

General Assembly

Meeting Minutes
(Saturday)

Chaired by **Sammi Weber**, President



NDSA

I. Call to Order

A. NDSA President Sammi Weber called to order at 9:10 am

II. Roll Call

A. BSC: 3 present, 3 voting

B. DCB: 4 present, 4 voting

C. DSU: 1 present, 1 voting

D. LRSC: 2 present, 2 voting

E. MaSU: 1 present, 1 voting

F. MiSU: 1 present, 1 voting

G. NDSCS: 7 present, 6 voting

H. NDSU: 7 present, 7 voting

I. UND: 9 present, 9 voting

J. VCSU: 5 present, 5 voting

K. WSC: 3 present, 3 voting

i. Out of 11 institutions 11 present, 43 delegates present, 42 delegates voting

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

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 pass consent agenda without dissent by Christopher Scott (UND)

i. Motion passes

VI. Committee Reports:

A. Internal Affairs Committee

a. Vice President of Finance – Last night talked about a promotional package and will talk a bit more about that later. Got a ‘do pass’ recommendation for promotional package. Talked about host school reimbursement and the proposal of next year’s budget.

B. Student Affairs Committee

- a. Vice President of Communication – Last night did talk about promotional basket. Talked about an update on student access to wellness centers and discussed elections.

C. State Legislative Affairs Committee

- a. Vice President of Governmental Affairs – Last night we talked about some resolutions we have up for a vote today. One is in support of SB 2003 and Katie Kempel recommended we write a resolution on HB 1391 which is about creating health status as a protected class which we put together last night since it was brought up in SLAC.
- b. Legislative Update
 - i. Katie Kempel (UND): What do you see as the most important bills going through the back half of the session?
 - ii. Carter Gill (VPGA): Seeing what happens with the different funding happening regarding 2003. What happens with the Challenge Grants and some of the other grants they are having. Seeing what else happens with this tenure bill.

VII. Presidential Report: Attended the administrative affairs committee on Tuesday. On Wednesday testified on SB 2003. Talked about how students want to use the funds based on campus visits and legislative priorities, such as mental health resources and housing. We met one of my goals for the year, as we have 11 institutions here today.

VIII. SBHE Student Member Report

- A. SBHE Student Member – We had a meeting on February 27th and some of the big topics we talked about were the dear colleague letter which relates to diversity waivers and if they solely given based on racial diversity, so we had that discussion on the board level. North Dakota does not do that our diversity waivers go to all kinds of people. Chris gave a great testimony in that, and we release a public statement basically in support of that diversity that our student body holds. We've had a little bit of discussion on state board or state fleet vehicles. Chancellor Hagerott gave a cool report on an AI plan and AI projects. There was a big discussion on salaries as four president salaries increased. Wanted those four presidents to have at least 85% of market value. Spoke about the upcoming retreat we will be having. In SAC talked about wellness center reciprocity which is something I wrote and gave to the system policy as a change so if anyone is interested in learning more about that, let me know.

IX. New Business

A. FY 25-26 NDSA Budget

- i. First reading of a proposed budget for next year. This is almost identical to the last two years of our budget. A couple of changes are lobbying/outreach/marketing fund was operating at \$1,500 and lowered it to \$500. And created now is an additional line item for SGA promotional packages fund for now \$2,500 combined with the marketing line item. Those

are the only changes. All scholarships are still at the same number as last year. Our estimated income for next year is \$35,000. There is about \$72,000 in reserves. If we spend our entire budget next year, we'll spend \$9,000 of reserves. But estimated to only spend \$6,000 This came through IAC with a 'do pass' recommendation.

- ii. Christopher Scott: In regards to the lobbying line item is that being chopped from where it's at in the current budget year?
 - 1. Hayden Larson (VPFO): It's staying the same.
- iii. Katie Kempel (UND): Have you heard anything about if the service fee for the accountant will be changing at all.
 - 1. Hayden Larson: Last year we payed a little over \$2,000, but this year we only paid \$1,700 but that number changes year to year now. So, it is no longer in our fixed expenses.
 - 2. Katie Kempel: I think it should still be added to fixed expenses. Because that is something we know is going to come out of our account. This is the money we know we might pay.

