

General Assembly

Meeting Minutes
(Saturday)

Chaired by Jason Fincel, President



NDSA



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Saturday, April 23rd, 2023

- I. Call to Order
 - A. NDSA President Jason Fincel called to order at 9:15 am
- II. Roll Call
 - A. BSC: 6 present, 6 voting
 - B. DCB: 0 present, 0 voting
 - C. DSU: 0 present, 0 voting
 - D. LRSC: 2 present, 2 voting
 - E. MaSU: 0 present, 0 voting
 - F. MiSU: 1 present, 1 voting
 - G. NDSCS: 8 present, 6 voting
 - H. NDSU: 12 present, 12 voting
 - I. UND: 14 present, 14 voting
 - J. VCSU: 6 present, 5 voting
 - K. WSC: 1 present, 1 voting
 - i. 8 out of 11 institutions present, 50 present, 47 voting
- III. Explanation of Meeting Procedure
- IV. **ACTION: Additions to and Approval of the Agenda**
 - A. Carter Gill VCSU Motion to add resolution to the agenda.
 - i. Resolution in support of DEI departments
 - ii. Seconded by UND
 - iii. Passes by voice vote.
 - B. Carter Gill Motions to add a resolution to the agenda.
 - i. Resolution in opposition of supplementary materials as core curriculum.
 - ii. Seconded by UND
 - iii. Passes by a voice vote.
 - C. NDSCS Motions to approve the agenda.
 - D. NDSU second
 - i. Passes by voice vote.



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- 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 NDSU
 - B. Seconded By UND
 - i. Passes by voice vote
- VI. Committee Reports:
- A. Internal Affairs Committee
 - a. Vice President of Finance – We talked about host school reimbursement with 1,180. Talked about the constitution and bylaw revision taskforce and have finished the first revision of the bylaws. Working on the constitution next meeting. Have a weekend meeting to get more thoughts before it comes to IAC. Talked about marketing materials to NDSA's name out there. Purchasing technology equipment for committees so don't have to rely on host schools to have equipment. Talked about the NDSA budget and what to do about it next month.
 - B. Student Affairs Committee
 - a. Vice President of Communication – Discusses the NDSA guidebook and showed the rough draft of it. Talked about the NDUS LGBT community platform and NDSA's role in supporting that. Gave a quick social media update. Brought up a resolution that will be coming up later in the GA.
 - C. State Legislative Affairs Committee
 - a. Vice President of Governmental Affairs – Talked about how the guidebook would be better for SAC. Talked about the envision 2035 groups and update for that and Lisa Johnson, who was in attendance gave more an update on that. Gave an update on the Governmental Handbook that will be uploaded to the website. Working on document for NDSA Resolutions, Public Comments, and Testimony over the last 4 years. It will include everything from IAC, SLAC, and SAC and it will be uploaded to the website and SharePoint. Talked about the OER Initiative that came up in 18-19 and there was a possible taskforce about it, but it will be a singular meeting. Reach out if that interests you.
- VII. Presidential Report – Conducted a campus visit at LRSC while sitting with admin and students. Was able to find some issues that affected smaller



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institutions. DCB and NDSU campus visits are coming up in the next week. Further campus are in the process of being scheduled. Adylen Emter spearheaded a meeting at UND about the LGBT Collective Group. Both Sammi and I participated in that. This also included some administration. Talked with Sadie Hason and Chancellor Hagerott about the trajectory of the NDSA for the rest of the year. Talked with the president of the united universities of Montana, Maggie Bell. Shared what we have done, the past work we did, and the way we are structured for information sharing and may speak at one of those meetings. Trying to keep that communications going. Envision 2035 meetings are still happening and the Exec team has been participating in that. The Higher-Ed interim meeting that is happening later in the Month, that I will be participate in later.

VIII. SBHE Student Member Report

- A. SBHE Student Member Sadie Hanson- The state board hasn't met since the last NDSA. We will be meeting in the next week. Talked about issues that were popping up from the Envision groups and was able to get the student's perspective on those issues. Reach out if you want to write one.

IX. New Business

A. Guest Speaker for NDUS 2035 Humanities

- i. Dr. Dutton will be give a presentation about the Envision 2035 group and there will be a survey to fill out at the end of the meeting.
- ii. Dr. Dutton: Part of the Envision 2035 Humanities subgroup. Our task is to develop a strategic plan for humanities groups, especially the digital side of it. This is include the student access to it and linking the NDUS campuses together in it. Thinking about how we can better serve you guys please fill out the survey to get that feedback.

