions have no current control as it is a SBHE policy, so the state board would be able to keep that, nothing to stop NDSA from advocating for an increase, fee has stayed pretty steady for a while (went up four years ago), always option to ask for increase or go lower as it would be distributed as a grant, one school couldn't back out without permission of state board

Mason NDSU: I am against both options, long process would not be solved by fee distribution due to turnover in our organization, I would more support the SBHE option, but I wouldn't want to leave the control. That changes the way we operated since the sixties. There are questions of reporting to the chancellor. The leadership of them are elected to the SBHE. We wouldn't necessarily lose status, but it needs to be considered when changing the makeup of the organization. I do support third option which I provided.



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Casey UND: In response to getting rid of the fee, if we get rid of fee and then NDSA ceases to exist in the way it does, NDSA would have to rely on institutions to pay for the meetings themselves couldn't compensate officers, reality is that this is basically equivalent of part-time job, so much time you can't have an additional job, and it is difficult without the scholarship to get people to run the executive team. during legislative sessions large funds go toward being able to lobby at the legislature. Large portions also go to motorpool, lodging, and helps legislation. That would not continue. Students would need to pay for themselves to go. This makes it extremely difficult for people to go. The idea of removing the fee is Changing the way we run. I do not think we could function without funding.

Nathan UND: I am looking for clarification from Gracie's question? Is there a way to legally ensure State Board can't interfere or do we take it on good faith?

Eric: There is a fourth option. NDSA considers a legislative solution in the next legislative session, can't speak to board but may be some ways to write policy and allow NDSA to spin-off? Maybe become nonprofit in the case SBHE interferes too much (hasn't been researched, potential ways to limit potential of control but policies would need to be passed by the state board)

Alex Olson, LRSC: you mentioned different states that wouldn't have the issue North Dakota has.



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Eric: potentially, it's an unincorporated association

Alex: Could we push for ND to have that kind of legislation?

Eric: I think that would be far more difficult. I can't eliminate that possibility, but I think that would be difficult.

Gracie UND: Looking at the options you provided, and the ones NDSU provided, I wouldn't want to rule out the first two. I think seeing a written document that individuals could look out. Having concrete answers would be the best option moving forward. We have three more meetings, at least, more can be established, and this will effect future of organization, shouldn't be taken lightly.

Eric: I would again recommend reading the thesis when student body presidents of UND and NDSU meeting in the beginning. NDSA wasn't limited to university system (UMary, Jamestown) membership has changed over time, has happened recently.

Nathan BSC: Could there be a voluntary system where schools would have a choice in the NDUS system?

Eric: wouldn't want to rule that out, but it would be significant change. since uMary and Jamestown left NDSA the constitution was amended and power to



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nominate was established. If there was a vote, it would need to be worked out between legislatures. There may be some kickback about them being involved in nomination of the SBHE

Lindsey NDSU: There would be a power difference with options 1 and 2. It is not enough to operate under goodwill understanding they won't seek more power over us. We may need to seek pro-bono council, thinks it's unethical to ask students to pay into a non-profit by force. Now, why is this issue time-sensitive?

Eric: next student fee paid in September, state needs a legally recognizable entity in order to pay it out.

Lindsey: How has this been overlooked for 50 years?

Eric: It's not unusual to assume something is one way when it's not, second or third president stole all the records, maybe was established at the beginning but no one knows at this point, all that's left is in the thesis

Carly LRSC: Is there any way to keep it the way it is?

Eric: I think that is more or less Mason's proposal but state can't pay out state funds without a counterparty, everyone assumed there was a system in place but can't be advised to do that anymore





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- Mason NDSU: each of our schools has the opportunity to be active in the legislative session on their own, NDSA wouldn't be able to fund individuals to attend legislative sessions but we could encourage our own institutions, times when institutions opinions differ from the NDSA opinion (NDSU ratifies everything), if NDSA doesn't have money we will be different but doesn't think that's bad, we can still work together without dollars, meetings will look different but it's changed plenty over the last several years which isn't a bad thing, decisions we make evolve and we can maintain our autonomy and relationships with each other. Are we just debating or answering some question immediately? Need to take this back to our institutions and talk about this as student governments, should agree internally and then agree as an organization, potential outcomes are unknown but want that to be considered

VPFO, Miranda Petrich: point was to inform everyone, Eric and Lisa willing to come tonight so Eric could explain what was going on, so we could ask questions of Eric since exec team doesn't know as much, continue to discuss this, needs to happen in a time sensitive manner but not 48 hours

Mason NDSU: Motion to exhaust speakers list, Nathan UND second

Nathan UND: second



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Lydia UND: Each institution can lobby, but some institutions have a lot more power. NDSA provides a platform for all institutions to be heard equally.