B. Marketing Package

- i. Hayden Larson: Last night in IAC we talked about the marketing package. There would be 11 of those packages. There would be no purchases of pens or notepads for this as those were purchased earlier this year. They would be purchased as needed in the future. One time purchases would be tablecloths at \$1,400, poster banners at \$1,400, and totes for institutions to carry all these items. Stickers would be yearly at \$650 and approved \$10 for 10 items for an exec team choice each year. The total for that is \$4,682. IAC gave the spending a 'do pass' recommendation for \$4,800 to purchase.
- ii. Katie Kempel: What items do you see the ten items for ten dollars going to?
 - 1. Hayden Larson: Executive team hasn't picked an item yet, but we've talked about pins.
- iii. Briar Maudal (NDSCS): Are the tablecloths and posters for advertising at senate table times?
 - 1. Hayden Larson: With the packages we will have instructions on how to table. We would like tabling for NDSA to be separate from your own SGA.
- iv. Briar Maudal: Would it be up to head delegate to be tabling at their respective institutions?
 - 1. Hayden Larson: Yes
- v. Christopher Scott: The only concern with the exec item would be making sure student fees are used for student purposes.

- vi. Katie Kempel: Have you considered reaching out to SGA advisors at institutions to make them aware of these totes so there is space on campus for these totes to be kept at?
 - 1. Hayden Larson: We have not reached out yet.
 - 2. Katie Kempel: That would be my recommendation to the exec team to check on this.
 - vii. Christopher Scott: Can you make a document visible with these items listed?
 - viii. Hayden Larson: The total for this was \$4,682.
 - ix. Christopher Scott motions to pass the \$4,800 for a marketing package
 - 1. NDSCS seconds
 - 2. Motion passes
- C. NDSA-27-2425 A Resolution in Support of SB 2003
- i. Carter Gill (VPGA): This is covering SB 2003. The bill itself is over 20 pages long. We decided NDSA should only focus on certain aspects of it. Asking that they increase the funding for the Challenge Grant. NDSU and UND would still be on the 2 to 1 matching.
 - ii. Questions: None
 - iii. Discussion:
 - 1. Katie Kempel: Friendly Amendment
 - iv. Christopher Scott motions to pass the resolution
 - 1. NDSCS seconds
 - 2. Motion passes
- D. NDSA 28-2425 A Resolution in Opposition to HB 1391
- i. Carter Gill: Affects things like employment as well and attend institutions. So changing health status is defined as an 'individual's medical records'. When all of us came to our prospective school we had to bring our list of immunizations. Can affect food services as well.
 - ii. Questions: None
 - iii. Discussion:
 - 1. Katie Kempel: When I'm reading the bill I don't necessarily see it as them talking about college. This is mostly related to employment which would include student employment. Looking specifically at the fifth whereas clause.
 - 2. Carter Gill: I think our rationale was because protected class is more than employment but if that's not the spirit of the bill it makes complete sense to amend it.

3. Katie Kempel: I don't think anything in this bill would prevent students from attending but more so affect student workers.
 4. Katie Kempel: Motions to amend the fifth whereas clause to say, 'working in campus spaces such as dining halls and residence halls' to replace 'attending college'.
 - A. VCSU seconds
 - B. Questions: None
 - C. Discussion: None
 - D. Motion to amend the resolution passes
- iv. Christopher Scott motions to pass the resolution
1. Cherokee Warnecke (VCSU) seconds
 2. Motion passes
- E. Policy, Advocacy, and Research Charter Policy Changes
- i. Christopher Scott: This is something I've wanted to do for a little while. A lot of the edits that we have here are to reflect kind of what PAR has been doing right now. Also to universalize it so that it works from year to year. Got pretty detailed with what I did on this document in SLAC.
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Katie Kempel: Can you clarify since we're online what heading we're missing.?
 2. Christopher Scott: It said deliverables, but we changed it to responsibilities.
 - iii. Discussion:
 1. Katie Kempel: What do you foresee next year's exec team doing with this subcommittee.
 2. Carter Gill: We did have it function to some degree last year in the off year as well. Looking at what other states are doing is something good to do in an off year. With 2392 that bill came out of Utah for the most part before it was introduced here. Basically looking at other bills before they are copy and pasted here. I don't think it would meet on as a regular basis.
 3. Katie Kempel: Do you see there being adequate interest in a committee without actionable items?
 - A. Carter Gill: I think having something consistent in the off year, depending on how the VPGA and PAR director run it next year, this can serve as a way to bolster the subcommittee more. If we are thinking of increasing NDSA engagement not just as these meetings, this can build that up more.
 - iv. NDSCS motions to approve the subcommittee policy changes

