

General Assembly

Meeting Minutes
(Saturday)

Chaired by **Sammi Weber**, President



NDSA

I. Call to Order

A. NDSA President Sammi Weber called to order at 9:16 am

II. Roll Call

A. BSC: 3 present, 3 voting

B. DCB: 0 present, 0 voting

C. DSU: 1 present, 1 voting

D. LRSC: 1 present, 1 voting

E. MaSU: 4 present, 4 voting

F. MiSU: 6 present, 6 voting

G. NDSCS: 9 present, 6 voting

H. NDSU: 15 present, 15 voting

I. UND: 13 present, 13 voting

J. VCSU: 6 present, 5 voting

K. WSC: 4 present, 4 voting

i. Out of 11 institutions 10 present, 62 delegates present, 58 delegates voting

III. Explanation of Meeting Procedure

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

A. Cherokee Warnecke (VCSU) motions to add NDSA-13-2425 A Resolution in Support of Current Restrictions on Dual Credit

i. Seconded by NDSCS

ii. Motion passes 37 yes, 17 no, 1 abstention

B. Motion to approve agenda by Christopher Scott (UND) without dissent

i. Seconded by NDSU

ii. 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. Motion to approve consent agenda by Christopher Scott (UND) without dissent

i. Seconded by NDSCS

ii. Motion passes

VI. Committee Reports:

A. Internal Affairs Committee

- a. Vice President of Finance – Talked about host school reimbursement. Make sure to sign sheets at table. Talked about promotional items and budget. Discussed quorum. Discussed thesis statement and archiving documents. Had a clarification on the bylaws.

B. Student Affairs Committee

- a. Vice President of Communication – Discussed food pantry, campus safety, and marketing. A resolution about mental health task forces that come forth with a do not pass recommendation. Introduced the director of diversity and inclusion. Had a resolution in support of mental health training programs which came forth with a do pass recommendation. Had a conversation on the NDSA guidebook. Finally had a resolution about Duo that came forth with a do not pass recommendation.

C. State Legislative Affairs Committee

- a. Vice President of Governmental Affairs – Director for governmental affairs introduced a newsletter pertaining to legislative session. Planned for a higher ed day to be held in January and February. Executive team will be planning this higher ed day. Had two discussions on voting access in North Dakota. Gave a ‘do pass’ recommendation for a multicultural programming resolution. A bill writing workshop will be hosted January 15th at 6 pm over teams. More information will be sent out to head delegates.

VII. Presidential Report: Members of the NDSA exec team have visited Mayville, Minot, and BSC and discussed how to best help them in the legislative session. Have now visited 8 out of the 11 institutions. Plan to visit UND VCSU, and LRSC during the spring semester. Talked to a state fleet staff member and learned that institutions are the ones who come up with rules regarding who drives and can ride in state fleet vehicles. Getting in contact with the equivalent of NDSAs in other states with the help of Christopher Scott (UND).

VIII. SBHE Student Member Report

- A. SBHE Student Member – This past month there has been ongoing conversations about dual credit. We approved some new online state authorization policies and so rather than the NDUS every single time, every year having to renew these online campuses that want to come and offer education in state, they are going to have them now have to be part of the thing called NASCAR compact and so the biggest thing that's come from that is on all these schools that are based in California will have to choose to become a part of that compact in order to teach students in the state so that's not going impact many students but that will impact some. We also have some conversations with NDSU and their research. Conversations that came from the economic diversification research fund UND. Been talking about tenure policy and how that will change and that's something that

legislators asked us to take into consideration going into this session. Ongoing conversations about funding formula and board member responsibilities. Potentially making an entrepreneurial or innovative group for NDUS. Individuals from different kinds of campuses come together and talk about some of their new ideas whether that's through innovative ideas for higher education.

IX. New Business

A. Budget Presentation

- i. Will be presented again in the future as changes are made.
- ii. Christopher Scott (UND): Is there any data from 2023?
 1. Cody Olski (UND): The accountant runs a year behind, so we'll have 2023's information eventually.
- iii. Christopher Scott (UND): Can these documents be uploaded to the SharePoint at some point?

