

General Assembly

Meeting Minutes
(Saturday)

Chaired by Jason Fincel, President



NDSA



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Meeting Minutes
Saturday, October 28th, 2023

- I. Call to Order
 - A. NDSA President Jason Fincel called to order at 9:05 am
- II. Roll Call
 - A. BSC: 1 present, 1 voting
 - B. DCB: 0 present, 0 voting
 - C. DSU: 0 present, 0 voting
 - D. LRSC: 3 present, 3 voting
 - E. MaSU: 0 present, 0 voting
 - F. MiSU: 1 present, 1 voting
 - G. NDSCS: 11 present, 6 voting
 - H. NDSU: 3 present, 3 voting
 - I. UND: 7 present, 6 voting
 - J. VCSU: 6 present, 5 voting
 - K. WSC: 0 present, 0 voting
 - i. out of 11 institutions present, 32 present, 25 voting
 - ii. Quorum not met
- III. Explanation of Meeting Procedure
 - A. Parli Pro
- IV. **ACTION: Additions to and Approval of the Agenda**
 - A. Motion to approve without dissent Precious Dada UND
 - i. Second Celeste McCash LRSC
 - ii. In the opinion of the chair, the motion passes
- 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. Moved to approve Christopher Scott UND
 - i. Second Cheokee Warnecke NDSCS
 - ii. In the opinion of the chair, the motion passes



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VI. Committee Reports:

A. Internal Affairs Committee

- a. Vice President of Finance –
 - i. Talked about host school reimbursement
 - ii. Talked about update on the Constitutional and Bylaw Revision Taskforce which is schedule for November 9th.
 - iii. Talked about increasing the NDSA fee to d.06 from .04 to deal with increasing costs

B. Student Affairs Committee

- a. Vice President of Communication –
 - i. Talked about Advisor and Office hours
 - ii. Opened the Taskforce for Student Outreach
 - iii. Went over the DEI Resolution
 - iv. Had conversations about AI on campus
 - v. The Directorships position is still open to those who want to apply for the Director of PR or Director of DEI

C. State Legislative Affairs Committee

- a. Vice President of Governmental Affairs –
 - i. Went over the Envision 2035
 - ii. Directorships positions are still open
 - iii. Taskforce for Policy Advocacy and Research
 - iv. OER is being talked about and seeing how they will be
 - v. Talked about past approved legislative priorities.

VII. Presidential Report

- A. Went to the Higher Ed interim committee
- B. Went to the SBHE meeting in September in Bismarck
- C. Went to a joint board meeting in September, though not much involved Higher Ed. There was still good conversation with Lisa Johnson and recent high school graduates
- D. The National Student Association is starting up and Grace and Jason have been in contact in them in the early stages of this.
- E. Envision 2035 is still going on and Jason's has just gotten a survey out about the Student's perspective on Humanities.



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- F. Planning campus visit Williston this week but was cancelled but will reschedule and schedule more for the rest of the semester

VIII. SBHE Student Member Report

A. SBHE Student Member

- i. Earlier this month went the interim Higher Ed meeting. Went over the teacher shortage, the capital funding bill program,
- ii. 14 bills were passed and 2 involved higher ed. One bill was HB1543 CTE and the other one involved retirement for the state employees like professors and staff.
- iii. Met as a board this week and there was a request for a TikTok waiver so that the Marketing departments can use it.
- iv. Been working on Envision 2035 as an advocate for students and next week there will be a summit to go over the findings.
- v. Working on several committees such as AI
- vi. Discussed research initiatives
- vii. Overlooked a few policies at the last board meeting so are looking to reduce the number of them