B. NDSA Student Fee Bylaw Change Proposal

- i. Tabled to this meeting. This will be the second hearing for this. There was a deadline to get this done and that has passed, but we still need to action on that. This would raise NDSA fee from .04 to .06.
- ii. Questions - None
- iii. Discussion
 - a. Evan Hutchenson UND - Changed it from .06 to .05 at the last resolution
 - b. UND - table to motion indefinitely



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- c. BSC – Seconds it.
- d. Motion passes 39-2-1
- C. NDSA-03-2324: A Resolution for NDSA Fee Increase.
 - i. This resolution to justify the reason for the bylaw change. There was many reasons on why we needed to do this but mostly giving it to the system office. In IAC we decided to give it a due not pass recommendation from IAC
 - ii. Questions – None
 - iii. Discussion
 - a. Evan Hutchenson UND – Motion to table indefinitely
 - b. Seconded by Carter Gill VCSU
 - c. Discussion:
 - d. Christopher Scott UND: It doesn't give the system office our stance on the motion so I suggest to make a pass on it.
 - e. Carter Gill VCSU: I agree, fail the fail, then change that.
 - f. Evan Hutchenson UND: Rescinds their motion to fail and changes it to a pass motion.
 - g. Seconded by NDSU
 - h. Discussion:
 - i. Kaylee Wiegel NDSU: Brought up at NDSU and wrote a resolution that was against the increase and that passed unanimously.
 - j. Motion fails 11-33-0
- D. NDSA-05-2324: A Resolution in Support of Extending Initial NDUS President Contracts to 3 Years
 - i. This resolution is talking about our NDSU president sign a contract that would be increasing that contract to 3 years instead. This can increase the want for the position and have more long term plans
 - ii. Questions:
 - a. Nate Olsen LRSC: For the president, is the president for the organization or someone outside.



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- b. Jason Fincel President: Which one are you referring to?
 - c. Teegan LRSC: The on in the resolution.
 - d. Jason Fincel President: It is the university president.
 - e. Teegan LRSC: How would this work then.
 - f. Sadie Hanson SBHE: They are on a contract. This would shorten the amount of time we have to talk about their contract, but would still allow for us to discuss their performance every year. I think it is a good resolution to pass. We are currently doing a president compensation study to break down that contract more.
 - g. Teegan LRSC: This is a contract for a president that is hired on?
 - h. Jason Fincel President: Ye
 - i. Kaylee Weigel: How often are president there after 1-2 years. Also, does this even affect us if we evaluate them every year.
 - j. Sadie Hanson SBHE: It doesn't change much about how we do it. We still will have yearly discussions. Don't have an issue with President staying or them coming to a mutual decision if they are a good fit.
- iii. Discussion:
- a. Chrisopher Scott UND: I think that this is good and there are other state that are doing this. This may allow for more interest in them coming to NDUS schools.
- 2. UND Motions to pass the resolution.
 - 3. Seconded by BSC
 - 4. Motion Passes 32-9-6
- E. Approval of Camera Purchase
- i. Yesterday in IAC there was talk about purchasing camera for committee meetings do to our hybrid meeting. This camera we decided is the EMEET that is on sale for 559.99 We would get 3 of them so it would be about 1700. We aren't going to get a 4th one now or get a travel case.
 - ii. NDSU: The recommendation for why we went for the EMEET vs



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OWL.

- iii. Carter Gill VCSU: There are some drawbacks for the OWLS because you need WiFi for it to work. The EMEET is just a plug and play while it is more complicated for the OWL
 - iv. Kaylee Weigel: We bought live streaming equipment last year. Was this only for the GA or why can't we use that for committees. I am a bit confused on why we are purchasing more.
 - v. Cody Olski UND: We have one and it has a lot of firm wear updates. We also only have 1 of them and that we should get the other ones since the current one is bad.
 - vi. Discussion:
 - vii. Evan Hutenshon UND: The way Katie explained it yesterday about how hard it is to live stream them.
 - viii. Kiara Radke VCSU: These cameras would have a speaker on it and a 360 camera so we don't have to rely on university equipment.
 - ix. Kaylee Weigel NDSU: Does this you a different software other than zoom to use is?
 - x. Evan Hutchenson UND: You just plug it in and works like an outside unit.
 - xi. BSC: Motion to approve the purchase requestion.
 - xii. NDSU: Seconded
 - xiii. Motion passed 38 - 5- 0
- F. Resolution in support of DEI departments
- i. Carter Gill VCSU: This was written in conjunction with VCSU's Director for Diversity and Inclusion Dr. Kelly, and they raised a concern about strong legislation about DEI that would not allow for DEI Departments. to function the way they do now. Even if they are not a DEI stated, it would still affect them. This is us saying we support the Institutions and their DEI program for going into the legislative sessions.
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Loren Parks NDSCS: what are the impacts.
 2. Carter Gill VCSU: This can be affecting housing, tuitions ,and financial aid. This is more of a educating department as well and it can affect the educating section as well. It would limit their reach as a



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department.

3. Christopher Scott UND: During the last legislation, there were a few bills that target DEI. This is nothing new, but the NDSA is taking a stance on supporting DEI.

iii. Discussion:

1. Sadie Hanson SBHE: Thank you for Carter for bringing this up. Bringing this up already with the chancellor and thank you for being proactive. Wanted to point out that these DEI office have been used as a political tool in some states but want to make sure that this doesn't happen in our state.
2. Precisou Dada UND: Currently work at the DEI office at UND and have talked about the concern for it. There are lot of student with tuition waivers from the office. If we don't support this resolution, it may make people feel unsafe and not stay in the State.
3. Kaylee Weigel NDSU: A friendly amendment. Change a wording.
4. Christopher Scott UND: Friendly amendment: Can we format the word so it looks better.
5. NDSU: A friendly amendment.
6. UND Motions to pass
7. Seconded by BSC
8. Motion Passes 40-5-3

G. Resolution in opposition of supplemental education materials as core curriculum.

- i. Carter Gill VCSU: There is many examples to take a class then have to pay more for an access. This resolution is saying that these materials shouldn't be the core content of the course. There is a fund that we can use somewhere to try and lessen the burden on students.
- ii. Questions: None
- iii. Discussion:
 1. Katie Kempel UND: A friendly amendment.
 2. Connor Ferguson UND: A friendly amendment to the therefore, be it resolved clause to make it read better.
 3. Christopher Scott UND: Adding on to this friendly amendment.



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4. Precious Dada UND: A friendly amendment.
 5. Christopher Scott UND: Motion to pass the resolution
 6. Seconded by VCSU:
 - a. Discussion:
 - b. Connor Ferguson UND: Still have some thought on this resolution and don't have to go on.
 - c. Motion passes: 25-17-4
- X. Complete General Assembly Feedback Survey
- XI. Institutional Reports
- A. BSC: Starting the construction of the Polytechnic building. Passed a human performance center including a wrestling squad and rodeo. The SGA, on Shafer Street, there was accident, so they added some safety signs. Restructuring right now for the SGA.
 - B. DCB: None
 - C. DSU: None
 - D. LRSC: None
 - E. MaSU: None
 - F. MiSU: We have our renovations going and are slowly moving things for the fall semester. The SGA is preparing materials for mental health week. We are also prepping for the SGA election.
 - G. NDSCS: Our fire groups participated in a Fargo Force event yesterday. 4 of the students are on ND Academic all-state team. BBB team is 11-1. The GGB is 20-5. The Little Mermaid play is next month.
 - H. NDSU: About to have the grand opening of our gaming lab. NDSU beat UND 101-85. NDSU the Chapter of the Society of Physics Students got a chapter award.
 - I. UND: Kevin Oleary came to and spoke to a student panel about business and public administration. Also talked at the union about student investment activities. Grad studies had a 3-minute thesis event could share research so that everyone can understand it. Matao Ekora got 1st place is going to regional competition. There was a green bandana training last week led by student government. Student Government night is on February 15th. Fresh food markets is getting added to a few of the complexes on campus. UND beat NDSU in BBB. UND ranked #2 in hockey polls.
 - J. VCSU: In Senate, we discussed our campus fees, and went over what we are looking for in the laptops for next year. On campus, our



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magazine, The Forge was recognized for Excellence in Art and Literary Magazines. We are also offering a free tax preparation program.

- K. WSC: Is working on student involvement. Parenting with a company to accommodate everyone there.

XII. Public Comment and Announcements

- A. Micheal Thomas is the delegate of the month.
- B. Thank you for coming and thank BSC for hosting!
- C. Election nominations are next meeting so talk to VPs if interested. This is next month and April.
- D. NDSU has an invitation for NDSU Higher Ed Day so every instruction's student government is invited.
- E. Madison is working on a resolution on reciprocity between institutions wellness centers. Wanted to bring it to everyone's attention and on how to bring it forward.
- F. At UND is inviting for a photo competition that is taking international week. February 4-6 pm.
- G. I think referring the Reciprocity to SAC next meeting.

XIII. Adjourn

- A. Motioned by NDSU
- B. Seconded VCSU
- C. Adjourned at 10:57



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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	6	6
Dakota College at Bottineau	1,180	4	0	0
Dickinson State University	1,453	4	0	0
Lake Region State College	1,810	5	2	2
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	8	6
North Dakota State University	11,952	15	12	12
University of North Dakota	14,172	17	14	14
Valley City State University	1,754	5	6	5
Williston State College	912	4	1	1
TOTAL:			50	47