B. A Resolution in Support of Mental Health Task Forces Across All NDUS Campuses

- i. Eniola Soetan (DSU): Wrote this from feedback from the last NDSA when discussing a mental health resolution and how it was tabled indefinitely. While NDSA has mental health as a legislative priority, not many people may have the information or knowledge on mental health. Resolution created through research discovered that many institutions across the country have a mental health task force.
- ii. Questions
 1. No questions
- iii. Discussion
 1. Christopher Scott (UND): Friendly amendment. Thinks this is a strongly built resolution, but thinks it is vague in defining what mental health problems are.
 2. Phillip True (NDSU): The second source did not explicitly recommend creating task forces. As this is a legislative priority it is a good idea to have resolutions on this.
- iv. Phillip True (NDSU) motions to return it to committee to be further edited
- v. Seconded by Christopher Scott (UND)
 1. Motion passes with 48 yes, 2 no, 8 abstentions

C. A Resolution in Support of Mandating Mental Health Training Programs for NDUS Faculty and Staff

- i. Sammi Weber (President): Was given a 'do pass' recommendation. This was written in response to campus visits. Exec has talked to faculty and staff from all institutions, and they felt they were very untrained if a student were to come to them with a mental health issue, so this resolution is

in support of mandating that mental health training. Institutions will have to give them that training.

ii. Questions

1. Would athletic staff be considered staff?

- I. Sammi Weber (President): Yes, this is general but aimed for both faculty and staff.

iii. Discussion

1. Katie Kempel (UND): Thinks it is very well written and a good starting point. As a student it can be super easy to say all faculty should do this and all staff should do this. Wondering how feasible it is at a system level. Would push for this to be considered continuing education credits.

2. Sammi Weber (President): To clarify, the NDUS does have an 8 hour training available but it is not well advertised and faculty and staff do not get paid to do it.

3. Briar Maudal (NDSCS): K-12 teachers and daycare providers do have a required training to keep their license every year.

4. NDSCS: Would student staff be considered under staff members?

5. Sammi Weber: I do believe that RAs get mental health training, and it is definitely more thorough. At some institutions you get pretty thorough training. I do think this would cover it, but it could be more specific.

6. Connor (NDSCS): Motions to amend the "Therefore, be it resolved," clause to add "faculty, staff, and resident assistants"

- I. Seconded by Christopher Scott (UND)

II. Questions

1. Dylan Campbell (UND): Would it make more sense for students holding positions to have this training?
2. Connor Mumaw (NDSCS): Could create a footnote on student staff if possible.

III. Discussion

3. Eniola Soetan (DSU): See it similarly to first aid or CPR training, but having it is really important. Working on a campus means being around people and having the resources and knowing how to react in situations.

4. Kaden Wass (LRSC): That are many student positions, so would argue that it should

just be Resident Assistants not student staff because it may not be necessary training for other student staff positions.

5. Cody Olski (UND): In general, doesn't think this resolution is ready. And this amendment is too open ended.
 6. BSC: RAs at BSC have mental health training along with other first aid style trainings.
 7. Briar Maudal (NDSCS): Moves to amend the original amendment to say "and relevant student staff" rather than "resident assistants"
 8. Phillip True (NDSU): Call to question
 9. Sammi Weber (President): Call to question was invalid because we were already in a motion so will move back into a time of discussion on the amendment.
 10. Parker Martinson (NDSCS): Wondering if we can't add to the amendment a little bit to
 11. UND: Continuing to make edits on this, so sending it back to committee would be the best idea.
7. NDSCS: Withdraws amendment and motions to send back to committee
- I. Seconded by MiSU
 - II. Travis Smith (MiSU): The previous resolution could also be combined with this one when sent back to committee.
 - III. NDSU: If we are sending it back to committee, would recommend adding examples since staff members and faculty may not know what's going on. There should also be some kind of standardized training that is given as an example in the resolution.
 - IV. Eniola Soetan (DSU): In terms of the standardized training and what was discussed in SAC last night, the training already exists it is just not mandatory.
 - V. Christopher Scott (UND): Appreciates these comments, but they can be withheld until resolution is back in the committee.
 - VI. Sammi Weber: Send any specific suggestions.
 - VII. The motion to send the resolution back to