Whether we pay this on our own, or with the options provided by Eric, students are paying in either way.

Dawson UND: if NDSA ceases to get student funding, in the next few years it probably ceases to exist. If meetings don't happen in person they may happen over Skype meetings that last ten minutes until Skype crashes. If an institution does drop, we are no longer NDSA, we are Part of ND student association and could cease to be what we fundamentally are now; a unified force of all student in North Dakota, which would cause us to lose most of our credibility. research institutions have more resources, lose voices if NDSA falls apart but that could happen with no money, won't take a stand either way

Nathan UND: abstain

William NDSU: yield

Casey UND: When was the fee implemented by the SBHE or what the SBHE thought it was giving the money to when it passed? Are there minutes that could reflect that?

Eric: It has been a number of decades, wasn't a fee in the 1976 document, can research, can't pull minutes that old because records were held mostly by



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campuses, can get them if we have them, makes sense to research but no answer

Gracie UND: yield

Eric: feel free to reach out if anyone wants to follow up, will be working with the leadership to form something for all of us to look at

### IX. Announcements and Comments

If you'd like to see the budget reach out to VPFO

Abby VSCU: bowling from 9-12, bring money for food (address with head delegates)

Lisa: statewide OER conference March 6, info will be distributed over student listserve

Eric: March 9 over IVN and streamed about disability serves, digitally accessible campuses, system office will be reaching out to NDSA to have a student speak at that

### X. Adjourn

Adjourned by VP Petrich at 8:50 p.m



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- I. Committee Activity
  - A. Skipped
- II. Call to Order
  - A. 6:42 PM CST.
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Explanation of Meeting Procedure
  - A. Toso, VP – following parli pro
- V. Video: How to Access the NDSA Office 365 SharePoint
  - A. Skipped [Video Link](#)
- VI. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
  - A. None
- VII. Officer Reports:
  - A. Vice President of Governmental Affairs, Taylor Toso
    - i. Rylee Lindemann is taking minutes and has been appointed as the new Director of Governmental Affairs. Will be approved tomorrow
- VIII. Order of Business:
  - A. Discuss “Political Activities” SBHE Policy
    - i. Toso, VP
      1. We have Assistant Attorney General Eric Olson and Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs Lisa Johnson with us
    - ii. Eric Olson, AG
      1. No attorney client privilege. Last time was contentious but helpful.
    - iii. Mason Rademacher, NDSU
      1. What Kind of help did FIRE give?
    - iv. Eric Olson, AG
      1. They have expertise on the subject
    - v. Mason, NDSU
      1. We dealt with them before
    - vi. Lisa Johnson, NDUS
      1. They are a resource not the driver
    - vii. Eric Olson, AG
      1. We are trying to protect student rights. Trying to see to what extents student’s rights can coexist with public funds. Student activity fees are public funds and therefore cannot be used for political purposes. This is different on the federal level. Southworth 1 and 2. SCOTUS rules that student fee is not a traditional public fund it is a public forum. Cannot restrict ideas. This is where FIRE helped us. There is still a state law. Cannot advise the state board even though it may be ok under federal law. Can change. 1 legislative action. 2 messy. 1 lawsuit. Discourage it. Must have standing. Second, ask the attorney general. Working with Kaleb Dschaak on this. Unsure if this group is a public entity or not. What is NDSA in a legal sense. If something were to be done immediately that would be the way to do it. Looking at options and are working to decide. Working with Cambree and Kaleb. Not asking this group to take action but perhaps this group could encourage Cambree and or Kaleb to ask for that opinion.
    - viii. Casey Orvedal, UND



