

"THE VOICE OF THE STUDENTS"

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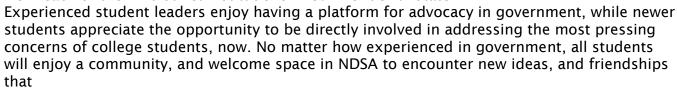
October 3, 2025

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.



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

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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

# Agenda & Meeting Materials (Friday)

Chaired by Sarah Kempel, President



#### Agenda Friday, October 3rd, 2025

#### **UND GA Teams Link**

5:05 PM

I. Welcome Address

Call to order at 5:11pm

- II. Guest Speakers
  - a. Dr. Andrew Armacost President of UND

Finds great leadership examples in people in the room. Sees it presidents, world leaders, and even kids. If you are at an event with nieces or nephews, you can see examples of leadership within them. Such as helping a teammate or ... I would encourage you to read about leaders, and to communicate. I encourage you to read about leadership, one really good book the *innovators*. It talks about getting educated with both sides of your brain. You have a choice in how you educate yourself. Commit to learning with the rest of your lives, because you wil continue learning. Keep learning things, you can learn things such as finance or dentistry. This is why I am in this professior to promote the message that you can keep learning, growing, and changing the world. Take every opportunity to lead.

5:10

5:30

6:00

 b. Amanda Woidyla from Bank of North Dakota presenting on th "Smart with my Money" campaign. (https://smartwithmymoney.nd.gov/.)

This year, just this last legislation k-12 literacy standards were passed for ND. 7/10 College Students feel overwhelmed by the financial responsibility. 41% of people would struggle to get \$2,000 for an unexpected expense. Some students do not understand college costs, the breakdown of scholarships, students do not realize they have a bill and why Gen Z does no generally want to take on debt. Where does Smart with my money come in? There is a smart with my money education platform. There are 34 courses and 124 topics, and almost 3,000 pieces of content to help you learn more about money management.

III. Preview of Committees and Breakout Sessions

IAC with Dylan- We will talk about host school reimbursement, directorship, , sign in on the sing in sheet.

SAC with Savana- We will talk about graduation cords, and food options on campuses.

SLAC with Eniola- We will talk about trios cuts and freezes, politica violence, tenure, and housing.



#### Agenda Friday, October 3rd, 2025

#### **UND GA Teams Link**

6:30	IV.	Announcements		
		Reconvene here tomorrow at 9 and sign the attendance sheets.		
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),

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

which supports the organization and gives all students the right to attend meetings.

#### 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 dayto-day operations of the organization. The Executive Team consists of the following members: President, Vice President of

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.			

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).

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://ndsa.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 polices 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.

<u>Resolution</u>: 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.

<u>Capital Project</u>: 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



### **Internal Affairs Committee**

#### Agenda

Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

#### **IAC Teams Link**

- 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



## **Student Affairs Committee**

#### Agenda

Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

#### **SAC Teams Link**

- 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



# State Legislative Affairs Committee

#### Agenda

Friday October 3rd, 2025

#### **SLAC Teams Link**

- 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: <a href="https://ndus.edu/">https://ndus.edu/</a>
- 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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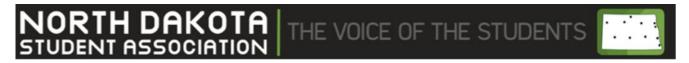
XIII. Announcements and Comments

XIV. Adjourn

# Agenda and Meeting Materials (Saturday)

Chaired by Sarah, President





#### Agenda Saturday, October 4th, 2025

#### **UND GA Teams Link**

9:05 AM I. Call to Order- at 9:06AM

9:10 II. Roll Call

III. Explanation of Meeting Procedure

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

Motion to add A Resolution in Opposition to 90 Credit Bachelor Degree. Passed.

Agenda motion to approve by NDSU, seconded 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.

Williston moves to approve, seconded by NDSU

#### 9:25 VI. Committee Reports:

#### A. Internal Affairs Committee-

Talked about host school reimbursement, finance directorship, policy revisions, microphones for GA, and budget.

#### B. Student Affairs Committee-

Talked about Graduation Regalia, and food options campuses have for their students.