committee passes with 47 yes and 4 abstentions

- D. A Resolution in Support of Increasing Duo Authentication Authorization Time from Three Hours to Two Weeks for Blackboard
- i. Christopher Scott (UND): Looking at this particular resolution I've heard a lot of conversations about the authentication for blackboard and students expressing comments and concerns about the current time frame of it being 3 hours to 10 hours and having students reauthenticate up to twice per day. The point of this resolution was to bring this to the conversation, see what the atmosphere was in terms of the authentication times. The university system office is kind of looking at this already in terms of looking at changing the authentication time for three hours to two weeks. That's where the two weeks came from when I was really looking at this resolution based off of comments, I was looking at four or five days. If anyone wants to change it, they can in some discussion.
 - ii. Sammi Weber (President): Came through with a 'do not pass' recommendation.
 - iii. Questions
 - iv. Phillip True (NDSU): Why was this created as a resolution rather than a line item discussion?
 1. Christopher Scott (UND): Not unprecedented.
 2. NDSU: Extremely in favor for this resolution. Maybe one week for negotiations on it.
 - v. Discussion
 1. Travis Smith (MiSU): Multi-factor authentication is worth considering what you're protecting. With that in mind, thinks two weeks is find.
 2. Cody Olski (UND): It's not just Blackboard, there are bank accounts linked, home addresses, emergency contacts, etc.
 3. NDSU: DUO is not two point authentication it is multi authentication.
 4. NDSU: Having talked to sexually assault prevention coordinator. There are people who rely on these authentications to prevent abusive peoples from messing with classes.
 5. Connor Ferguson (UND): The delegates from NDSU have made some really wonderful points. A little bit of policy background. We have to maintain a certain level of cyber security within the university system.
 6. NDSU: Wanted to bring up that in cases in which people are able to get through authentication. People leaving themselves signed in to another device or a device that's not there. DUO looks at your IP address and if

your location has changed they log you out again.

7. Christopher Scott (UND): Another thing to consider is that there are times you have to authenticate again.
8. Lallie Red Horn (VCSU): Having the time switched from the hours to two weeks is a bit of a stretch. There is the option on Blackboard to remember our login for 10 hours. Yesterday during SAC there were lots of concerns about security and is in favor of keeping what we have now.
9. MiSU: At previous school they used DUO and “remember me” lasted 7 days. Didn’t hear many concerns.
10. Christopher Scott (UND): That does happen with Campus Connection on personal devices where the login can last several days.

vi. Cherokee Warnecke (VCSU) motions to table this resolution indefinitely

vii. Seconded by NDSU

1. Travis Smith (MiSU): Can see tabling it if something can come from it in the future. Or would it be better to table now?
2. Cherokee Warnecke (VCSU): Tabling essentially means we don’t do anything with it.
3. Motion passes to table the resolution indefinitely with 43 yes, 13 no, 1 abstention

E. A Resolution in Support of Multicultural Engagement Programming in the NDUS

- i. Christopher Scott (UND): This is a particular resolution supporting multicultural engagement program in the NDUS. This gives us more leeway to advocate to the legislature in the event something drops that we were not expecting that we might be advocating for or against and the legislature is pretty well known for dropping things kind of out of the blue and so having the most versatility for the exec team is most ideal and so that's the main purpose behind this resolution is to kind of get the more dispersibility. Currently at the moment we do have a resolution that got passed that was last year supporting DEI spaces. This would further support those resolutions prior and expand the capabilities and the versatility expecting to respond to legislation that might potentially drop in the session so that's why this decision is quite important to bring forth and then I worded it in a way that includes multicultural engagement rather than diversity and inclusion because those were those words have been more politically charged when it comes to the legislative session it's a bit of a chess match on how you advocate and what you say.

ii. Questions

1. NDSU: Did this receive a ‘do pass’ or a ‘do not pass’

recommendation from committee?

2. Sammi Weber: Got a 'do pass' recommendation.

iii. Discussion

1. NDSU: In committee thought it was a 'do not' pass. Was against it because another resolution like this seems redundant.

