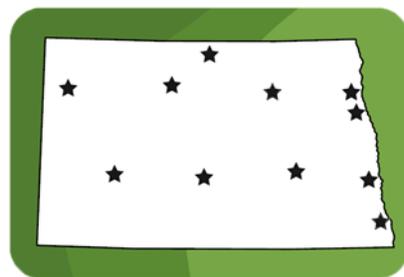


# General Assembly

Meeting Minutes  
(Saturday)

Chaired by Jason Fincel, President



**NDSA**



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- I. Call to Order
  - A. NDSA President Jason Fincel called to order at 9:35 am MST, 10:35 am CST
  
- II. Roll Call
  - A. BSC: 7 present, 7 voting
  - B. DCB: 0 present, 0 voting
  - C. DSU: 1 present, 1 voting
  - D. LRSC: 3 present, 3 voting
  - E. MaSU: 0 present, 0 voting
  - F. MiSU: 3 present, 3 voting
  - G. NDSCS: 6 present, 6 voting
  - H. NDSU: 4 present, 4 voting
  - I. UND: 6 present, 6 voting
  - J. VCSU: 11 present, 5 voting
  - K. WSC: 0 present, 0 voting
    - i. 8 out of 11 institutions present, 41 present, 35 voting
    - ii. Quorum not met
  
- III. Explanation of Meeting Procedure
  
- IV. **ACTION: Additions to and Approval of the Agenda**
  - A. NDSCS approved
  - B. Seconded by UND
  
- 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. Motioned to approve LRCS
  - B. Seconded by BSC
    - i. Motion passes
  
- VI. Committee Reports:



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## A. Internal Affairs Committee

- a. Vice President of Finance – Talked about the fee increase resolution about why we are raising the fee. Talk about the raising of Exec team scholarships. Talked about raising the NDSA fee from 4-6 cents.

## B. Student Affairs Committee

- a. Chief Administrator – Had some good discussion on Gym Reciprocity and finals week times between institutions

## C. State Legislative Affairs Committee

- a. Vice President of Governmental Affairs – Gave a due pass to the resolution. Talked about policy to PAR taskforce. The OER was tabled. SLAC Accessibility and NDSA outreach were talked about, and the discussion was moved to the Student Outreach Taskforce.

- VII. Presidential Report – TikTok ban was talked about. They didn't want to revisit the ban. Institutions can use it on personal devices and data. Continuing talking with the national institution. Reaching out to private and tribal colleges. A summit was held for the 2035 group where the results were shared. Not a higher – ed interim committee since October but will report it once gone.

## VIII. SBHE Student Member Report

- A. SBHE Student Member – Had the envision 2035 summit. Identified overlap in the sub-groups and are still finishing up the report. Will be discussing presidential compensation in December. Will talk about the funding formula as well here. There was a president finance committee earlier this week. UND's president is still hosting AI forums that are open to the public. Campuses have decided to use marketing with TikTok with the stipulations. Decided to take no action of the TikTok ban as of now. Discussion on UND selling land but will hear more about it next month. Approving several academic programs.

## IX. New Business

- A. NDSA-02-2324: A Resolution Supporting Effort to Promote Diversity and Inclusion on Campus
  - i. Discussed this previously but received a due not pass from SAC.
  - ii. Questions
    - a. Carter Gill VCSU: Has anything changed?



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- b. No
- B. NDSA Student Fee Bylaw Change Proposal
  - i. This is a change to the bylaw that we want to increase the fee from 4 - 6 cents.
  - ii. It goes through a first reading, then a second, but since we haven't met quorum, it doesn't count.
  - iii. Discussion
    - a. Celeste McCash LRSC: Wondering if we can increase from 4-8 instead.
    - b. Christopher Scott UND: Wondering what we would do with the extra 2 cent increase.
    - c. Celest McCash LRSC: We could give more back to host institutions for the meals.
    - d. Carter Gill VCSU: What would the difference be between 6 and 8 cents.
    - e. Cody Olski VPFO: Doesn't have the exact number, but we only need 1.5 to deal with the inflation. 2 would give us an extra .5 cent for it.
    - f. Sadie Hanson UND: Question on the timing of this decision. We need this approved before the meeting with the chancellor before the meeting in February.
    - g. Chrisopher Scott UND: a 2 cent increase is roughly 20,000 extra a year.
- C. NDSA-03-2324: A Resolution for NDSA Fee Increase
  - i. A resolution explaining the reason behind the increase of fee.
  - ii. This could be presented to the chancellor even if we don't make in time.
- D. NDSA-04-2324: A Resolution In Support of NDUS Diversity Tuition Waivers
  - i. A resolution in response on civil complaint to a few NDUS institutions on their Diversity waivers for historically underrepresented groups.
  - ii. It is said that we are in support of the waivers with research to back it up.
  - iii. Discussion
    - a. Christopher Scott UND: What is the time line on



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this resolution

- b. Grace Reep VPGA: It is fairly recent so the timeline is unsure. They are asking when they got them because it unsure the exact time. Don't know how quickly since it is ongoing, with only a few institutions.
- c. Carter Gill VCSU: The complaints are to the Federal Department of Education, so it is up to them. Carter is hoping that they will keep it and side with the institutions. They will probably wait for the DOE decision before going forward with the lawsuit.
- d. Christopher Scott UND: Wondering because we could issue a public statement even if we don't meet quorum.
- e. Carter Gill VCSU: Doesn't think that it is pressing for time. The resolution is a good thing to show and testify to the legislature.

