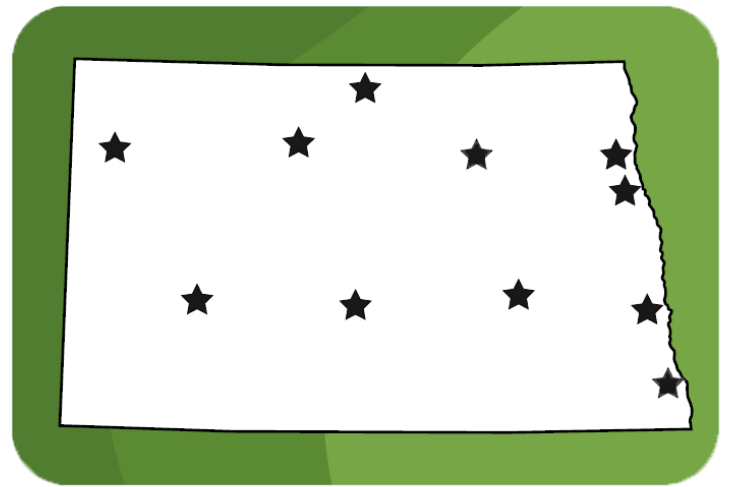


General Assembly



NDSA

“THE VOICE OF THE STUDENTS”

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October 3, 2025

Hello, and welcome to the North Dakota Student Association!

First and foremost, I would like to introduce myself - my name is Sarah Kempel, and I serve as the President of the General Assembly. With the 2025-2026 Academic year in full swing, the dawn of a new year conducting NDSA business, and solidifying students issue in the NDUS to focus on in the legislative year, it is quite an exciting time to meet at the University of North Dakota.

The student voice in the North Dakota University System has the greatest impact on the formation of higher education policy, today. Without appropriately exercising our voice intelligently and effectively, this impact will be lost and felt by all students. To enact real change with the NDUS, students must be vocal.

NDSA is the perfect forum for connecting diverse student leaders from each of the 11 distinct institutions in our wonderful state. Experienced student leaders enjoy having a platform for advocacy in government, while newer students appreciate the opportunity to be directly involved in addressing the most pressing concerns of college students, now. No matter how experienced in government, all students will enjoy a community, and welcome space in NDSA to encounter new ideas, and friendships that



After the COVID-19 Pandemic, NDSA felt the effects of a worldwide quarantine. Additionally, in this year, 2025, NDSA is still experiencing those negative side effects - decreased attendance, failure to meet quorum, repeatedly, lack of motivation to determinedly enact real change to the NDUS. The 2025-2026 NDSA Executive Team is elated and determined to find motivated students on NDUS campuses to achieve that high involvement.

I hope you are ready and ecstatic to return back to NDSA this month. Every committee is filled with important topics to provide future NDUS students with a meaningful experience.

I look forward to seeing all of you at October's General Assembly!

Regards,

Sarah R. Kempel
President of the General Assembly



October 3rd, 2025

Hello everyone and welcome to the University of North Dakota!

The UND delegates and I are excited to have everyone on campus for this month's meeting! As North Dakota's largest student body campus, we are excited to show you around our beautiful campus and our vibrant community here in Grand Forks! At this meeting, we are excited to share with you a few resolutions that affect not only our students, but all 11 campuses in North Dakota.



As UND delegates, we are open and welcoming to new ideas and want to create an open opportunity for all to share and bring up concerns that students have about the campus or student life. We want to ensure that every UND student can graduate from here knowing that their college experience was valued and cared about by students, for students.

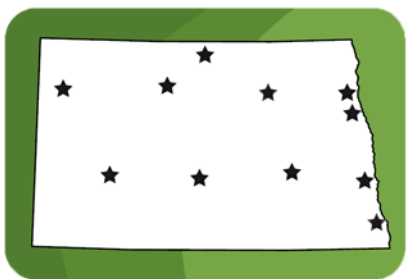
Again, welcome to the University of North Dakota, hopefully you can enjoy the wonderful fall weather while it lasts as our campus truly shows its colors this month. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I would be happy to help!