2. Carter Gill (VPGA): Was a clear pass from committee last night.

iv. UND motions to approve the resolution

v. Seconded by NDSCS

1. Motion passes 41 yes, 13 no, 2 abstentions

F. A Resolution in Support of Current Restrictions on Dual Credit

i. Carter Gill: Wanted to clarify that this wasn't written as an exec member, but as someone who went to high school in Cass County and took dual credit classes in high school and now attends a regional school. This is in support of those current restrictions on dual credit. Those restrictions are that if an NDUS school that's not a research institution offering dual credit then the research institutions cannot offer that same credit, but they are allowed to offer classes that are unique to their institutions' academics. This is just in support of those restrictions because this is coming to a vote at the State Board of higher education on December 5th so this is just a heavy stance from the students on that for the State Board of higher education to make that decision based off of.

ii. Questions

1. NDSU: Why did you not feel this was appropriate to go through committee?

2. Carter Gill (VPGA): It was something that was thought of last night afterwards. Discussed where the SBHE was with this and realized a resolution needed to be written. It wasn't to circumvent a committee or go around that, but thought of as needed.

iii. Discussion

1. NDSU: Still doesn't get why this was skipped over by committee. At the moment opposed to the resolution. Seems counterintuitive to provide any restriction to what a student chooses for classes.

2. Connor Mumaw (NDSCS): It's not restricting a student's education. Saying a certain institution is going to give a better education because they are a 4 year is disrespectful. These dual credit courses are important financially for smaller institutions.

3. Joseph Hollingsworth (NDSCS): I attend NDSCS full time on campus as a dual credit student now that is not

common for any dual credit student I am aware of maybe one or two other people that do that but most amount of dual credit students are in their high schools taking the class through a teacher already hired at said public high school who was authorized by the institution to teach a dual credit course. There's no difference in education by being offered through NDSU or UND as opposed to NDSCS or Valley City anybody like that because it's all taught by a teacher in the high school. The only difference is on a transcript and and NDSCS gets approximately \$4.1 million of revenue from dual credit students and so for smaller institutions like that and so for that reason I am in full support this.

4. Sean Rotich (NDSU): Was not insulting the smaller institutions. Thinks that students deserve the chance to choose what institution they take dual credit through.
5. Christopher Scott (UND): Do high school students choose what college they take their dual credit through?
6. Sammi Weber (President): School counselors choose the institution.
7. Carter Gill (VPGA): Clarify the language being used surrounding this resolution. When it comes to an institution providing dual credit it is equitable for these smaller schools to offer these courses rather than larger institutions. It's not that one institution is inherently more qualified than another, but rather that smaller institutions are able to build relationships with students rather than larger ones.
8. Cherokee Warnecke (VCSU): NDSU brought up students wanting to choose and how sometimes the counselor chooses. It is still through the NDUS which means credits will transfer.
9. Cody Olski (UND): I don't think it matters or if a high schooler cares what institution their dual credit comes through. The main benefit is that students get a cheaper option. They don't have to pay as much freshman year of college. We should be paying more attention to how many courses are offered throughout the NDUS rather than what is offered where.

iv. NDSU motions to table until next meeting

v. Seconded by Mayville State University

1. Questions

- I. NDSCS: Why are we tabling until next meeting when our next meeting is after the SBHE meeting?
- II. Maxwell: To clarify that it would be the SBHE of that decides. They vote on December 5th.

- III. NDSU: Doing this out of precedent that it didn't go through committee and got rushed last minute.

2. Discussion

- I. Katie Kempel: There is precedence to discuss this because we discussed dual credit at the previous meeting.
- II. Grace Reep (VCSU): Things come up so fast, it is normal for things to get written the night of an NDSA. Taking this into consideration that resolutions often do not go through committee.
- III. Connor Ferguson (UND): Doesn't support the proposed changes to dual credit. Understands how difficult it is to respond to things when they don't go through committee. Open to tabling until next meeting.
- IV. Cody Olski (UND): Doesn't think it is a good idea for us to table this. Thinks a stance needs to be taken. We're not representing just ourselves but the students across all campuses and these high school students because they affect higher ed. It is not unusual to write a resolution a night before. It is unfortunate our next meeting is the day after SBHE meets and decides, but this is why we meet to discuss and hash things out and take a stance.
- V. Connor Ferguson (UND): There is a different possibility to hold a special meeting for this specific resolution.
- VI. Christopher Scott (UND): Also, not in favor to tabling until the next meeting. However, we could have an emergency meeting to discuss this before the SBHE meeting.
- VII. Briar Maudal (NDSCS): We touched on dual credit in our previous meeting. Feels that people should have enough material to discuss this and NDSA needs to take a stance on this topic.
- VIII. Cody Olski (UND): The only thing new here is the resolution not the discussion. Doesn't see a need for us to reconvene on this. Most of us have most likely made up our minds on how we would vote.
- IX. Lallie Red Horn (VCSU): We're already here we can hash it out right now. Tabling stuff will only cause more setbacks.
- X. NDSU: This was something discussed last meeting, but not everyone is able to go to every single NDSA meeting. Didn't allow for time to talk to other students here at NDSU. This is

