

General Assembly

Meeting Minutes
(Saturday)

Chaired by **Sammi Weber**, President



NDSA

I. Call to Order

A. NDSA President Sammi Weber called to order at 9:05 am

II. Roll Call

A. BSC: 0 present, 0 voting

B. DCB: 0 present, 0 voting

C. DSU: 0 present, 0 voting

D. LRSC: 2 present, 2 voting

E. MaSU: 4 present, 4 voting

F. MiSU: 1 present, 1 voting

G. NDSCS: 9 present, 6 voting

H. NDSU: 15 present, 15 voting

I. UND: 13 present, 13 voting

J. VCSU: 5 present, 5 voting

K. WSC: 3 present, 3 voting

i. Out of 11 institutions 8 present, 52 delegates present, 49 delegates voting

III. Explanation of Meeting Procedure

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

A. Motion to add a "Discussion on an NDSA Sound System" by Grace Reep (VCSU)

i. Seconded by LRSC

ii. Motion passes

B. Motion to approve agenda by NDSU

i. Seconded by NDSCS

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 NDSU

i. Seconded by NDSCS

ii. Motion passes

VI. Committee Reports:

A. Internal Affairs Committee

- a. Vice President of Finance – Discussed host school reimbursement, promotional packages, and ordering new voting clickers. A little discussion on quorum and executive team for next year.

B. Student Affairs Committee

- a. Vice President of Communication – Talked about NDSA order forms, Higher Ed day, and Instagram takeover. Email Jayden to find out logistics of Instagram takeovers. Distribution of NDSA products like the memo pads we've been handing out. Next, talked about student outreach, talked a little about elections, and discussed state fleet access.

C. State Legislative Affairs Committee

- a. Vice President of Governmental Affairs – Passed two resolutions with a 'do pass' recommendation. Also bringing back resolution in opposition to HB 1181 that was sent back in the January meeting. A resolution in support of HB 1498 was added as well as a resolution in opposition to SB 2392. Also cleaned up some of the SLAC templates and discussed elections and the possibility of a Regional Student Association.
- b. VPGA - Legislative Update

VII. Presidential Report: Everyone should begin thinking about elections. The first round of nominations is next month. It is recommended to talk to the officer of the position you're interested in. After you are nominated, you will send your application to me and post them on the SharePoint. The April meeting will be April 4th and 5th.

VIII. SBHE Student Member Report

- A. SBHE Student Member – Had a state board meeting last weekend where a lot was done. Did lots of work on tenure policy. There were a lot of revisions that some board members wanted to have so we had some really good conversations and had some time to work with Lisa Montplaisir who's just an awesome person from NDSU. We made better decisions in my opinion for tenure policies. Another big thing that happened was dual credit was offered and allowed to NDSU. We are in a chancellor search and BSC and LRSC president search. There has been a timeline made for that. Looking for the Bismarck president starting in January and hopefully filled by July. Postponing the Chancellor search since hoping to better outline the position. That role might be different in today's age. For UND the new flight hangar is going to be getting some money. One of NDSU's hall is getting renovated.

IX. New Business

A. Bylaw Changes

- i. Sammi Weber (President): This is the second reading. The only edit was changing "student government associations" to "head

delegate” on membership policies.

ii. Questions

1. Sean Rotich (NDSU): What was the deal with the name change?
2. Sammi Weber (President): At some institutions the head delegate I separate from the student government. So head delegate would be more accurate to choose as a name.

iii. No Discussion

iv. Sean Rotich (NDSU) motion to approve the bylaw change

1. Seconded by UND
2. Bylaw changes are approved

B. A Resolution in Opposition of HB 1181 Relating to Gender Usage in the North Dakota Century Code

- i. Carter Gill (VPGA): Added a “Whereas clause” that talks about the burden of proof of contesting another individual’s gender.
- ii. No Questions
- iii. No Discussion
- iv. Cherokee Warnecke (VCSU) motions to approve the resolution
- v. Seconded by UND

1. Motion passes

C. A Resolution in Support of HB 1498 Signing Bonuses for First Year Teachers

- i. Carter Gill (VPGA): This resolution is about the sign on bonuses for first year teachers. PAR testified on this earlier this week. Falls in line with our legislative priorities of encouraging students to stay in this state. This was something in the Century Code before but taken out.

ii. Questions

1. Katie Kempel (UND): Did you have a source for that whereas clause?
2. Carter Gill (VPGA): Yes, will add that now.
3. Sean Rotich (NDSU): When will the senate be meeting for this?
4. Carter Gill (VPGA): We won’t know when the senate meets on this until March.

iii. No Discussion

iv. NDSCS motions to approve the resolution

- v. Seconded by NDSU

1. Motion passes

- D. A Resolution in Opposition to SB 2392: Regulation of Prohibited Discriminatory Practices

- i. Carter Gill (VPGA): This is one of the biggest bills of the legislative session. This would drastically change how universities would function. It is directly targeting departments of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the university system. They name it by DEI but also give a description of these departments as well. This bill would also prohibit diversity waivers.