Sincerely,
Jayden Erickson
Head Delegate
University of North Dakota

General Assembly

Agenda & Meeting Materials
(Friday)

Chaired by **Sarah Kempel**, President



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Agenda
Friday, October 3rd, 2025

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| 5:05 PM | I. | Welcome Address |
| 5:10 | II. | Guest Speakers |
| | a. | Dr. Andrew Armacost President of UND |
| 5:30 | b. | Amanda Woidyla from Bank of North Dakota presenting on the "Smart with my Money" campaign.
(https://smartwithmymoney.nd.gov/ .) |
| 6:00 | III. | Preview of Committees and Breakout Sessions |
| 6:30 | IV. | Announcements |
| 6:35 | V. | Breakout Sessions |
| 7:00 | VI. | Break to Committees |



Introduction to NDSA

The North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) was established to give students a voice in the North Dakota University System (NDUS), which oversees all 11 public institutions of higher education in North Dakota. NDSA works to empower students, support collaboration between the student bodies on each campus, and provide a student perspective on higher education policy.

Each month during the academic year, NDSA holds a General Assembly meeting at one of its member institutions to engage students in higher education policy, propose solutions to different issues affecting students, and approve resolutions to influence government and university affairs in our state. All NDUS students pay NDSA a small fee each semester (\$0.48), which supports the organization and gives all students the right to attend meetings.

NDUS INSTITUTIONS
Bismarck State College
Dakota College at Bottineau
Dickinson State University
Lake Region State College
Mayville State University
Minot State University
North Dakota State College of Science
North Dakota State University
University of North Dakota
Valley City State University
Williston State College

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Students attending General Assembly meetings will take part in one of three committees, listed along the right.

Each spring, the General Assembly elects a new Executive Team to handle the day-to-day operations of the organization. The Executive Team consists of the following members: President, Vice President of Finance and Operations, Vice President of Communication, Vice President of Governmental Affairs, Chief Administrator (appointed by the President), and Council Chief (who oversees Head Delegates and student representation on NDUS Councils).

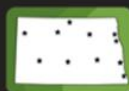
NDSA COMMITTEES	
Student Affairs Committee (SAC)	Identifies student concerns and needs and proposes solutions to those issues.
State Legislative Affairs Committee (SLAC)	Discusses NDSA's legislative strategy and ongoing policy discussions within the state government.
Internal Affairs Committee (IAC)	Discusses NDSA's finances, strategic plan, and policies.

Elections will occur during April's General Assembly meeting. Any student may run for elected office. Candidates will need to complete a candidate form, which will be made available in March on the website (<https://nds.a.ndus.edu/>) and NDSA's Office 365 SharePoint. To learn more about the positions, consult the NDSA Bylaws and email the current holder of the office of interest.

Additionally, Students can apply to serve as Directors, which are officers appointed by the President and Vice Presidents. These vary each year based on the needs of the organization. These positions will be announced during the General Assembly meetings. The Chief Administrator and Parliamentarian are positions delegates can apply for. All appointments must be confirmed by the General Assembly.

Students can also serve as the student representative on one of the NDUS Councils, which consist of individuals in the NDUS from across the state (i.e., Multicultural Program Directors, NDUS Vice Presidents, professors, etc.). Council representatives only need to attend meetings by telephone once a month, and most councils only meet two or three times a year. It's a great way to learn more about the NDUS and higher education policy and it is a great resume builder. To see if any councils are open to serve on, or if you have any other questions, contact the Council Chief.

Finally, delegates can serve on NDSA's different task forces, which deal with a specific set of issues. Talk to the chair of the task force you are interested in for more information and to join. Reports on each task force will be given during meetings. Task forces vary by year based on organizational need.



