

General Assembly

Meeting Minutes
(Saturday)

Chaired by Jason Fincel, President



NDSA



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Meeting Minutes
Saturday, September 23rd, 2023

- I. Call to Order
 - A. NDSA President Jason Fincel called to order at 9:06 am
- II. Roll Call
 - A. BSC: 3 present, 3 voting
 - B. DCB: 0 present, 0 voting
 - C. DSU: 0 present, 0 voting
 - D. LRSC: 4 present, 4 voting
 - E. MaSU: 0 present, 0 voting
 - F. MiSU: 2 present, 2 voting
 - G. NDSCS: 5 present, 5 voting
 - H. NDSU: 15 present, 15 voting
 - I. UND: 14 present, 14 voting
 - J. VCSU: 6 present, 5 voting
 - K. WSC: 0 present, 0 voting
 - i. out of 7 institutions present, 49 present, 48 voting
- III. Explanation of Meeting Procedure
 - A. Parly Pro.
 - B. State Name and Institution when speaking for the minutes
- IV. **ACTION: Additions to and Approval of the Agenda**
 - A. Motioned by Connor Furgeson UND
 - B. Second NDSU
 - i. Approved
- V. **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. Consider Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - i. Motioned by Avery Jorgenson NDSU
 - ii. Christopher Scott UND
 - iii. Approved
 - B. Vouchers
 - i. Motioned by Avery Jorgenson NDSU



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- ii. Christopher Scott UND
- iii. Approved

VI. Committee Reports:

A. Internal Affairs Committee

- a. Vice President of Finance
 - i. Discussed Reimbursement for NDSU
 - ii. Created Constitutional and Bylaw Revision Taskforce
 - iii. Opened Directorship Position

B. Student Affairs Committee

- a. Vice President of Communication
 - i. Gave a due pass recommendation to NDSA-02-2324: A Resolution Supporting Efforts to Promote Diversity and Inclusion on Campus
 - ii. Opened Directorship Positions

C. State Legislative Affairs Committee

- a. Vice President of Governmental Affairs
 - i. Gave a due pass recommendation to NDSA-01-2324: A Resolution in Support of Affordable Higher Education
 - ii. Talked about the Policy, Advocacy, and Research Task Force
 - iii. Opened the Directorship Applications

VII. Presidential Report

- A. Held an annual joint meeting with the NDUS. Talked about many things such as Envision 2035. All of the executive team have been attending those meetings.
- B. Higher Ed Interim committee met and will post notes from it. They talk about the Strategic Roles, retention, and other things.
- C. Scheduling to campus visits, preferably by the end of the semester.
- D. Will be joining a joint board on Tuesday.

VIII. SBHE Student Member Report

- A. Have not met since June, but have been working on Envision 2035.
- B. Renewed the president's contract.
- C. Approved some new programs.



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Will meet next week in Bismarck

- i. New Business
 - a. Confirmation of Chief Administrator
 - i. An appointed by the President and has to be approved by the General Assembly. Kiara Radke was appointed.
 - 1. Motion to Confirm Allen Hutcherson UND
 - 2. Second Michael Thomason NDSU
 - 3. Chief Admin is confirmed.
 - b. Constitutional and Bylaw Revision Task Force Proposal
 - i. The point is for a group of dedicated people to go over and suggest suggestions and improvements for it.
 - ii. Over the years, things have come up that weren't already in it so this taskforce will go over those.
 - iii. Will go over the entire year.
 - iv. Questions
 - 1. None
 - v. Motion to Approve Celeste McCash - LRSC
 - vi. Second UND
 - 1. Discussion
 - 2. Christopher Scott UND: there are a lot of areas that are lacking in the constitution. Such as the discrepancies in the election area. No policy on how to change the NDSA fee. Doesn't talk about taskforces. IAC has a quorum requirement but none of the others. Over the years, more and more things have gotten clunky. It is such a large document so that is why just the Exec Team can't handle
 - vii. Taskforce is Passes
- c. NDSA-01-2324: A Resolution in Support of Affordable Higher Education
 - i. This Resolution is in Response to programs being done in other states. Since we aren't in the Legislative Session, this is a proactive issue. States that as costs rise, we want to decrease the financial burden on others.
 - ii. Questions
 - 1. Kaylee Weigel NDSU: Who is this being sent to?