#### C. State Legislative Affairs Committee-

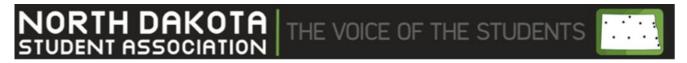
Discussed a few resolutions on Trios Freezes and Cuts, political violence, studer input on tenure, and on-campus housing. We also had a discussion on 90 credit bachelor degrees.

#### VII. Presidential Report-

Has been looking through the website, and found a few minor housekeeping updates on where things get sent out.

#### 9:40 VIII. SBHE Student Member Report-

Hired Brett Stanford as the commissioner of the University system. Talking about 90 credit bachelor degrees. Also talked about dual credit for UND. A new policy is potentially being written to create a structured process when hiring presidents.



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#### 9:45 IX. New Business

- A. Confirmation of Chief Administrator
   Motion to approve without decent, Confirmed
- B. A Resolution in Support of Joining the United States Student Association
  Briar: Who is going to be our representative?

Christopher Scott: The president would pick two people and then the GA would confirm those people.

MiSU: What is the level of requirement, how would they meet and would it be often?

Chistopher Scott: The platform is on zoom, so you would not need to go into person. Just going to those virtual meetings, and keeping up with the other delegates.

Kaden Wass: If it came to a year where we could not get representatives, would the president force two or how would that work?

Christopher Scott: I would think that it would be more like the directorships.

???: Last year we had tried to collaborate with Minnesota and possibly south dakota, and that ended up falling through. This was because we realized the logistics of it would be to much for how little effects it would have. Do you feel that this could be enough of a benefit to us?

Christopher Scott: I would think so, they got some of the biggest student organizations in the country. It would help, because you are pooling your resources together.

Motion to approve and seconded, passed.

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C. A Resolution in Support of Central Hazing Resources and Data Provided by the NDUS

Motion to approve UND, VCSU seconds, changed to a motion to approve without decent, passed.

D. A Resolution in Support of the Protection of the NDUS Diversity Waiver Acros

NDUS Institutions

Motion to approve without decent VCSU, NDSU seconds, Motion passes.

E. A Resolution in Opposition on the passage of Congress House Resolution 1, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act

Dylan: Could this be something we could bring to the USSA?

Christopher Scott: Yes, we could and if we get this passed we could bring thi to them and ask what they were thinking on it.

Motion to approve UND Seconded VCSU, passed

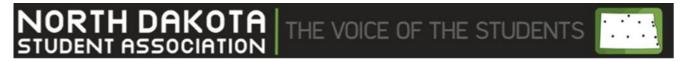
- F. A Resolution in Opposition to TRIO Freezes and Cuts

  NDSU Motion to approve Seconded UND motion passes
- G. A Resolution in Opposition to Political Violence

Motion to table to next SLAC meeting by UND Seconded VCSU

UND Motion to table to the next meeting until the next meeting VCSU
seconds.

Maxwell: Why are we wanting to table it again, as we had it go through two months of discussion, so I was just wondering why and what would we like to change to pass it later?



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Jayden: There is a lot of information, but we need some more general information.

???: I am just going to rip the band aid off. Do we not want Charlie kirk in this resolution? Before it had labeled different politicians as well. I can understand the fact that it can be a little bit knee jerky but why are we tablin it again. If we do not want the resolution to pass should we just kill it or is there something specific we want to change if it is going to be tabled for ney month.

???: It may be respectful to table it, because the author is not here. If that is not how the majority of the group thinks.

????: If I may speak for Sam here who is the primary writer. Although there were a few changes, he is very happy about it, he thought that it still maintained the goal of the resolution. I can see the point of wanting more information, but it is very clear cut. I think that if we continue to table this, we lose the time factor.

Patrick: I think that this is too much of a delicate resolution. I think we are walking on thin ice. I think we should actually address it and see if there is anything we can do, rather than to say we are opposed to this and we like freedom of speech.

Maxwell: I also spoke with Sam, I feel like he would want this to pass today. I can see why we would do that, but if we were wanting these changes, we actually need to make those changes. If it goes back to SLAC we are most

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likely going to do what we did this month and make some grammar changes. I do not see us large scale changing it.