Introduction to NDSA

North Dakota University System (NDUS): The NDUS consists of all 11 public colleges and universities in North Dakota. It is governed by the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE). The NDUS Chancellor and their staff, known as the NDUS Office or System Office, support and help implement the SBHE's mission and goals. The NDUS Office manages the NDUS Councils, Core Technology Services, Campus Councils, Consortium for Substance Abuse and Prevention, and the NDUS Foundation.

State Board of Higher Education (SBHE): The SBHE governs all 11 public college and universities in North Dakota. It's made up of seven citizen members appointed to four-year terms by the governor and one student member appointed for a one-year term. There are two non-voting members, which includes a representative from the Council of College Faculties and NDUS Staff Senate, both of which are Campus Councils. Some of the duties of the board include appointing university presidents and setting standard policies for all institutions relating to academic and student affairs, financial affairs, and much more.

Core Technology Services (CTS): CTS is led by the NDUS Chief Information Officer and provides information management and technology services to NDUS students, faculty, staff, and state residents. Some of their projects include making sure all students have a .ndus email address, upgrading campus solutions – which includes room scheduling, parking, and financial aid – and having all institutions use Blackboard as their learning management system.

Student Government Association (SGA): Student Government at your respective institution.

Open Educational Resources (OERs): Materials and resources that anyone can use, improve, modify, and redistribute under an open licensed text. A common example is "open textbooks."

Funding Formula: A distribution formula created in 2013 that is used by state legislators to allocate funding to NDUS institutions in a fair and transparent manner. The formula awards money to campuses based on the number of credit hours their students complete in a biennium.

Legislative Session: The North Dakota State Legislature meets for 80 legislative days once every two years (a biennium). Unlike many other states, it is a "citizen legislature," which means many of the legislators hold other jobs as well.

Office 365 SharePoint: Holds all the files for NDSA, including committee documents and meeting agendas. Any student in the North Dakota University System can join it.

Resolution: A public statement regarding NDSA's position on a particular policy or issue.

Strategic Plan: Document providing the general strategy for an organization over a set period of time. NDSA's 2019-2023 Strategic Plan was approved in November 2018 and lays out a blueprint for how the organization should function for the next four years.

Challenge Fund Grant: Created in 2013 to stimulate philanthropic donations to institutions under the authority of the SBHE to directly fund scholarships, educational infrastructure, endowed chairs, and technology on campuses. Challenge Funds encourage institutional foundations to seek financial contributions through a two-for-one match program, so that a donor's \$2 contribution is matched by a \$1 contribution from the state.

Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA): Second layer of security to NDUS account logins that requires a physical device or alternate phone number to log in, as well as a password. This technology prevents hackers from accessing NDUS accounts.

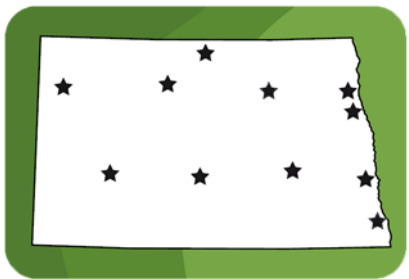
Capital Project: Projects such as new buildings, renovations, and other public improvements funded by various means. Capital project proposals often need to be approved by the SBHE.

Legacy Fund: North Dakotans in 2010 voted to establish the North Dakota Legacy Fund to preserve some of the state's economic prosperity for the future. Since then, the Fund has collected 30% of oil and gas tax revenues, which equates to \$5.5 billion in 2018. The state constitution prevented lawmakers from spending the fund's principal and earnings until after June 30, 2017.

