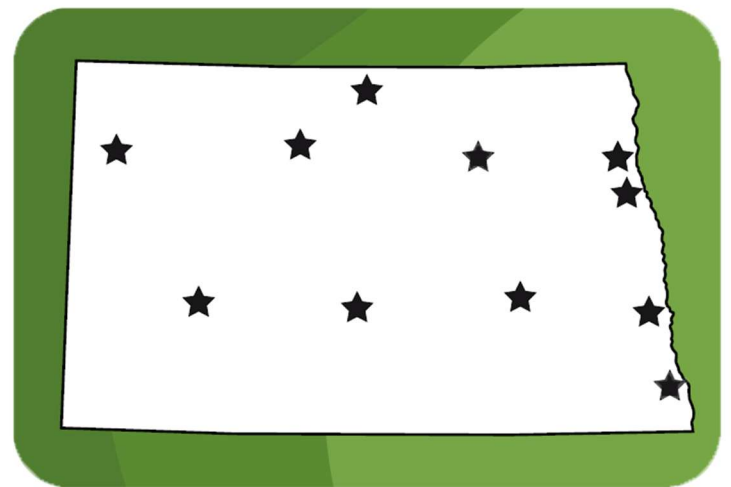


# General Assembly



# NDSA

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“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,

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 its 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.

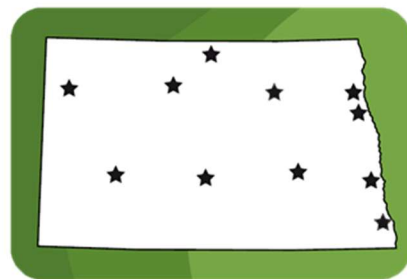
Sincerely,

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

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(Friday)

Chaired by **Sarah Kempel**, President



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- 5:05 PM** I. Welcome Address
  
- 5:10** II. Guest Speaker
  - 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.

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

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.

### WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

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

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.

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.



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**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.



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



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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

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



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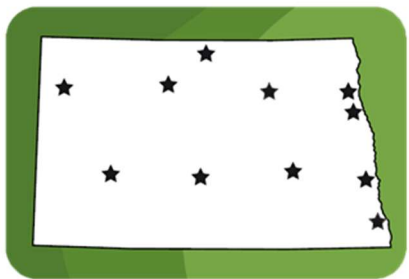
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- I. Committee Activity
- II. Call to Order
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Explanation of Meeting Procedure
- V. How to Join the NDSA Office 365 SharePoint
- VI. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
- VII. Officer Reports:
  - A. Vice President of Communication, Savana Anderson
  - 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
- X. Announcements and Comments
- XI. Adjourn

# State Legislative Affairs Committee

## Agenda & Meeting Materials

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



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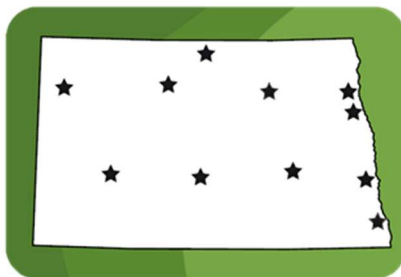
- I. Committee Activity
- II. Call to Order
- III. Roll Call
- IV. How to Join the NDSA Office 365 SharePoint
- V. Tour of the NDSA Office 365 SharePoint
- VI. Tour of the NDUS Website: <https://ndus.edu/>
- VII. Explanation of Meeting Procedure
- VIII. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
- IX. Officer 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

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(Saturday)

