

# 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: 4 present, 4 voting
- B. DCB: 0 present, 0 voting
- C. DSU: 1 present, 1 voting
- D. LRSC: 0 present, 0 voting
- E. MaSU: 3 present, 3 voting
- F. MiSU: 3 present, 3 voting
- G. NDSCS: 12 present, 6 voting
- H. NDSU: 16 present, 15 voting
- I. UND: 14 present, 14 voting
- J. VCSU: 8 present, 5 voting
- K. WSC: 0 present, 0 voting
  - i. Out of 11 institutions 8 present, 61 delegates present, 51 delegates voting

III. Explanation of Meeting Procedure

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

- A. Briar Maudal (NDSCS) moves to amend the order in which we do voting to elections first in business. Line item D will become line item A.
  - i. Seconded by NDSU
  - ii. Katie Kempel (UND): Doesn't know if moving elections around will change things get done. The three other line items we have won't take as much time.
  - iii. Briar Maudal: When we get done won't change, but we want to make sure we can be present for the entirety of elections. This gives everyone that wants to run not a super big time constraint by doing it first rather than last.
  - iv. Motion passes
- B. Christopher Scott (UND) motion to approve agenda
  - i. Seconded by NDSCS
  - ii. Agenda approved

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. NDSU motions to approve consent agenda

- i. Seconded by NDSCS
- ii. Consent agenda approved

VI. Committee Reports:

A. Internal Affairs Committee

- a. Vice President of Finance – Discussed host school reimbursement. Reimbursed NDSU for 72 people with a leeway of 10. Discussed a resolution on giving an award to directors. This resolution was tabled indefinitely. We also discussed a resolution on changing the NDSA fee from 4 cents to 3 cents and that was also tabled. We ordered name tags for next year.

B. Student Affairs Committee

- a. Vice President of Communication – Discussed NDSA executive town halls and will give that advice to next year’s exec team. Discussed elections and previous meeting’s marketing totes. There are seven institutions here and seven totes to pick up.

C. State Legislative Affairs Committee

- a. Vice President of Governmental Affairs – Last night we talked about a resolution in support of immigrant and international student rights. Also discussed higher ed day for next year. There’s a letter we will be going through later in the agenda for HB 1437. This bill is to prohibit tenure at two-year institutions. There are concerns with making policy a law. The policy still has to be made by the board anyway. The public statement is going to be sent to Governor Armstrong urging for a veto. If we approve this it will be sent to Governor Armstrong’s office.
- b. Legislative Update

VII. Presidential Report: We had a campus visit in Valley City and discussed the uncertainty of AI, housing, and student and legislative concerns. Thank you for setting that up Valley City. Thank you for everyone making this a great year!

VIII. SBHE Student Member Report

- A. SBHE Student Member – Elected a president for DSU. This president coming back and is passionate about North Dakota. Overlooked some policies related to the code of conduct for faculty and staff. Not much was changed to be honest. We basically added that someone could be terminated from their position. Also talked about academic freedom, no real changes from that. Had some big topics on hiring two new presidents, a chancellor, and tenure. The big thing we did at the last meeting was hire a new president!

IX. New Business

## A. NDSA 25-26 Officer Elections

### i. Nominations

1. Nominates Cody Olski (UND) for SBHE
2. VCSU seconds
3. NDSCS nominates Christopher Scott (UND) for SBHE
4. VCSU seconds
5. Grace Reep (VCSU) nominates Savana Anderson (VCSU) for VPC
6. NDSU seconds

- ii. The three SBHE candidates sent to the Governor are Cody Olski, Maxwell Eriksrud, and Christopher Scott
- iii. The 25-26 NDSA President is Sarah Kempel
- iv. Phillip True motions to white ballot and elect Dylan Campbell as the Vice President of Finance Operations
  1. UND Seconds
  2. The 25-26 NDSA VPFO is Dylan Campbell
- v. The 25-26 NDSA Vice President of Governmental Affairs is Eniola Soetan
- vi. Parker Martinson (NDSCS) motions to flipping Chief of Staff and VPC elections
  1. NDSU seconds
  2. Motion passes
- vii. The 25-26 NDSA Chief of Staff is Blaize Morris
- viii. The 25-26 Vice President of Communications is Savana Anderson