Internal Affairs Committee

Agenda & Meeting Materials

Chaired by **Dylan Campbell**, Vice President of Finance and Operations



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Internal Affairs Committee

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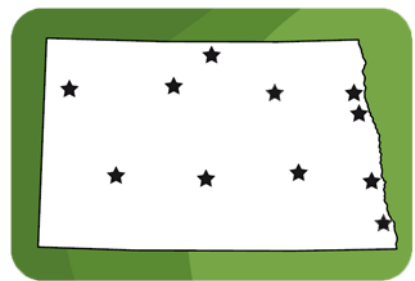
- I. Committee Activity
 - A. Kahoot
- II. Call to Order
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Explanation of Meeting Procedure
- V. How to Join the NDSA Office 365 SharePoint
- VI. Approval of and Additions to the Agenda
- VII. Officer Reports
 - A. Vice President of Finance and Operations, Dylan Campbell
- VIII. Open Forum for Student Concerns

Delegates shall discuss the statewide issues affecting students at their campuses.
- IX. Order of Business (Resolutions will be sent out with final agenda)
 - A. Host School Reimbursement
 - B. Finance Directorship
 - C. NDSA Policy Library – Communication
 - D. NDSA Policy Library – NDUS Representatives
 - E. More Microphones
 - F. Budget & Strategic Plan Presentation Feedback
- X. Announcements and Comments
- XI. Adjourn

Student Affairs Committee

Agenda & Meeting Materials

Chaired by **Savana Anderson**, Vice President of Communication



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Student Affairs Committee

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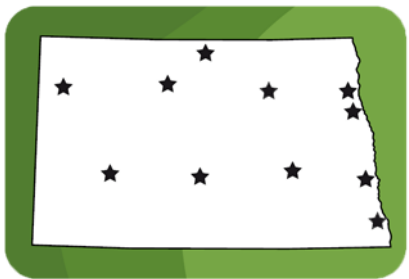
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- I. Committee Activity
- II. Call to Order
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Explanation of Meeting Procedure
- V. How to Join the NDSA Office 365 SharePoint
- VI. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
- VII. Officer Reports:
 - A. Vice President of Communication, Savana Anderson
- VIII. Open Forum for Student Concerns
 - Delegates shall discuss the statewide issues affecting students at their campuses.*
- IX. Order of Business:
- X. Graduation Cords Discussion
- XI. Campus Student Food Options Discussion
- XII. Announcements and Comments
- XIII. Adjourn

State Legislative Affairs Committee

Agenda & Meeting Materials

Chaired by **Eniola Soetan**, Vice President of Governmental Affairs



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State Legislative Affairs Committee

Agenda

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- I. Committee Activity
 - A. Name, Major and institution, One fun thing you did over the summer
- II. Call to Order
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Explanation of Meeting Procedure
- V. How to Join the NDSA Office 365 SharePoint
- VI. Tour of the NDSA Office 365 SharePoint
- VII. Tour of the NDUS Website: <https://ndus.edu/>
- VIII. Explanation of Meeting Procedure
- IX. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
- X. Officer Reports:
 - A. Vice President of Governmental Affairs, Eniola Soetan
 - B. Director of Governmental Affairs - TBD
 - C. Director of Policy, Advocacy, and Research (PAR) Subcommittee - TBD
- XI. Open Forum for Student Concerns

Delegates shall discuss the statewide issues affecting students at their campuses.
- XII. Order of Business:
 - A. A Resolution in Opposition to TRIO Freezes and Cuts
 - B. A Resolution in Opposition to Political Violence
 - C. A Resolution in Support of Including Student Input in Institutional Tenure Review Policies
 - D. A Resolution in Support of Drafting a Bill for State Appropriations towards On-Campus Housing



State Legislative Affairs Committee

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XIII. Announcements and Comments

XIV. Adjourn

General Assembly

Agenda and Meeting Materials
(Saturday)