Chaired by **Sarah**, President



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- 9:05 AM** I. Call to Order 9:05 AM
- 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
- In IAC we had discussed host school reimbursement, the microphones, a strategic plan overview, USSA Legcon, and a few minor bylaw changes that we will discuss later today.
- B. Student Affairs Committee
- There was a discussion on grad chords, cafeteria services, what campuses have for their food pantries, and discussion on online students. There was also a resolution brought forward about increasing security on our campuses.
- C. State Legislative Affairs Committee
- We had three different resolutions come through, one in opposition to federal funding cuts, another in support of the professions that are no longer considered professional, and one in support of adding a fall break to the NDUS calendar. We also talked a little about the 90 credit degrees and the direction they are going.
- VII. Presidential Report
- Starting of there has been progress that has started for the April NDSA with the higher ed social. Invites will be sent out later this weekend, if not by the end of next week. Students will be allocated around the number of voting delegates, this is so that the quorum is met for our business meeting. The date is April 24<sup>th</sup>. beginning a 5:00 with all invitees leaving at 8:00 pm with brief committee meetings to follow. Then we will meet again on Saturday for normal meetings as well as officer election Looking forward to this upcoming semester and the quickly approaching legislative
- 9:40**





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year. I will be appearing on campuses to converse with students, school administrators, and others in order to determine the best action to take for the foreseeable future. The South Dakota Student Association has informed the alliance between the NDSA and the Minnesota Student Association that their higher board had not been welcoming to the idea of the coalition between the three student groups. As this takes a toll on further action of this, the three groups are still motivated to take part in this connection. In a similar sense, upon further research former connections between NDSA and the Montana Student Association have been initiated before in the past but been lost over time. Looking for the future, I feel as though this is a worthwhile connection with potential and overlapping goals between us student associations. Additionally the to promote online student presence at this meeting Exec Team will plan to work on upholstering our social mediahelp this underrepresented group. Along with this connection in accordance 1 the strategic plan to connect with Alumni I along with my Exec team will research into the history of and methods of continuations of the NDSA3 and with that at the end of my report I remind you all to complete the delegate feedback form at the en of this meeting as that is the best way to create change and effectively make NDSA GA meetings run easier and smoother.

VIII. SBHE Student Member Report

A couple updates we had our last board meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December and we had our last NDSA on the 5<sup>th</sup> so there hasn't been a full board meeting in between. Dickinson State has had a money issue that we are looking into that. Some guardrails for the 90 credit degrees. I was talking to SLAC there is likely that there will be some reduced credit degree bachelor programs approved by the board. However, there is supposed to be seven guardrails and its meant to be a pilot program. More to see on that in the coming years. I serve on a committee through legislative on institutions and we have been discussing tuition and tuition waivers that will be looked into more on all campuses. There is another committee on funding formula for higher education that I do not serve on, but I will be attending the March meeting and encourage others to as well. It's basically on how the North Dakota legislators fund our public schools. Some potential major changes might be coming from this. I have been looking through some of the committee meetings; in the finance committee meeting, they are looking at the funding for dual credit, and right now it is still within our current funding model. Where, if it is a 100-level course it is still funded as a specific weight on our funding model, and they are wondering we should have a specific line item for dual credit. The big things are the presidential searches for Valley City, Bismarck, and NDSU. Any questions, come find me. I am willing to help

9:45

IX. New Business

- A. A Resolution in Opposition to Federal Funding Cuts to Research  
Eniola: This resolution was written in response to the federal research funding cuts and how it has impacted mainly our larger campuses, such as NDSU and UND. There are some aspects of student research that are necessary for the



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degrees, but there are also research partnerships that benefit the state as a whole like the ND forestry service was one of the examples I put in there. This has also seem to have taken a toll on our campuses. I can stand for questions.

Sean: By any chance is this related to research cuts to UND that have been going on?

Eniola: Yes this is for all the research cuts that have been going on including the student level and even higher up.

Josh: I would urge for a pass on this resolution as I have talked to a lot of research students on campus they work during breaks and summertime. I can tell you that the more funding cuts to research the more money the campuses have to put in and the less money for our international students who are especially hurting right now due to the lack of funding already. So I encourage you to pass this as it will do a lot of good.

Sean NDSU: I motion to pass this resolution.