???: I would agree that this is a delicate situation. That is why we are all here to make this sort of thing pass.

Motion to table is withdrawn.

Christopher Scott: One way to fix this it to make amendments while we are in the GA meeting now.

UND Motion to approve, BSC Seconds Failed

NDSU motions to bring back to committee and UND Seconds motion passes

H. A Resolution in Support of Including Student Input in Institutional Tenure Review Policies

Motion to pass without decent UND NDSU Seconded

I. NDSA Policy Library - Communication

Christopher Scott: Should be written in the correct formatting
Will be a first read

J. NDSA Policy Library - NDUS Representatives

Also needs to be written in the proper formatting.

K. A Resolution in Opposition of 90 Credit Bachelor Degrees

VCSU motion to pass without decent MiSU seconded. Motion passed without decent

X. Complete General Assembly Feedback Survey

Delegate of the month is Josh Hansen

10:30

XI. Institutional Reports

BSC- Just had cybercon from September to October. Now have an increase for

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students this fall. Also had homecoming at BSC. We have a volleyball and rodeo coming up.

DCB- None here

DSU- All of our fall sports in action right now. As a student senate we are discussing renovating the student center. Plans to increase student fees to get funds for this. A dorm hall is getting new furniture. The rodeo building is set to be open in February, and the agriculture classrooms are now open.

LRSC- None here

MSU- First wants to give a warm thank you for hosting us. We had homecoming this last week. We had activities for the students to attend. We did lose the game. We have record enrollment at 1,215 and the freshman class was 43% larger than last year.

MiSU- They had senate retreat where the head delegate presented what NDSA was. Our exec team decided they wanted to move their documents to be more digitally. Got rid of over thirty plus binders. Three of the four executive members are getting ready to head to DC for a conference.

NDSCS- None here

NDSU- We have sworn in our new senators, started our various committees. We had homecoming, they had made profit on the t-shirt sales, and did great with advertising. They had around 500-600 students go for the tailgates before the game.

UND- UND has around 18,000 students, and tuition is up. We had our safety walk. Homecoming was two weeks ago. Our football team had crushed it at their game. We were sold out at the game and hockey tickets sold out the first day. We are hosting a winter coat and business attire drive next week. Our food pantry had received a donation which will be used for the next few years. Had our green bandana training this morning.

VCSU- Had our homecoming and we won in all ofm our sports. Had our official ribbon cutting for McCarthy. Will have their scholarship dinner, and their safety wa is on the fifteenth

WSC- We have seen a strong student life turnout this semester with high engageme across events and activities. Construction on the new Healthcare Training Facility remains on track, positioning WSC to expand healthcare education opportunities in the region. As of the official Sept. 22 census day, WSC recorded 1,175 students, an 11% increase from last year and the highest fall headcount in the college's history.

#### XII. Public Comment and Announcements

Directorships are still open, the next meeting is at Dickinson State University on November 14th or 15th. Eniola had sent out a list to all the head delegates about how



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each institution works. There is plenty of food in the back so take some if you want some. Sang Happy Birthday to Brayden from UND.

XIII. Adjourn at 11:04

11:00

Motion to adjourn NDSU Seconded UND

## Roll Call Sheet

**Insert Date** 

INSTITUTION	STUDENT TOTAL	APPORTIONED VOTING DELEGATES	DELEGATES PRESENT	DELEGATES VOTING
Bismarck State College	4,206	7	2	2
Dakota College at Bottineau	1,206	4	0	0
Dickinson State University	1,410	4	1	0
Lake Region State College	1,897	5	0	0
Mayville State University	1,134	4	1	1
Minot State University	2,751	6	4	4
North Dakota State College of Science	3,367	6	0	0
North Dakota State University	11,952	15	11	11
University of North Dakota	15,019	18	17	17
Valley City State University	1,806	5	7	<mark>5</mark>
Williston State College	1,058	4	2	2
		TOTAL:	45	42

Robert's Rules Guide

RULE	SECOND	DEBATE /	AMENDABLE	REQUIRED	DESCRIPTION
	NEEDED	DISCUSSION		VOTE	
Point of Order	No	No	No	None	Used to address a misuse of the rules or a personal affront.  May interrupt a speaker.
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. May interrupt a speaker.

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