1. LRSC seconds
2. Motion passes
- v. Carter Gill: Here are more changes to testimony policy. Things that Chris and I noticed on timeline and feedback for getting drafts sent out and when the testimony writer needs to submit it.
 1. Questions: None
 2. Discussion: None
- vi. NDSCS motions to approve the testimony policy changes
 1. WSC seconds
 2. Motion passes

F. NDSA Awards

- i. Outstanding Officer
 1. LRSC nominates Carter Gill
 - A. DSU seconds
 - B. Carter Gill accepts
 2. Nominates Jayden Erickson
 - A. Seconds
 - B. Jayden Erickson accepts
 3. Nominates Hayden Larson
 - A. Seconds
 - B. Hayden Larson accepts
 4. Nominates Sammi Weber
 - A. Seconds
 - B. Sammi Weber accepts
 5. Nominates Sarah Kempel
 - A. Seconds
 - B. Sarah Kempel accepts
 6. Christopher Scott nominates LilyBeth Townsend
 - A. Seconds
 - B. LilyBeth Townsend declines
 7. Sammi Weber is our Outstanding Officer
- ii. Outstanding Head Delegate
 1. UND nominates Neil Person
 - A. LRSC Seconds

2. Kaden Wass nominates Briar Maudal
 - A. WSC seconds
3. UND nominates Kaden Wass
 - A. VCSU seconds
4. Jason Fincel nominates Philip True
 - A. LRSC seconds
5. Cherokee Warnecke (VCSU) nominates Blaize Morris
 - A. UND seconds
6. Kaden Wass nominates Cherokee Warnecke
 - A. UND seconds
7. Neil Person is our Outstanding Head Delegate

iii. Most Dedicated Delegates

1. Neil Person Nominates Briar Maudal
 - A. NDSCS Seconds
2. UND nominates Eniola Soetan
 - A. VCSU seconds
3. LilyBeth Townsend nominates Grace Reep
 - A. UND seconds
4. Katie Kempel nominates Christopher Scott
 - A. WSC seconds
5. Kaden Wass nominates Katie Kempel
 - A. WSC seconds
6. Jason Fincel nominates Phillip True
 - A. LRSC seconds
7. Briar Maudal nominates Blaize Morris
 - A. LRSC seconds
8. Our Most Dedicated Delegates are Briar Maudal and Blaize Morris

iv. Student Advocate

1. Christopher Scott nominates Rep. Schreiber-Beck
 - A. Jason Fincel seconds
2. Katie Kempel nominates Chancellor Mark Hagerott
 - A. NDSCS seconds
3. Christopher Scott nominates Representative Richter
 - A. Blaize Morris seconds

4. Grace Reep nominates Katie Fitzsimmons
 - A. LRSC seconds
5. Our Student Advocate is Chancellor Hagerott

v. NDSA Legacy

1. Christopher Scott nominates Grace Reep
 - A. LRSC seconds
2. NDSCS nominates Carter Gill
 - A. UND seconds
3. Katie Kempel nominates Cody Olski
 - A. WSC seconds
4. NDSU nominates Jason Fincel
 - A. UND seconds
5. Grace Reep nominates Katie Kempel
 - A. UND seconds
6. Christopher Scott nominates Connor Ferguson
 - A. NDSCS seconds
 - B. Connor Ferguson declines nomination
7. Carter Gill is our NDSA Legacy winner.

G. NDSA 25-26 Officer Elections Nominations

i. President

1. Christopher Scott nominates Sarah Kempel
 - A. Seconded by WSC
2. Jason Fincel nominates Josh Hansen
 - A. NDSCS seconds

ii. VPGA

1. Christopher Scott nominates Connor Mumaw
 - A. Seconded by NDSCS
2. Cherokee Warnecke nominates Eniola Soetan
 - A. Seconded by UND

iii. VPC

1. Jason Fincel nominates Elise Klindt
 - A. Seconded by UND
2. UND nominates Jayden Erickson
 - A. Seconded by NDSCS

iv. VPFO

1. Katie Kempel nominates Dylan Campbell
 - A. Seconded by VCSU

v. Chief of Staff

1. LRSC nominates Briar Maudal
 - A. Seconded by UND
2. WSC nominates Blaize Morris
 - A. Seconded by UND

vi. SBHE

1. NDSU nominates Maxwell Eriksrud
 - A. Seconded by NDSCS
2. Jason Fincel nominates Phillip True
 - A. Seconded by DCB
3. Phillip True nominates Alyssa Hodges
 - A. Seconded by UND