X. Complete General Assembly Feedback Survey

XI. Institutional Reports

- A. BSC: Had a lot of events. The construction of the poly center. A vote on yes for the performance center. It will increase their fees but will allow for a lot more for their campus. It will increase the fee of \$22.50. It can allow for a new gymnasium and other things. Had 3 major platforms. The performance center, the aquatic center with updates, and the campus exterior updates. Working with construction on their streets to make it safer. Doing a tabling event to ask students about what they would like to see. Have a meeting with the aquatic center to discuss what they want to see in the future. This would come with a survey on usage. Had their 4<sup>th</sup> annual taco run to raise money for the food pantry. 1061 items and \$1,002, meeting their goals. Their SS talks about their student fees, apparel, getting rooms for their senate, and ATMS for their residents hall.
- B. DCB: absent
- C. DSU: Pretty successful with student participation. Their football and XC won their conference and are currently competing. Finished their Polytech building. Their E-Sports got a deal from Pepsi.
- D. LRSC: Continued the tradition of doing an art night every night this year. They will host a drawing course to teach students how to draw. Done events with RAs on stress relief. Having a banned book club with reading of the Part Time Diary of a Full Time Indian and



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Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man. Bingo hosted by their gender and sexuality alliance. Chris Carter, a hypnotist is coming to campus. Doing 2 plays coming up for Christmas, one being an original play. Increased the amount of people coming to events to over 2,000 people show up.

- E. MaSU: Football and volleyball finished. Basketball is starting. Theatre is doing a play, The Big Tuna this weekend. Renovation has stated on their new "Old Main" building. They lost a beloved professor Katie Richards to a car accident.
- F. MiSU: Going through "Beaver Dam" renovations which is their hangout in the student center and gathering student opinions. Doing a wellness fair to promote emotional, physical, and mental wellness. Sports seasons are starting up. Harnett Hall is set to open in the Spring. Talked about demolition of Dakota Hall. No use for it now so thinking about knocking it down.
- G. NDSCS: Going of the strategic plan and prioritize having a new library. Had a food drive that went well. Had a night of remembrance for members of campus who have passed. The volleyball team went to nationals and lost in a close game. The Little Mermaid Musical is happening next semester. Preparing the moonlight dinner for finals week.
- H. NDSU: New tuition program that will be coming out next semester. It is in response to the Minnesota north star promise that will cover the first 2 years for eligible students. A fraternity hosted Miss NDSU for charity and raised over \$22,000.
- I. UND: Thank you for hosting DSU! They created a safe ride uber program that provides students with \$7 uber vouchers. Successfully tested a pressure suit with helium that can set the power of a 44 thousand feet. For international business week, UND host a panel showcasing global outreach. Hosted a winter clothes drive and will distribute it soon.
- J. VCSU: Added a Student Concern section to our agenda is going well! Police letter about speeding through campus. Sodexo made multiple changes for our students. McCarthy renovation is underway to start next semester.
- K. WSC: Continuing the student outreach and hosted a bunch of successful events. Some of those events are karaoke night, slime making, cookie decorating, bowling night. Getting feedback on how to furnish the new healthcare building on campus and how to best meet the needs of future students.

## XII. Public Comment and Announcements



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- A. Directors
  - i. Director of Finance: Joseph Werne
  - ii. Director of Governmental Affairs: Sarah Kempel
  - iii. Director of Policy, Advocacy, and Research: Carter Gill
  - iv. Director of Diversity and Inclusion: Sammie Weber
- B. Thank you so much DSU for hosting!
- C. Appreciate everyone for coming out and taking time out of your weekend!
- D. Delegate of the month is Chloe Anderson!
- E. Write your names on the sheets for reimbursement.

## XIII. Adjourn

- A. Motioned by NDSCS
- B. Second BSC
- C. 10:15 am MST



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Roll Call Sheet  
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INSTITUTION	STUDENT TOTAL	APPORTIONED VOTING DELEGATES	DELEGATES PRESENT	DELEGATES VOTING
Bismarck State College	4,065	7	7	7
Dakota College at Bottineau	1,180	4	0	0
Dickinson State University	1,453	4	1	1
Lake Region State College	1,810	5	3	3
Mayville State University	1,048	4	0	0
Minot State University	2,741	6	3	3
North Dakota State College of Science	3,140	6	6	6
North Dakota State University	11,952	15	4	4
University of North Dakota	14,172	17	6	6
Valley City State University	1,754	5	11	5
Williston State College	912	4	0	0
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>35</b>