IX. New Business

A. NDSA-02-2324: A Resolution Supporting Effort to Promote Diversity and Inclusion on Campus

- i. Cannot vote since we haven't met quorum, but can discuss it
- ii. This was proposed last NDSA and was moved back to the Committee
- iii. It was talked that we gave it a due not pass recommendation
- iv. Celeste McCash LRSC - Why was it given a due not pass
 - 1. There wasn't enough reason to why we need it.
- v. Celeste McCash LRSC - I think that it is something we need to do since the legislature were targeting DEI so much. Our legislative priorities were also in support of something similar.
- vi. Christopher Scott UND - I think that there should be some resolution but don't feel like this one is strong enough. The last resolutions we passed have been supporting Diversity and Inclusion. This one just doesn't feel like it has the same weight
- vii. Sadie Hanson SBHE - When it comes to resolution, I think that the bill could be more broad but include passed things that were not agreed by the NDSA

B. NDSA Student Fee Bylaw Change Proposal

- i. Fee increase from .04 to .06 per credit up to 12
- ii. This is to make sure that there is enough money for the NDSA



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to keep going.

- iii. It is a Bylaw Change
- iv. The costs are raising for the accountant and the fees haven't been raised in a long time.
- v. Don't want to dip into the reserves too much
- vi. Discussion
 - 1. Christopher Scott UND - The last time it was raised was 7 years ago, during the 2016/2017 year. I support raising the fee due to the inflation over the years. Travel costs and food costs have been going up so that is why it makes sense.

X. Complete General Assembly Feedback Survey

- A. Delegate of the Month is Celest McCash!!

XI. Institutional Reports

A. BSC:

- i. No report

B. DCB:

- i. Absent

C. DSU:

- i. Absent

D. LRSC:

- i. This moth we have been doing a Sobering in October to support safe drinking
- ii. A graphic comic came to campus and he has worked
- iii. Jeckyl and Hyde finished it production
- iv. Horror movies have been showing this month

E. MaSU:

- i. Absent

F. MiSU:

- i. Work is continuing on their new hall and it should be ready by next fall.
- ii. A few of their sports seasons are starting up over the month



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G. NDSCS:

- i. Performing art had their first performance
- ii. Working on the strategic planning
- iii. Football is in the playoffs
- iv. Volleyball is progressing
- v.

H. NDSU:

- i. Kicked off public funding for a new engineering building 14.5
- ii. Having a Miss NDSU pageant coming up to raise money for Down Home, a local charity
- iii. Just appointed new senators and almost have a full senate

I. UND:

- i. UND beat NDSU for the first time in 20 years
- ii. Hockey won in the
- iii. Had a clothesline project to bring awareness
- iv. Hosted a DEI conference on
- v. Talked about Mental Health in aviation
- vi. President Armacost has launched a 5 million dollar campaign for capital projects.

J. VCSU:

- i. We hosted table times to find out what students on campus want to see from food service
- ii. Had our Shatter the Silence month which brings awareness about domestic violence
- iii. Had discussion over fees, including fine arts and senate fees.
- iv. Hosted the ND Higher Ed Committee
- v. Hosted 1st Future Teach Meeting

K. WSC:

- i. WSC has been focused on student participation in
- ii. Had 2 snow days already
- iii. Asking about Student happiness and what people want to see on campus



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- XII. Public Comment and Announcements
 - A. Thank you for hosting NDSCS!
 - B. Thank you everyone for coming!

- XIII. Adjourn
 - A. Motion to adjourn Sohpia Weshnveski NDSCS
 - i. Seconded by Carter Gill VCSU
 - ii. Adjourned at 9:35



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INSTITUTION	STUDENT TOTAL	APPORTIONED VOTING DELEGATES	DELEGATES PRESENT	DELEGATES VOTING
Bismarck State College	4,065	7	1	1
Dakota College at Bottineau	1,180	4	0	0
Dickinson State University	1,453	4	0	0
Lake Region State College	1,810	5	3	3
Mayville State University	1,048	4	0	0
Minot State University	2,741	6	1	1
North Dakota State College of Science	3,140	6	11	6
North Dakota State University	11,952	15	3	3
University of North Dakota	14,172	17	7	6
Valley City State University	1,754	5	6	5
Williston State College	912	4	0	0
		TOTAL:	32	25