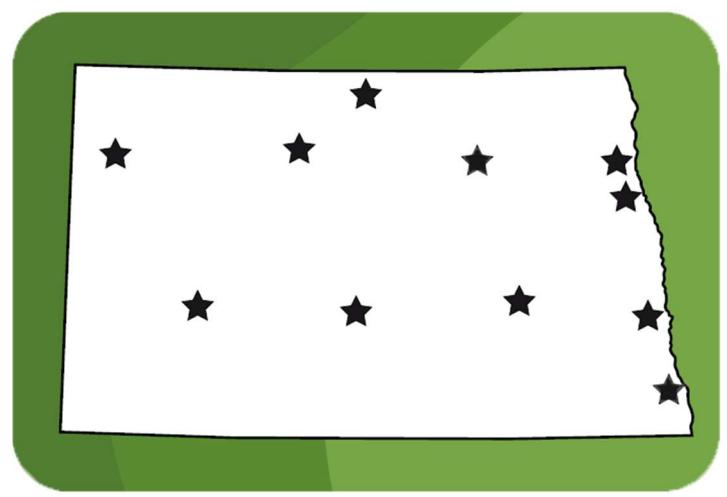


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NDSA

“THE VOICE OF THE STUDENTS”

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January 23, 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. As we enter a new calendar year, 2026 - the dawn of a new year conducting NDSA business and solidifying student issues in the NDUS to focus on in the next legislative year - it is quite an exciting time to meet at the North Dakota State University.

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 lasting connections.



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 January's General Assembly!

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah R. Kempel".

Sarah R. Kempel
President of the General Assembly



Welcome to a New Year and Welcome to North Dakota State University, Delegates!

The Herd is excited to welcome you all to our campus to share in the important work that we do here at the NDSA. While it's obvious that we have a rich sports tradition here at NDSU, we are also a community of students who strive for change and an impact in our communities. Just last year we logged over 18,000 hours of community service and outreach. Stretched across our over 300 student organizations supported by the effort of our Student Government, the Herd is far more than just a championship football team.

We are excited to show you our campus and show all of you a bit more of our beautiful campus than you have seen in recent years. Our delegation is dedicated to progress and fairness around the entire state of North Dakota. In recent years, that has been a focus of reaching out to you all and being a team player within the NDUS system by fully dedicating ourselves to the NDSA and all of our lobbying efforts. We want this meeting to be a great beginning to a new semester where we can all provide you with a warm welcome and a great environment to do our important work.

Once again, we are excited to welcome you to our campus and our Memorial Union. I can tell you that my commission has worked and thought hard about the experience we all wanted you to have on our campus and we hope that you all feel the dedication we have put into this with a thought to fostering an environment where we all can make change happen.

Sincerely,

Joshua L Hansen
Head Delegate & Executive Commissioner of External Affairs
North Dakota State University

General Assembly

Agenda & Meeting Materials
(Friday)

Chaired by **Sarah Kempel**, President





General Assembly

Agenda

Friday, January 23rd, 2026

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5:05 PM	I.	Welcome Address
	II.	Guest Speaker
5:10	a.	Dr. Gregory Leonard, NDSU Vice President of Agriculture
5:25	III.	Preview of Committees and Breakout Sessions
5:30	IV.	Announcements
5:35	V.	Breakout Sessions
6:00	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).

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.

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.



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.

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





Internal Affairs Committee

Agenda

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I. Committee Activity

 A. Kahoot: 2026 is the new 2016?

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. Microphones

 i. It didn't arrive yet

 C. Strategic Plan Overview

 D. USSA Legcon, Christopher Scott

 E. Minor Bylaw Changes, Christopher Scott

X. Announcements and Comments

 A. Finance Director, Lena Joshy

XI. Adjourn

Student Affairs Committee

Agenda & Meeting Materials

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





Student Affairs Committee

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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
 - B. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, **Kaden Wass**
- VIII. Open Forum for Student Concerns
Delegates shall discuss the statewide issues affecting students at their campuses.
- IX. Order of Business:
 - A. Grade Chords
 - B. Cafeteria Services
 - C. Food Pantry Discussion
 - D. Discussion on integrating online-only students
- X. Announcements and Comments
- XI. Adjourn

State Legislative Affairs Committee

Agenda & Meeting Materials

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





State Legislative Affairs Committee

Agenda

Friday January 23rd, 2026

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- I. Committee Activity
- II. Call to Order
- III. Roll Call
- IV. How to Join the NDSA Office 365 SharePoint
- V. Tour of the NDSA Office 365 SharePoint
- VI. Tour of the NDUS Website: <https://ndus.edu/>
- VII. Explanation of Meeting Procedure
- VIII. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
- IX. Officer Reports:
 - A. Vice President of Governmental Affairs, Eniola Soetan
 - B. Director of Governmental Affairs – Philip Job
 - C. Director of Policy, Advocacy, and Research (PAR) Subcommittee
- X. Open Forum for Student Concerns
 - Delegates shall discuss the statewide issues affecting students at their campuses.*
- XI. Order of Business:
 - A. A Resolution in Opposition to Federal Funding Cuts to Research
 - B. A Resolution in Support of Nursing, Physician Assistant, Physical Therapist, Educator, and Social Worker Education and Professions in North Dakota
- XII. Discussion on any further action with 90 credit hour degrees
- XIII. SBHE Student Member Discussion Topic
- XIV. Announcements and Comments
- XV. Adjourn

General Assembly

Agenda and Meeting Materials
(Saturday)

Chaired by **Sarah**, President





General Assembly

Agenda

Saturday, January 24th, 2026

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9:05 AM	I.	Call to Order
9:10	II.	Roll Call
	III.	Explanation of Meeting Procedure
	IV.	<u>ACTION: Additions to and Approval of the Agenda</u>
	V.	<u>ACTION: Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda</u>
		<i>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.</i>
9:25	VI.	Committee Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Internal Affairs CommitteeB. Student Affairs CommitteeC. State Legislative Affairs Committee
9:40	VII.	Presidential Report
	VIII.	SBHE Student Member Report
9:45	IX.	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. A Resolution in Opposition to Federal Funding Cuts to ResearchB. A Resolution in Support of Nursing, Physician Assistant, Physical Therapist, Educator, and Social Worker Education and Professions in North DakotaC. A Resolution in Support of Adding a Fall Break to the NDUS CalendarD. Resolution in favor of increased securityE. Presentation of SGA Informational Handbook ProgressF. Minor Bylaw Changes, Christopher ScottG. USSA LegCon, Christopher Scott
10:30	X.	Complete General Assembly Feedback Survey



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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.