X. Complete General Assembly Feedback Survey

XI. Institutional Reports

- A. BSC: Recently had a Valentine's Day tabling event. You could write a Valentine's card for senators or people around the school. Had an event for students to rent a gown if they cannot pay for full price. Had a tabling event for Dress for Success which is a donation box thing where they can pick out nice clothes and get them ironed. Had a movie night showing off new advanced tech center. About .5 million to put a new large screen in. Earth Day event coming up to help promote recycling on campus because janitors are struggling with students putting recycling in the proper location. Getting ready for ASAC trip over Spring Break where senators go to Washington, D.C. to speak to senators about funds.
- B. DCB: Have had Smokies week which is a week-long event similar to Homecoming. Went very well and had many different events where we joined the community, showing DCB in different places especially at the high school. Also had a formal night with a social that went very well.
- C. DSU: It is a very exciting time for Dickinson athletics. The womens' track and field team won their conference for the 7th straight time. Had a number of athletes quality including some All American. Beat Jamestown. Heading off to the opening round of Nationals starting March 14th for their first appearance in 21 years. Recently started a theater and improv group that has been receiving good turnout. Choir and band performed a spring concert on Sunday. Food pantry and community closets have been receiving steady donations which

they are very grateful for.

- D. LRSC: Senate has been working on weekly events for student life. Small events throughout the week like art night, yoga, board games, etc. Comedy group from LA (Mission Improvable) came to campus recently. Two weeks ago our senate received three requests for funding (DECA, fitness training club, photography club) for conferences and technology. Requests were for \$5,000 total and each club can request up to \$2,000 and those funds got granted and sent out. Our campus president is retiring and will have an interim president next year and won't get a permanent replacement until the year after. Clay target is starting up soon and hoping to finish the semester strong.
- E. MaSU: The Old Main renovation project is staying on task and going good so far. Student government is working to increase outreach as elections are coming up after spring break. Working hard tabling and getting the student body more interested in student government. For the first time in four years, we supported a plan for student fees to not be raised. Proud to for once, to vote not to raise student fees. The feral cat problem has been solved by unknown means.
- F. MiSU: Basketball team is doing really well and just finished the season with 2nd at the championship. Working on SGA elections for the next term. Discussing extending advertisement and applications closer to voting day as they are hoping for more competition.
- G. NDSCS: Got a new men's basketball head coach. Culinary arts department hosted their fifth annual scholarship dinner. Student senate approved an application for auto tech to put on a music concert to raise money for their club. HOSA club is doing a food drive which will be campus versus the community to raise donations for food drive. Band and choir is gearing up for their trip in April that is going to New York. Had a self-defense night earlier this week from Greenquist Academy. DECA members qualified for the national competition. Dental program did a free dental care day that was \$8,000 in free dental care provided to children 5-18.
- H. NDSU: Finalizing the plans for our concert. Campaign season starts after spring break for student body president. No other major changes.
- I. UND: Thank you to DCB for being amazing hosts! At UND last night was a good night for athletics. Basketball beat SDSU last night. Women's basketball upset St. Thomas with a score of 80-67 and men's hockey beat last night. Student senate is having conversations about increasing the use of pink on campus. Earlier this week had the mid semester de-stress event to help people get through midterms. Monitoring and ready to respond to legislation now that it is crossover.
- J. VCSU: Recently student senate gave away tickets for Winter Show. This summer or in the fall there will be a new grad school of education program that will be implemented. This is not seen anywhere else in the state. So we are excited to be the first! After spring break, we will potentially have four new senators on our board. Lastly, would like to thank Bottineau for hosting, this has been

a great NDSA!

- K. WSC: Had a class come to us asking for funding to go to the legislative session for American government class. It was \$800 to send them there. Boys' basketball has made it to the regional championship against Dawson Community college. Baseball is down in Arizona and has won 7 out of 10 games so far. Recently started up E-Sports club.

XII. Public Comments and Announcements

- A. Congratulations to Skyla Louttit from DCB for winning delegate of the month!
- B. Sign the sheets!
- C. If you have any questions about elections, please reach out to officers and upload your packet to the SharePoint.
- D. Thank you to DCB for hosting!

XIII. Adjourn

- A. NDSCS motions to adjourn
- B. Seconded by VCSU
- C. Motion to adjourn passes, adjourned at 12:49 p.m.