UND seconds

Motion Passes

- B. A Resolution in Support of Nursing, Physician Assistant, Physical Therapist, Educator, and Social Worker Education and Professions in North Dakota

Eniola: This resolution is for the degrees that were listed as non-professional know from talking on my campus at least that a lot of students are worried about affording their education as some of the ramifications of this includes support for funding the students who want to go into those fields to incentivize them to want to go into those fields.

Sean: Is there somereason why these degrees are no longer considered professional.

Eniola: I personally do not know why it they did that.

Sean yielded time to Christopher Scott: This is due to the Big Beautiful Bill where it all started to trickle down about the professional degrees. Basically the trump administration had come up with what defines a professional degrees. This means that you can no longer use graduate plus loans for instance on these degrees. Does that help answer your questions?

Sean: Kind of but that still doesn't answer why?

Christopher Scott: that would be a Trump administration question to be honest.

Camryn Anderson: My first initial thoughts when I saw the degrees being designed as unprofessional is that these are mostly degrees that are desired women and I think that cutting these is a direct attack on women in higher education. I think that we need to support people who are pursuing these degrees because I want to make sure that not only as a woman in higher education, but someone who has a lot of friends in these degrees and people in my life in these degrees who do such amazing work for our communities.

NDSU motion to approve

VCSU Seconded



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## Motion Passes

- C. A Resolution in Support of Adding a Fall Break to the NDUS Calendar  
NDSU Delegate: I had a lot of students come up to me this past fall semester and ask why we don't have a fall break. We have seven weeks of uninterrupted class from Labor Day all the way to veteran's day. Our counseling center here at NDSU receives almost double the amount of students coming in during the month of October. It would be great to have a baseline for all campuses to follow.  
NDSU delegate: I'm in big favor of this resolution because one of the biggest insults we have had come from not having a fall break is that over in Minnesota, they do and NDSU does some visiting days, and people from Minnesota will come see us. So it doesn't help that we are opening our doors to people who have the day off literally right across the river.  
UND delegate: Made a friendly amendment  
UND motions to approve  
NDSU seconds  
Motion Passes
- D. Resolution in favor of increased security  
Josh: Senator Kwam is the main author, and she cannot be here today, but as the cosigner, I will speak on this. It has been since 2015 since there has been an appropriation by the ND legislation to improve campus security. It was about 3 million dollars. In about 10 years, you can imagine how computers and cameras have changed and there is a lot of campuses who are lacking security in dorms and parking lots and we are just wanting to keep students safe. We will have a sponsor and he is waiting to champion this in the legislation for an approval from this body.  
UND motion to approve  
NDSCS seconds  
Motion passes
- E. Presentation of SGA Informational Handbook Progress  
Eniola: I am going to talk a little about this and then I am going to pass it off to Philip as he has been the one working on it the most. This goes back to the fifteen questions we sent out to head delegates to put together so that we can make this handbook and learn about all other SGAs across our NduS institutions and this is a prototype for it. You can scroll and see the formatting of how its put to together.  
Philip: So last semester Eniola had sent out fifteen questions to each head delegate and since then I have been in communication with them to get responses and moving forward this kind of includes how many senators do you have, how many executives, what are the roles of the executives and more. This is to understand each other and to get ideas from others, are we formal or casual, do we want to meet in the middle. It would be up to each



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institution to use it as a guide and to learn how each other operates outside the NDSA setting.

F. Minor Bylaw Changes, Christopher Scott

Christopher: So there is a couple by law changes that have been listed here. The main reason for this is that I forgot to add proxies to the USSA responsibilities. So, one of the additions to the powers and duties of the USS delegates is that the USSA delegates will appoint their proxies if they are unable to attend a USSA assembly. They happen every two weeks. This gives the USSA delegates the power to appoint and allows freshmen to be able to get involved, because when USSA delegates get elected, the freshmen are technically not freshmen yet, because they are not in the system. So this allows for involvement for them. With some discussion from UND, I also add in the powers and duties for the president to organize campuses and attend or send an officer from the NDSA exec team to conduct the campus visit.