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1. Are we able to override state law if Stenjem if he thinks its constitutional?
- ix. Eric Olsen, AG
  1. Essentially yes. More complicated but yes.
- x. Casey Orvedal, UND
  1. Separate from mine. Is the Attorney general able to apply SCOTUS precedent to override state law?
- xi. Eric Olson, AG
  1. Yes, but it wouldn't be on the books basically. Just would be able to apply the law in the case of student
- xii. Mason, NDSU
  1. Why wouldn't NDSA be able to ask for opinion right now
- xiii. Eric Olson, AG
  1. We don't know. There is currently no indication the NDSA is a state entity. Need to have legal stand. I.E able to file a lawsuit
- xiv. Cambree Smith, President
  1. Reason were keeping this meeting short is to make it to IAC to have this discussion.
- xv. Eric and Lisa
  1. This isn't doomsday
- xvi. Mason, NDSU
  1. So there's no action to take on a policy
- xvii. Eric Olson, AG
  1. NDSA question is a prerequisite. If part of state then yes the policy applies but if not then it wouldn't apply the same. There is no action to be taken yet on the political activities policies until we know how the NDSA will legally be treated.
- xviii. Mason, NDSU
  1. Holding fees ransom?
- xix. Eric Olson, AG
  1. NDSA fee is the only one that would be affected but the campus level fees wont.
- xx. Mason, NDSU
  1. What about when university business is political?
- xxi. Eric Olson, AG
  1. Currently maintain the status quo. Too early to say right now
- xxii. Bowen Arnold, BSC
  1. Are there any examples
- xxiii. Lisa Johnson, NDUS
  1. Good way to look to FIRE
- xxiv. Eric Olson, AG
  1. Yes and no. Unique to ND law in the sense to our prohibition to political activities. Other states do have history but ours do not. We don't have a lot of interpretive guidance. Analogous policies don't really cover exactly what we are but aren't the same
- xxv. Casey, UND
  1. IS there a general timeline for the policy
- xxvi. Eric Olson, AG



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1. That depends on how this moves. Would like it to be before presidential election. SBHE doesn't meet in August so this has to happen in like May or June. Otherwise would likely wait till after election cycle. This will likely take longer than just a month. This is difficult. There is no real firm time table.
  - xxvii. Mason, NDSU
    1. How would answering the NDSA question solve the overall question?
  - xxviii. Eric Olson, AG
    1. It doesn't. If we solve the constitutional vs statutory question then we will move forward with the policy whether or not the NDSA question is solved. But we are not going to wait for the NDSA question. Basically the advice is to continue the status quo.
  - xxix. Alex Olson, LRSC
    1. There are campus attorneys
  - xxx. Eric Olson, AG
    1. Yes. Each campus has attorneys that represent them. UND has three the rest have one.
  - xxxi. Toso, VP
    1. Unless we have anything new we will continue this conversation in IAC
- B. Discuss Civic Engagement Task Force
- i. Lindsey Pouliot, NDSU
    1. Should this be a campus to campus thing? Seems unworkable.
  - ii. William Fleck, NDSU
    1. Will be effective. Will provide good resources to perhaps smaller schools who don't have the resources.
  - iii. Alex Olson, LRSC
    1. Coming from a two year school. A four year schools tools and experience would be really helpful with getting involvement.
  - iv. Toso, VP
    1. That is a primary goal of the task force, to provide effective resources for organizing to schools with less institutional capacity
  - v. Chris Scott, Minot State
    1. This would be helpful. Some organizations have trouble because they don't have resources
  - vi. Lindsey, NDSU
    1. Point of order. Where did this come from?
  - vii. Toso, VP
    1. Background. This charter was written up by me, with guidance from the LGBTQ+ taskforce. Other institutions have come up to me and have said they don't really have the capacity to accomplish the same goals they have for some of their student government and organization initiatives. Four years often are able to build up and pass down institutional knowledge by nature of the length of their programs. This charter is supposed to help supplement that gap. As time moves on some institutional knowledge may be lost so this is supposed to prevent that. Another aspect is to get more people



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involved in NDSA. Not just coming but filling leadership roles as well within the organization

- viii. Lindsey, NDSU
  - 1. What are the statuses of other task forces?
- ix. Toso, VP
  - 1. None. LGBTQ+
- x. Lydia, UND
  - 1. Everyone faces the problem of turnover. This helps mitigate its effects.
- xi. Bowen Arnold, BSC
  - 1. Having this on the document will help bigger and smaller schools in the future. Will this be a task force that will continue into the future?
- xii. Toso, VP
  - 1. The charter effective date will last until April 25<sup>th</sup> on this year. To continue this will be determined by the next exec team.
- xiii. Alex Olson, LRSC
  - 1. This being a document makes it malleable and will be able to be tweaked. Will make a huge help
- xiv. William Fleck, NDSU
  - 1. Are we just voting to do pass?
- xv. Toso, VP
  - 1. Yes, we would need a motion to recommend “do pass” for the task force charter. Then the General Assembly as a whole would vote on it tomorrow.
- xvi. Motion made by Michael, Mayville State, to recommend “do pass” on the Civic Engagement Task Force charter
  - 1. Seconded by Christopher Scott, Minot State
  - 2. No Discussion
  - 3. Motion carries