## B. FY 25-26 NDSA Budget

- i. Hayden Larson: This is the second reading of the budget. This is next fiscal year's budget. You can find it in the SharePoint.
- ii. Questions: None
- iii. Discussion
- iv. Motion to approve the budget by NDSU
- v. Seconded by UND
- vi. Budget is approved

## C. A Resolution in Support of the Rights of International and Immigrant NDUS Students

- i. Carter Gill: Came out of SLAC last night with a 'do pass' recommendation. International and immigrant students are both included. This is looking at what has been going on nationally and what we've seen from Minnesota. There has

been an increased presence of ICE officers on campuses. Visas have been revoked. The biggest thing discussed in this resolution is free speech and social media presence. Addresses all this as a preemptive measure. If there were to be an incident with an international university system, the incoming NDSA exec can draft a public statement with help from this resolution.

- ii. Questions: None
- iii. Discussion: None
- iv. Christopher Scott motions to pass the resolution
  - 1. Seconded by NDSU
  - 2. Resolution is approved

#### D. NDSA HB 1437 Veto

- i. Carter Gill: Governor Armstrong is open to vetoing this bill. This did pass with veto numbers in the senate and house. If it does pass, we'll see how it goes in the house for the next week too.
- ii. Questions: None
- iii. Discussion
  - 1. Carter Gill: I sit on a committee for the university system. This committee encouraged various members to reach out to the governor.
- iv. Connor Ferguson (UND) motions to approve
  - 1. Seconded by NDSU
  - 2. Motion passes

#### X. Complete General Assembly Feedback Survey

#### XI. Institutional Reports

- A. BSC: Have been discussing recycling on campus. Talked with ADA advisor on ADA accommodations. How to give professors the tools to talk to students about it. Got back from a trip in D.C. and thinking about implementing a finance program for students and daycare availability. Disc golf moved to nine holes to help with costs.
- B. DCB: No report
- C. DSU: Did Family Weekend last weekend where everyone invited their families out. Combined it with their alumni weekend. Started an improv club last month. Men's basketball team made it to the first round of NAIA nationals. Cheer team just came in third at nationals and on their way to Daytona next week.
- D. LRSC: No report
- E. MaSU: No report

- F. MiSU: No report
- G. NDSCS: NDSCS had higher learning accreditation. Getting a new website in the fall. Students in DECA sent to California. New women's soccer team. Gearing up for their end of the year celebration. Programs on campus are getting ready for the Skills USA competition in Bismarck. Getting aviation technology programs launched up in Fall 2025. Dreams auction is next weekend. Had a liberal arts major who won Bronze with a Coca-Cola scholarship and won 3<sup>rd</sup> at NAIA student competition in Las Vegas.
- H. NDSU: Thank you all for coming.
- I. UND: Thanks to Phillip True and NDSU for putting this together. Big thank you to the outgoing exec team especially during this legislative session. New hockey coach is taking over. Will be the first institution to have a general manager for Division I hockey. Tonight is African culture night by the African Student union. There are twelve stages for it. Elections are going on. Two big campaigns. April 25<sup>th</sup> has an Indigenous Art event at the Memorial Union. Senator for the Law School will be speaking at that event. Thanks to Max Eriksrud as Governor Armstrong will be giving a speech at Grand Forks and the event is free.
- J. VCSU: Thank you to NDSU for hosting. Construction on McCarthy Hall the education building will be done in July and classes will be ready this fall. There has been construction on our new athletic facility. Three new senators have been approved onto our board. Our campus gift for this year is money to improve the state of the Viking Ship that is used for community parades. Currently the process of elections for officer positions is ongoing.
- K. WSC: No report

## XII. Public Comments and Announcements

- A. Congratulations to Grace Reep (VCSU) and Bjorn Messick (UND) for winning delegates of the month!
- B. LilyBeth Townsend: If you won an award, come find me!
- C. Jayden Erickson: Make sure to take a marketing tote with you on the way out.

## XIII. Adjourn

- A. UND motions to adjourn
- B. Seconded by NDSU
- C. Motion to adjourn passes, adjourned at 2:02 p.m.