G. USSA LegCon, Christopher Scott

Christopher: This is the LegCon allocation request. So the USSA is hosting a legislative conference in March, and students from across the country will go to lobby on Capitol Hill and meet with their congressional delegations. There is also a lot of training involved in terms of lobbying and in terms of advocating for students within your state and on the federal level. This request is basically asking for flights and hotel costs. If you look at the budget I am asking for \$800 per person and \$400 per person for hotels. There isn't going to be any coverage for food or transportation. The main thought behind this was to cover the major costs. The schedule is at the bottom of the document.

Sean: During IAC there was a lot of discussion and this got a motion for a do not pass. That was approved my biggest concern is the fact that when we were given this opportunity we agreed that this would be a trial run and the prospect of putting money into it was not mentioned to us months ago. I would like for us to just continue the trial period until next year and then decide if we are going to stick with it.

NDSU delegate: Would that be coming out of the NDUS reserve or would that be the amount paid by students?

NDSCS delegate: I can answer that and it would be coming out the reserve. I wanted to ask if you could pull up the budget for transparency. We had discussed in IAC that this trip is not budgeted right now and it would come out of the reserve funding we have. The math of where were going to be after this year this trip is not included in it. We had estimated that we would be at 65,000 without this trip and we estimated about 8,000 so we would be down to 58,000 if we add this trip on if my math is correct.

NDSU delegate: I would say that I think the reserve funds in previous years, have had trouble being spent. I know that this is a trial run but I think that it is worth trying out if you want to give it a shot. I see no problem with using



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the money from the reserves

UND delegate yielded time to Briar: We have been talking about spending down our reserves. About what we can do to benefit our students instead of buying a bunch of stuff that may not always benefit our students. So since this is a trial run why don't we go all in and see if this is really worth it. If we go and it's like wow guys this is not it and then we can look into if this is an organization we want to be apart of. But we should be taking advantage of the opportunities now in the trial run. To see how to navigate and they do post a lot on their Instagram on what they are doing and what it is. This is what we are here for is advocacy for students.

Neil yielded time to Dylan: I just wanted to paint a better picture about the conversation in IAC last night. Correct me if I am wrong, currently as the request stands it would be sending our President our VPGA our two delegates and proxies, this does occur during our NDSA in march so if we were to approve this it would need to be amended a little bit because either A it gets approved and Sarah and Eniola get approved to go and then they wouldn't be here for our march conference. Or B we would need to move around our March conference, which would not be fair for those who are holding it. So those couple of things would need to be edited if we were to move forward with this.

Adrianna: A big issue we had discussed in IAC was do you have any specific goals in mind of what we are bringing forth and who you are talking to. Since all of you are here now do you want to explain these specific goals you are going into this with.

Delegate yielded time to Christopher: First would be the USSA legislative priorities. Funding for research and higher education, student affordability, academic freedom and some more typical stuff we have seen in the NDSA assemblies as discussions. Any federal NDSA resolutions we would be bringing those to congress as well.

Josh: What Adrianna just asked was how does this affect this student body. No offense Chris but all I had heard was the USSA's agenda. I agree that there are a lot of interconnecting points. But how does this directly benefit the NDSA. I get advocacy, as that is what we are doing here. I get that being apart of the group it has its own benefit, but what specifically to this group are you going to go there and advocate for?

Christopher: Right now if you look at the federal resolutions, have we talked to our local representatives about these resolutions yet? Because if we haven't they probably don't even know about them yet. So, it's bringing these resolutions to them in the first place because that's the target audience. Talking with them face to face is better than sending them emails that the NDSA has passed these resolutions. Sometimes they might not even respond to that. So, if you set up an in-person appointment with them, it is a more interpersonal conversation. That is also one of the reasons for NDSA being ir



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person.