## C. Discuss Interim Legislative Committees

- i. Toso
  - 1. Funding formula changes were discussed and approved by the interim Higher Education Funding Formula Committee. Schools would receive 96% of the previous year. May help protect schools that fall in enrollment. Credit factor for technical credits were increased. Will help those technical programs. Also adjustments to credit completion factor. Schools don't want to be penalized if their enrollment changes. Will discuss and take action when the legislative year rolls around
- ii. Casey, UND
  - 1. Is this being discussed at the February Higher Education Committee meeting?
- iii. Toso, VP
  - 1. Have not seen the full agenda yet

## IX. Announcements and Comments

### A. Mason, NDSU

- i. I'm am very vocal. Political activities policies is very important and I am very



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concerned. If you have questions you can ask me. There is the coupling the NDSA and policy questions. Funding could be withheld. Whether or not NDSA question is settled they are still looking to make a policy. Could be bad for each school. As we enter IAC think critically about what they are saying. Don't hesitate to speak up.

X. Adjourn

A. Adjourned 7:39 CST.

Bismarck State College	1
Dakota College at Bottineau	0
Dickinson State University	1
Lake Region State College	1
Mayville State University	1
Minot State University	1
North Dakota State College of Science	1
North Dakota State University	4
University of North Dakota	6
Valley City State University	1
Williston State College	0





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- I. Committee Activity
  - A. Walk around and meet others
- II. Call to Order 6:44
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Explanation of Meeting Procedure
- V. Video: How to Join the NDSA Office 365 SharePoint [Video Link](#)
- VI. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
  - A. Britenn Staswisck, BSC moved
  - B. Mayville Second
- VII. Officer Reports:
  - A. Vice President of Communication, Felicia Aries
    1. No report
- VIII. Open Forum for Student Concerns
  - a. Jack Erdahl, UND: 4 year research institution - Privatized housing, freshman involvement, student government and organization relations
  - a. Johnny Tien, Minot: 4 year non research - increase statewide communication, snow removal procedures, increase attendance at campus activities
  - b. Britten Stozwizk, BSC: 2 year schools - increasing enrollment, stigma surrounding colleges, scholarship opportunities
  - c. Mikayah, NDSCS: question regarding attendance on campus events
  - d. Johnny: Most events are free with student ID, increase advertising,
  - e. Britten: Does Minot State have an app that advertises events that are going on around campus?
  - f. Felicia Aries, Minot State:
  - g. Nathan Ball BSC: Our Mystic app gives important residence hall information, information on events, links to Blackboard, meal plan information, and more with the click of a button
- IX. Order of Business:
  - A. Discuss the updated Campus Connection layout design
    - i. Felicia: Gave OER description, opened up to more discussion
    - ii. Erica Solberg, NDSU: Questioned about links to scholarships
    - iii. Jack Erdahl, UND: UND has Scholarship Central, a resource for multiple scholarships
    - iii. Faith Wahl, UND: Asked for a check in from other universities on Title 9 policy
    - iv. BSC: Out students are not able to enroll unless they have completed online training
    - v. Williston State: We have a similar training to BSC
    - vi. NDSCS: We don't have a required policy, RA staff does Title 9 training, do other people do this too?
    - vii. UND: NDSA website could include Title 9 info



