

# General Assembly

Meeting Minutes  
(Friday)

Chaired by **Sammi Weber**, President



**NDSA**

- I. Call to Order
  - A. NDSA President Sammi Weber called to order at 5 am
- II. Roll Call
  - A. BSC: 0 present, 0 voting
  - B. DCB: 0 present, 0 voting
  - C. DSU: 0 present, 0 voting
  - D. LRSC: 0 present, 0 voting
  - E. MaSU: 1 present, 1 voting
  - F. MiSU: 1 present, 1 voting
  - G. NDSCS: 12 present, 6 voting
  - H. NDSU: 1 present, 1 voting
  - I. UND: 10 present, 12 voting
  - J. VCSU: 7 present, 5 voting
  - K. WSC: 2 present, 2 voting
    - i. out of 11 institutions 7 present, 34 present, 30 voting
      1. Quorum not met
- III. Explanation of Meeting Procedure
- IV. **ACTION: Additions to and Approval of the Agenda**
  - A. Motion to approve agenda by NDSCS
    - i. Seconded by VCSU
- 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 UND
    - i. Seconded by NDSCS
- VI. Presidential Report: Met with Katie Fitzsimmons to discuss legislative matters. The executive team will be going up to Bismarck in early January to meet with them and get further details into the session.
- VII. SBHE Student Member Report
  - A. SBHE Student Member: A full meeting yesterday. Some of the topics that were discussed was retirement plan options for faculty, online authorization (if you know want to offer online courses in the state, they have to be part of an organization, something our institutions are already a part of), tuition policy, (pretty much going to say the same with the power for who's going to decide what tuition is going

to be and then adding policy descriptions about the cost of dual credit, and the big talking point, about the dual credit vote. The first read happened and was 5-3 vote yes. The first reading passed, and now some more discussion will occur and it will get voted on in January. The policy voted on is that NDSU and Cass County's allowed to offer dual credit courses per the signed agreement from the three institutions with annual review from the VPAA.

## VIII. New Business

### A. Higher Ed Day

- i. Sammi Weber (President): Two options for Higher ed day is February 24<sup>th</sup> a Monday or February 26<sup>th</sup> which is a Wednesday. Talked with Katie Fitzsimmons and demons and these are the committees that will meet on these days are education, Human Services, finance and tax industry, business and labor, judiciary, and appropriations so the days that those meet we would be able to go and kind of see how those run. The issue with Wednesday would be that since all the bills and resolutions um will be out of committee we would only see things like the constitutional amendments and study resolutions and then crossover will be February 28<sup>th</sup>. We were also thinking through some invites we want for sure we want the NDUS presidents and the NDUS student senate legislators and then NDUS personnel like Lisa Johnson, Katie Fitzsimmons, and Chancellor David Krebsbach.
- ii. UND: This is 2 days before crossover so for those of you that don't know what crossover is like we were just talking here at UND, it's basically where you're finishing up all the bills in one side of the house or the Senate and moving it over to the other so at that point we are going to be very spread thin. We are going to be very very busy and I think that legislators are also going to be very very spread thin and very busy. There are 600 pre filed bills with an expectation of 1,000 bills that are going to be heard. So wary about this not being on people's calendars already and trying to get it on the calendars. I think efforts would be better served planning this for either next year when we're not during a legislative session or looking at maybe some time that might be better suited.
- iii. NDSCS: Discussed that Monday would be a better day to have the higher ed day.
- iv. Christopher Scott (UND): if you're trying to do a higher Ed day during the legislative session, you're best two months to do it would be either January or March. And so January is right when things are starting up but it's still pretty mellow compared to the end of February when there's crossover it's going to be kind of a tight frame to do it in January but so it might be best to do this next legislative session.
- v. Katie Kempel (UND): What programming do you see for an event like this?
  1. Carter Gill (VPGA): Planning to invite the NDUS

Chancellor or well as institution presidents to speak.  
Also some time for NDSA exec to speak as well.

- vi. Maxwell Eriksrud (SBHE): We could likely get the chancellor or Lisa Johnson to attend the next NDSA meeting and have a conversation with them.
- vii. Christopher Scott (UND): some of the vice chancellors typically come to NDSA meetings in general during the legislative session particularly Lisa Johnson during the last two legislative sessions that have been a part of the NDSA. Another comment to tie into is that usually legislators go to their home districts during the weekends and we usually meet on Fridays which means it presents an ideal opportunity for us to actually invite area legislators to sit on panels there instead of having a higher Ed day.
- viii. Sammi Weber (President): The exec team will discuss this information in our next meeting.

IX. Complete General Assembly Feedback Survey

X. Institutional Reports

- A. BSC: No report
- B. DCB: No report
- C. DSU: No report
- D. LRSC: Still working on student activities and holding movie nights. There are more details on the casino night we're planning. It will be sometime in January at the start of the spring semester and focusing on providing activities for students during finals. Making sure to finish the semester strong.
- E. MaSU: The last two weeks of school we have had quite a few clubs on campus hosting different types of events. Our Senate has been hosting college survival kits and trivia and cocoa and the final event for next week. Residence halls have been decorated and other than that we have a new club on campus, the archery club.
- F. MiSU: A big basketball game coming up.
- G. NDSCS: Just had our winter music concert, the student senate volunteered at a local nursing home to set up Christmas decorations and hang out with residents there. December 10<sup>th</sup> is an archery interest meeting. Also a bookworm club interest meeting earlier this week and textbook buyback starts Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December.
- H. NDSU: No report
- I. UND: Interviewing for a new essential studies director for finals week. Destress kits will be handed out to students. The aerospace buildings are getting a new outdoor space in the future. Athletics opened some of their new facilities.
- J. VCSU: Recently filled our multicultural affairs director position and campus is gearing up for finals week.

K. WSC: During finals week we are bringing in local animal rescue center cats and dogs to help relieve the stress of students from finals and also finished putting up lights in our parking lot.

XI. Public Comment and Announcements

A. Carter Gill (VPGA): NDSA bill writing workshop is on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Information is on SharePoint.

XII. Adjourn

A. NDSCS motions to adjourn

B. Seconded by UND