UND delegate yielded time to Briar: Josh, I kind of have an answer to your question. The USSA priorities that Chris had just mentioned about campus safety and funding cuts, these are resolutions we just passed today. We were discussing that we think safety is important, and funding for research is important. What we are doing right now is exactly what USSA is talking about and our priorities are matching. This is because we are having the same problems as students in California are having. Why are we waiting to change and advocating instead of getting our feet and our hands in it today.

Josh: I also feel that uprooting the schedule that we have now in order to spend 1/10<sup>th</sup> of our reserves on something that suddenly came up. The ramifications that have come up on our schedules so far this year. We are always fighting for better education affordable education, cuts to fees that we have. I completely agree, it's just the timing of it for me is just a little bit of a problem.

Neil yielded time to Dylan: Another thing that I haven't seen talked to much about from our committee meeting last night is the general consensus of our committee. We like the idea of LegCon, but since it's an annual event that was quick turnaround that we thought it would be better suited for next year.

Blaize yielded time to Eniola: With the way this currently stands, Sarah and I are included in the budget to go, and we do have a meeting that weekend at DCB, and they have not been the most present campus to reach out to. So it would be even more difficult to ask them to reschedule. So we would have to decide if we want to remove Sarah and I or move the meeting so everyone can go. I also think that moving the meeting at this point would be pretty difficult. Also, in March we are set to have our USSA delegate elections according to our bylaws. So if we send them and we still have our meeting they would not be able to run as a USSA delegate.

Cherokee: We at VCSU are concerned about the March NDSA and we don't want to move around on DCB because like Eniola said they aren't one of the most represented institutions at the NDSA. I would much rather keep the schedule as is so that we can meet them in person.

Sean: First thing I wanted to note was with the finances is that this isn't the end of the world right now, but we would have to consider that even though this is a trial period this would add an additional seven to eight-thousand dollars at worst to the budget each year. Even then when we have our outreach to the senators and we are still reaching out to the North Dakota senators. Having such a short turnaround to go straight to the federal level. I do not know if that will turn out well and were effectively turning this into something that will not turn out well anyway. If we go in now and things turn out messy then next year someone might so well it was a quick turnaround we could try again. No we do it next year when we have our best foot forward



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and we are prepared.

UND delegate: I am personally in favor of going. The only issue is planning Bottineau and they are currently not here and there is a huge issue with that. Can you name some major events about four months out for UND and that moving stuff around turns into a mess. There are only two solutions for this work and that is basically we go online or we have Bottineau move the date entirely.

Joseph: Sean you had mentioned that we are in the red spending down are budget and if I remember correctly that is a new thing within the past year or two at most that we are finally spending down our reserves. I also have not heard too much of just sending our USSA delegates then Sarah and Eniola would stay here and our meeting go uninterrupted. Then we can have our USSA delegates go to LegCon.

Josh: I think that would make our delegation more accepting of this however this is not what our document says so we cannot pass this and say that is what it says when it does not say that. So, are we going to get it resubmitted or are we going through the process of amending this document right now, because we would also need new pricing right now.

Sean: To answer about the whole only USSA delegates that was a discussion IAC. They had mentioned that they wanted them all to go so that the executives could see how everything is going. However, only sending the delegates does mess up their opportunities for elections.

Connor yields time to Corbyn: Here is one option we can amend this to read only delegates, because it is only \$800 and \$400 for hotels and flights per person so if you do the math that is \$1200 a person and if you double it then it's \$2400 for both to be taken off. One thing that USSA delegates will have to understand if they are going is that they will not be up for re-election and there will be a new USSA delegate for next year. I am for this because it invites other people to see what this organization is about.

UND delegate yielded time to Christopher: This document is amendable and do have the excel sheet to be able to fix the flight information. So if we wanted to amend this to include just the delegates for 2400 or the delegates and the proxies for 4800. So I still have to report the NDSA anyways and we can do elections online as well there is nothing preventing people from pitching their stuff online.

Sean: Can you explain how you would be able to make time for it because there are the specific time tables that are there and I guess with the time zones that could line up but that looks like a pretty booked schedule. