

General Assembly

Meeting Minutes
(Saturday)

Chaired by **Sammi Weber**, President



NDSA



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Saturday, September 7th, 2024

I. Call to Order

A. NDSA President Sammi Weber called to order at 9:18 am

II. Roll Call

A. BSC: 2 present, 2 voting

B. DCB: 0 present, 0 voting

C. DSU: 0 present, 0 voting

D. LRSC: 1 present, 1 voting

E. MaSU: 0 present, 0 voting

F. MiSU: 5 present, 5 voting

G. NDSCS: 3 present, 3 voting

H. NDSU: 4 present, 4 voting

I. UND: 16 present, 16 voting

J. VCSU: 6 present, 5 voting

K. WSC: 0 present, 0 voting

i. 7 out of 11 institutions present, 37 present, 36 voting

ii. Quorum not met

III. Explanation of Meeting Procedure

IV. **ACTION: Additions to and Approval of the Agenda**

A. Motion to approve VCSU

B. Seconded by Minot State

C. Passes in the opinion of the Chair

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. Motion to approved by NDSCS

B. Seconded by UND

C. Passes in the opinion of the Chair

VI. Committee Reports:



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A. Internal Affairs Committee

- a. Vice President of Finance – Last night IAC approved the food for the delegates attending and discussed a few items they'd like to spend the budget with. Including care packages and items that advertise NDSA. Also discussed directorships.

B. Student Affairs Committee

- a. Vice President of Communication – Jayden Erickson: Last night directorships were discussed, both public relations and DEI director. One resolution did come out, which is a resolution in support of DEI spaces on campuses.

C. State Legislative Affairs Committee

- a. Vice President of Governmental Affairs: Last night directorships were discussed for PAR task force and governmental affairs. Also had a resolution about recreational marijuana come through with a do not pass recommendation. Also discussed legislative priorities.

VII. Presidential Report - Attended an administrative affairs council and nothing pertinent came up.

VIII. SBHE Student Member Report

- A. SBHE Student Member Max Eriksrud - DSU had an issue with some of their nursing program and the DSU President stepped down. Ty Orton was the executive director of the Heritage foundation and is now acting as an interim president at DSU. DSU is looking to hire a full time interim and then a full time president at DSU. SBHE decided to approve a new dental hygiene program at BSC. Chancellor Hagerott is stepping down in a few months.

IX. New Business

A. Confirmation of Chief Administrator

B. A Resolution in Support of DEI Spaces on Campus:

i. Questions:

1. Travis Smith MiSU: Is there any specific implementation of this on campus?
2. Sammi Weber: It's a general thing, it's just a space for people of all races, genders, etc. can be themselves.
3. Travis Smith MiSU: With all due respect is that not what America stands for? Doesn't understand why a specific resolution is needed that is labelled as DEI.



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4. Cody Olski UND: Friendly amendment
5. Sammi Weber: This resolution just makes it a specific place for those people.
6. Max Eriksrud: Since DEI is such a political verb, we could even call it something else, because when legislators see this, they'll have such a specific viewpoint. Could we rewrite it in a way that doesn't use DEI language?

ii. Discussion:

1. Connor Ferguson UND: Thinks Max raises a great point that in this state that DEI as a word is politically charged and won't be as effective. Maybe we could look into something of belonging to "student inclusion". Changing the verbiage to be more rhetorically effective in order to give students a sense of belonging and the support they need.
2. Christopher Scott UND: In regards to the resolution it could be a bit more substantive as it seems a bit short. More explanation on why we want DEI spaces. Recommendation of changing a be it resolved clause to a whereas clause.
3. Carter Gill VPGA: For that first be it resolved clause we were on the fence if it should be a whereas clause.
4. Katie Kempel UND: Last year NDSA passed a resolution in support of a department of DEI on campus. Katie is wondering if this resolution is just repeating ourselves on last year's resolution. Maybe making this resolution a bit more specific to draw the line between the two.
5. Grace Reep VCSU: Another resolution in support efforts of diversity and inclusion on campus. It was another general resolution, so if we go forward with this resolution would like it to be more specific.
6. Travis Smith MiSU: Agrees with previous speakers. Thinks we should abandon the DEI sentiment and make it more specific; it will make it a better resolution.

C. A Resolution in Support of the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana in North Dakota

- i. Travis Smith MiSU: Travis Smith and a friend wrote this resolution as an idea that the NDSA should be more supportive of the second amendment. During SLAC discussion we came to the idea that there are a lot of federal financial regulations with how marijuana plays into the state level. So, it might not be relevant to the NDSA. It's something that the body does



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generally support. If there are any ideas how to change it before the next meeting let Travis know.

ii. Came through with a do not pass recommendation

iii. Questions: None

iv. Discussion:

1. Christopher Scott UND: The next time we present this can it be properly formatted? The font size is wrong.

X. Complete General Assembly Feedback Survey

XI. Institutional Reports

A. BSC: Working with foundation board to update holes on court and preparing for freshman senators at a tabling event coming up soon.

B. DCB: Absent

C. DSU: Absent

D. LRSC: No report.

E. MaSU: Absent

F. MiSU: Preparing for homecoming weekend. Last Thursday showed off new art building. Faculty senate is asking for support

G. NDSCS: Intramural flag football and volleyball starting up soon. Tutoring services are set up. IT issues in Blackboard that are being figured out. Some students are having troubles getting textbooks. Lots of jobs open on campus and new clubs on campus such as nursing society. Lots of fundraising stuff for chef's club. Construction, Design, and Technology club begins meeting soon.

H. NDSU: Filling their senate currently and there are lots of applicants. Working as an exec on planning a concert for the students. In the process of forming committees for that. There's no official student area for the tailgate, so working on that - and starting up today.

I. UND: Student government has started. Playing Montana in football and the Potato Bowl is coming up this week. New softball field is opening at the end of the month.

J. VCSU: Freshmen were recently welcomed with high enrollment at VCSU this year and lots of transfer students. New VPSA (Mark Nelson) was hired. VCSU is joining the frontier conference for athletics next year and construction has started on the education building.

K. WSC: Absent

XII. Public Comment and Announcements



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- A. Delegate of the Month is Madeleine Phillips!
- B. Jayden needs a picture with everyone for the Instagram
- C. Travis Smith MiSU: Yesterday there was a school shooting in Georgia. Believes one of the most pressing issues the NDSA faces is the danger of students on campus. Whatever solution we find it is our job to find one. Students need to act on this.

XIII. Adjourn

- A. Motioned by UND
- B. Seconded by NDSCS
 - i. Adjourned at 9:42 am