unfair even if in the future in favor of resolution, the process was circumvented that usually accustomed to.

- XI. LilyBeth Townsend (Chief Administrator): I'd like to point out that the minutes are posted on SharePoint and on the website, so it is an invalid complaint that you didn't have enough information when it comes in regards to dual credit because that was all in the minutes.
- XII. Cody Olski (UND): We can't table things if unable to make it to a meeting. Minutes are posted to the SharePoint. If you are passionate about something, come prepared.
- XIII. Eniola Soetan (DSU): Call to question
 - 1. Move into a time of voting passes 55 yes, 2 no
 - 2. Motion to table the resolution until next meeting fails with 18 yes and 40 no

vi. Cody Olski (UND) motions to approve the resolution

- 1. VCSU seconds
- 2. Motion to approve the resolution passes with 38 yes, 20 no

X. Complete General Assembly Feedback Survey

XI. Institutional Reports

- A. BSC: Cross country women took 12th in the nation and men took 7th. Purchased graduation gowns for people who may have difficulties affording them. Had a taco meal for food pantry fundraiser. Students had a craft day and wellness trail fund got named. Therapy dogs came to help with mental health wellness week.
- B. DCB: No report
- C. DSU: Cross country teams performed well. Football team has the playoff game today and it is first time being hosted by DSU in 20 years. Recognized the green bandana project on campus as an official project. Starting fundraising for food pantry. Opened up community closet to the community.
- D. LRSC: Trying to do an activity every night for students. Yoga night, art nights, movie nights, bingo etc. Planning activities for the future. Athletics are also going well.
- E. MaSU: Hired a counselor after not having one for a couple of months. Counselor is on campus for two days and available virtually for three years. On campus food has been a problem but issue has been addressed and has continuously improved. Senate is trying to recruit. This past week had a successful blood drive. The university added an archery team. Lounge and new bookstore were finished in October.

- F. MiSU: Just passed changes to meeting structure. Instead of meeting every other week, they will be every other week, interchanging between formal and informal meetings. Losing one of their on-campus counselors.
- G. NDSCS: Getting a women soccer team next fall and just announced the head coach. Registered nursing students just received national recognition. \$50,000 grant has been awarded for the physician machining technology department. Preparing for next concert.
- H. NDSU: Recently had a successful higher ed day. Bison football prepping for playoff football.
- I. UND: Won hockey last night. Student government is working on designing an outdoor concert venue for future use. Changing student fee process. Additionally, talks about increasing pink in our marketing since it is an official school color.
- J. VCSU: Currently working on a Safe Zone training for the students on campus not just staff and faculty. Also thinking about reaching out to the community in Valley City and offering that as well. Preparing for finals.
- K. WSC: Recently got lights put up in the parking lot. Been having good turnouts to events. Construction to health and sciences building is going well and should be completed by next fall semester.

XII. Public Comments and Announcements

- A. Congratulations to Eniola Soetan from DSU for winning delegate of the month!
- B. Sammi Weber (President): Thank you all. There were 58 voting delegates this month and then over 60 attendees.
- C. Christopher Scott (UND): 58 voting delegates is the most we've had since November 2021. Extends props to exec team and thanks to the new delegates coming to NDSA. Policy, Advocacy, and Research Task Force is looking for more members. Looking to diversify representation on the task force with delegates from all institutions. Feel free to reach out with interested.

XIII. Adjourn

- A. UND motions to adjourn
- B. Seconded by VCSU
- C. Motion to adjourn passes, adjourned at 11:58 a.m.