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- viii. BSC: I am also a resident hall staff, we have required training
  - ix. Minot State: Resident staff requires 1-2 week training before
  - x. UND: I know that UND RA staff undergoes weeks of training as well
  - xi. Angeline Gannon, VCSU: I am an RA and we are required to do Title 9 training before we start
  - iv. UND: Do we want to do anything for campus wide Title 9 training? It sounds like our resident staff is well trained across the state
  - v. Reed, VCSU: VCSU makes freshman do mandatory training in classes and require training, lose points if don't go
  - vi. BSC: Our online program works really well
  - vii. Jaime, VCSU: All student employees must take a training course before hire
  - viii. NDSU: I am confused as to whether we are looking to do a uniform procedure here not necessarily if we are complying
  - ix. UND: We are just following up with our discussion from November NDSA discussing how schools get their students to comply
  - x. NDSU: I don't think it's NDSA's job to require people to comply, but to find a way to get it across
  - xi. UND: We could post in on UND's website
  - xii. NDSU: It's still not our job and we need to look at it from a student perspective
  - xiii. Faith: I think we are ready to move on from this discussion being that we've spread ideas to other schools about how to implement the training
- B. OER Campaign
- i. Kale Stroup, UND: \*Explained general OER process, the function
  - ii. Britenn: I have a question about how our bookstore charges us for public materials such as public books published by our engineering company
  - iii. Kale: I can answer as much as I'm able. I believe that it has to do with the publisher, and I'm not sure why the bookstore is being able to charge us for this
  - iv. Nathan: We are being charged for this resource that can be found and printed off for free online, so I'm not sure where to go with that
  - v. Kale: I would talk to your student government and see if you can get that figured out
  - vi. Mayville: We have free online OER resources that are free in PDF version that are about \$50 to be printed off or roughly \$5 to be rented. We also have new faculty resources
  - vii. Kale: One other point that I would like to touch on is the campaign to incentivize professors to write their own material and publish it



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- for free. This is funded by stipends or grants to create more affordable books for students
- viii. Jack: My astronomy professor created his own book for about \$5 after becoming frustrated with textbook prices
  - ix. Nathan: Is Oden and NDUS thing that everyone has access to?
  - x. Kale: Oden should be available to everyone
  - xi. Mayville: Oden is available to everyone
  - xii. Nathan: Our online resources are difficult to navigate and often don't work, do you have any suggestions on that?
  - xiii. Kale: I would suggest talking this to your administration and your technology department
- c. SBHE Data Privacy policy:
- i. Erick Olson: I am here to give counsel but am in no way giving you official legal advice. With that being said, I want to commend you all for your action with the Data Privacy policy. I would like to give you an update and ask for any specific issues regarding the changes that we've made. We've begun working with what the system already has and building from there. We are looking to create a new policy that goes with the student free speech policy. We want to keep you involved and don't end up with something that you don't recognize. We want to take your concerns.
  - ii. Jack: Can we get a quick review of what the policy is about for those of us that were not at the last meeting
  - iii. Erick: There are about 10 provisions including personally identifiable information and educational information. These include consent, know what information is being given, information that can be provided to the public if requested, students PII cannot be sold for commercial purposes without consent, the right to inspect your information, the right to challenge the information, right to question if educational information is being used, identifying data being used and ensuring that student can not be identified, how we as an institution guard the information and ensure high standards of security, giving students the right to file a complaint
  - iv. Faith: I want to double check on the suggested policy to give consent for information and continue with implied consent so that consent is not required every time a new resource is used
  - v. Erick: I don't want to call you guys clueless, but it's hard to grasp all of the third parties that request your information (Starfish, Blackboard, Yuja, etc. ), and we are not able to negotiate all contracts, when the terms reach a level that we can't agree to, we will walk away, we actually did this about 3-4 weeks ago, so we are



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- concerned with getting favorable terms. Often times some of the issues come with new software from professors or TAs that encourage students to download free software, and if you are not able to see how the product is being paid for, you are the product.
- vi. Lindsey Pouliot, NDSU: On that last point, what are you doing to communicate with faculty about the policies to protect students?
  - vii. Erick: It is hard to reach everybody, but the communication is getting better
  - viii. Mayville: It's hard to believe that students are more concerned with this than faculty
  - ix. Lindsey: It's unfortunate that students are more concerned with this than faculty
  - x. Erick: Even some of our higher education officials are struggling to understand this, I've heard reports of free downloads and Facebook groups that can be a breach of information
  - xi. Faith: One more question, will this be under the Free Speech policy or go hand and hand with it?
  - xii. Erick: As of right now, it will go hand in hand.
  - xiii. Faith: Will we be contacted if this changes?
  - xiv. Erick: Yes, it is our goal to ensure that your voices are heard and that we can work this out.
  - xv. Felicia: Are there any other questions or comments?
  - xvi. \*No comments or questions put forth
- x. Announcements and Comments
    - A. BSC: Can I ask what the IAC issue is?
    - B. Felicia: We are looking at transitioning NDSA into a nonprofit
  - xi. Adjourn 7:46