Chaired by **Sarah**, President



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General Assembly

Agenda
Saturday, October 4th, 2025

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- 9:05 AM** I. Call to Order
- 9:10** II. Roll Call
- III. Explanation of Meeting Procedure
- IV. **ACTION: Additions to and Approval of the Agenda**
- 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.
- 9:25** VI. Committee Reports:
- A. Internal Affairs Committee
- B. Student Affairs Committee
- C. State Legislative Affairs Committee
- 9:40** VII. Presidential Report
- VIII. SBHE Student Member Report
- 9:45** IX. New Business
- A. Confirmation of Chief Administrator
- B. A Resolution in Support of Joining the United States Student Association
- C. A Resolution in Support of Central Hazing Resources and Data Provided by the NDUS
- D. A Resolution in Support of the Protection of the NDUS Diversity Waiver Across NDUS Institutions
- E. A Resolution in Opposition on the passage of Congress House Resolution 1, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act



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- F. A Resolution in Opposition to TRIO Freezes and Cuts
- G. A Resolution in Opposition to Political Violence
- H. A Resolution in Support of Including Student Input in Institutional Tenure Review Policies
- I. NDSA Policy Library – Communication
- J. NDSA Policy Library – NDUS Representatives
- K. A Resolution in Opposition of 90 Credit Bachelor’s Degrees

- 10:30** X. Complete General Assembly Feedback Survey
- XI. Institutional Reports
- XII. Public Comment and Announcements
- 11:00** XIII. Adjourn



General Assembly

Roll Call Sheet

Insert Date

INSTITUTION	STUDENT TOTAL	APPORTIONED VOTING DELEGATES	DELEGATES PRESENT	DELEGATES VOTING
Bismarck State College	4,206	7		
Dakota College at Bottineau	1,206	4		
Dickinson State University	1,410	4		
Lake Region State College	1,897	5		
Mayville State University	1,134	4		
Minot State University	2,751	6		
North Dakota State College of Science	3,367	6		
North Dakota State University	11,952	15		
University of North Dakota	15,019	18		
Valley City State University	1,806	5		
Williston State College	1,058	4		
		TOTAL:		



General Assembly

Robert's Rules Guide

RULE	SECOND NEEDED	DEBATE / DISCUSSION	AMENDABLE	REQUIRED VOTE	DESCRIPTION
Point of Order	No	No	No	None	Used to address a misuse of the rules or a personal affront. <i>May interrupt a speaker.</i>
Point of Parliamentary Inquiry	No	No	No	None	Used to gain clarification about a rule or procedure. <i>May interrupt a speaker.</i>
Point of Information	No	No	No	None	Ask a question of a speaker in control of the floor.
Recess	Yes	No	Yes	Simple Majority	Recess the meeting for a specified period of time.
Table a Motion	Yes	Yes	Yes	Simple Majority	Postpone consideration of a business item until a future meeting.
Previous Question	Yes	Yes	No	Two-Thirds Majority	End debate on a proposal and bring it to an <i>immediate</i> vote.
Open a Speaker's List	Yes	No	No	Simple Majority	Used to create a list for delegates wishing to speak. Speakers will then indicate to the Chair or their appointee if they want to be added to the list.
Limits on Debate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Two-Thirds Majority	Impose (or repeal) a limit on the length of any form of debate. Limits may be specified in terms of time or number of speeches.
Suspension of the Rules	Yes	No	No	Two-Thirds Majority	Used to allow the General Assembly to violate its own rules, except for rules specified in the Constitution. The object of suspension must be specified.
Division of the Question	Yes	Yes	No	Simple Majority	Divide a resolution or report into two or more clauses/sections, each to be voted on separately. This motion is used after the passage of Closure of Debate.
Reconsideration of a Motion	Yes	Yes	No	Two-Thirds Majority	Reconsider an item on which debate has ended or upon which a vote has taken place.
Appeal a Decision of the Chair	Yes	Yes	No	Simple Majority	Challenge a ruling made by the Chair. <i>May interrupt a speaker.</i>

Final approval of any NDSA resolution requires the affirmation of at least 60% of the General Assembly.