- ii. No Questions

- iii. Discussion

1. Sean Rotich (NDSU): In high favor of this bill. A lot of these legislators don't want things like critical race theory being discussed. Please vote for this resolution.

2. Connor Ferguson (UND): Friendly amendment

3. Katie Kempel (UND): Friendly amendments

- iv. NDSCS motions to approve this resolution

- v. Seconded by UND

1. Motion passes

- E. NDSA Sound System Discussion

- i. Carter Gill (VPGA): Sound systems are set up differently at each institution. This would create a uniform way for us to have a consistent sound system. It would improve our hybrid set up. So, we could have a microphone for the Teams call and then the Teams would come out from the speakers. It would create a stronger infrastructure for NDSA. There is a sound system all brand new that is two speakers with stands and two wireless microphones as well as a soundboard. It would be anywhere between \$746 to \$1,200.

- ii. Sean Rotich (NDSU): A blue camera was brought up in the past? What happened to that?

- iii. Carter Gill (VPGA): We have those and they are for committee, but not GA.

- iv. Cody Olski (UND): Those cameras are great for committee, but it's better for GA to have something bigger.

- v. Katie Kempel (UND): That's not a small system. Who would be responsible for transporting this sound system?

- vi. Sammi Weber (President): President could take it. IAC's the only person has to carry other equipment so having another officer take it wouldn't be an issue.

- vii. Adelyn Emter (UND): We have this NDSA banner that needed to be carried around and no one wanted to keep it. Maybe we

want to wait and look into a more portable version.

- viii. Cody Olski (UND): I think there are smaller versions that would work better.
- ix. Katie Kempel (UND): A mic that sits in the middle of the room and you can hear from the whole room might be better. Something that's more portable.
- x. Sean Rotich (NDSU): In favor of having something a bit louder to have online people better heard. Feels like some sort of dedicated IT role would be needed for it.
- xi. Carter Gill (VPGA): There's six of us, between the transition of exec teams it wouldn't be difficult to do a demo of how it works. One of the directors could also be responsible for it too.
- xii. Sammi Weber (President): It sounds like more people are interested in a portable system.
- xiii. NDSU: How easy or how expensive would it be to replace these things?
- xiv. Sean Rotich (NDSU): The parts would be pretty easy to switch out.
- xv. Christopher Scott (UND) motions to move discussion to IAC
 - 1. NDSU seconds
 - 2. Motion passes

X. Complete General Assembly Feedback Survey

XI. Institutional Reports

- A. BSC: No report
- B. DCB: No report
- C. DSU: No report
- D. LRSC: Senate oversaw some student fee increases that went well. Looking at activities to do for this semester. Continued hosting smaller events.
- E. MaSU: Working on recruiting to refill senate. Elections are coming up. Won the basketball game last night! And congratulations to UND for winning trivia last night!
- F. MiSU: Approved raising student fees by five dollars. Minot State University Life has lots of Valentine's Day events coming up.
- G. NDSCS: Snowfest this week! A bunch of fun activities every day of the week. Choir and jazz band is touring. Yesterday, the choir sang the national anthem at the fargo force game. Senate approved a new club on campus, the drone racing club. The senate approved its first resolution in over five years at Monday's meeting.
- H. NDSU: Finished finalizing club budget. Allocated nearly \$600,000 for

these student organizations.

- I. UND: Thank you to Mayville for hosting. Just held a three-minute thesis competition. Got some enrollment updates. Compared to last year, student body up 1,000 students. Moving ahead with establishing a new football traveling trophy. Working closely with wellness center to renovate and revitalize their building.
- J. VCSU: The last issue of The Forge received the First Class award for student publications which is the highest honor. The first in North Dakota to get it. VCSU will start offering a degree in data analytics and visualization in fall 2025. Thank you to Mayville for hosting a great after event!
- K. WSC: Recently voted on raising student fees. Construction on new medical training building is going well.

XII. Public Comments and Announcements

- A. Congratulations to Phillip True from NDSU for winning delegate of the month.
- B. Carter Gill (VPGA): Hearing for SB 2392 is Tuesday at 9:30. PAR is welcoming any and all testimony on this bill. There will be a folder in the SharePoint to upload that testimony. Can also email them to me.
- C. Thank you to Mayville for hosting a great NDSA and after event!

XIII. Adjourn

- A. NDSU motions to adjourn
- B. Seconded by UND
- C. Motion to adjourn passes, adjourned at 9:51 a.m.