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- a. No one, just on the website stating our stance i the event they want to know.
- iii. Discussion
 - 1. None
- iv. Moved to Approve Christopher Scott UND
- v. Second NDSCS
- vi. Resolution Passes
- d. NDSA-02-2324: A Resolution Supporting Efforts to Promote Diversit and Inclusion on Campus
 - i. This Resolution states that they are supporting the NDUS for supporting D&I and all the institutions.
 - ii. Questions
 - 1. None
 - iii. Discussion
 - 1. Sammi Weber UND: A good resolution but know that a the Universities already have policies in place
 - 2. Adeline Emter UND: Can you provide some insight for this resolution that hasn't been stated by individual ones.
 - a. This is just to reclarify our position and go through the NDSA since it is more official. Also, some response to Affirmative Action being stru down.
 - 3. Grace Reper NDSU: Friendly Amendment to change some wording of resolution.
 - 4. Adelyne Emter UND: I think that we should state something directly about Affirmative Action in the Resolution. Thinks it is vague and want to be more exact.
 - 5. Christopher Scott UND: With Adelyne on it. Does feel vague and want there to be more exact. I think should be specific in the resolution. It could make the resolution stronger.
 - 6. Connor Ferguson UND: Wondering what other institutions are thinking regarding it.
 - 7. Celeste McCash LRSC: Can sympathize with it but thinl that it can help us lay the building blocks for when we



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are in the legislative year.

8. Allen Hutcherson UND: Doesn't think that adding more will diminish the resolution.
9. Cherokee Warranty NDSCS: Do agree with what UND has been saying. If we did add a clause about Affirmative Action, it would make it better.
10. Josh Had NDSU: Don't think we need to add something about Affirmative Action but talk about how we are going to foster something about it.
11. Christopher Scotte UND: I think the vagueness helps in some cases but this one is too vague for what we need it to do.
12. Austin Anderson NDSU: I think that it helps us look good since it isn't a legislative session.
13. Adelyn Emter UND: If we keep doing vague documents it may decrease the value of the other ones that aren't
 - a. Motion to send back to Committee.
 - b. Kaylee Weigel Seconds
 - c. Motion passes. Resolution is sent pack to SAC

IX. Complete General Assembly Feedback Survey

- A. Sammi Webber is the Delegate of the Month!!

X. Institutional Reports

A. BSC:

- i. Working on the Human Performance Center
- ii. There will be a vote to make a new building
- iii. Working on a time capsule project.
- iv. Working on getting more information in their myBSC app.
- v. Polytech Building happening

B. DCB: absent

C. DSU: absent

D. LRSC:

- i. Had Od Rodd come to speak and writing workshop
- ii. Doing a horror movie month



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- iii. Had several Hypnotist come for the first month
 - iv. Will be doing Trunk or Treat through organizations
 - v. Corn Maze and Halloween Costume Competition
 - vi. Jekyll and Hyde performance.
- E. MaSU: absent
- F. MiSU:
- i. Just had Homecoming.
 - ii. SCO had President had to step down, so have a new one
 - iii. Hornet Hall renovation are starting
- G. NDSCS:
- i. Machining Program got a grant
 - ii. Significant growth by 7%
 - iii. Had 700 people at block party
- H. NDSU:
- i. Homecoming is next week
 - ii. Reserved a Green Space for people to use
 - iii. Game against UND soon!
- I. UND:
- i. ChatGPT creator is coming to speak here.
 - ii. Enrollment is up 2% and hit 14,000 and haven't hit that ever.
 - iii. Had Narcan training
 - iv. Reviving Gov within
 - v. Got funding for
 - vi. Switched to Unleaded fuel
 - vii. 30,000 was allocated to the food pantry
 - viii. Hosted a TedTalk.
- J. VCSU:
- i. Highest Enrollment in their history
 - ii. Full Senate
- Fireplace was put in



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- K. WSC: absent

- XI. Public Comment and Announcements
 - A. Thank you all for coming!
 - B. Thank you to Michael for hosting the NDSA!
 - C. Christopher Scott: Happy Birthday Jason!!
 - D. Connor Ferguson UND: Thank NDSU for hosting.
 - E. Nate Olsen LRSC: Happy Birthday Amanda!!

- XII. Adjourn
 - A. 9:53 am



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Roll Call Sheet
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INSTITUTION	STUDENT TOTAL	APPORTIONED VOTING DELEGATES	DELEGATES PRESENT	DELEGATES VOTING
Bismarck State College	3,756	7	3	3
Dakota College at Bottineau	909	4	0	0
Dickinson State University	1,425	4	0	0
Lake Region State College	1,972	5	4	4
Mayville State University	1,140	4	0	0
Minot State University	3,216	6	2	2
North Dakota State College of Science	2,985	6	5	5
North Dakota State University	14,358	16	15	15
University of North Dakota	14,406	17	14	14
Valley City State University	1,522	5	6	5
Williston State College	1,098	4	0	0
TOTAL:			49	48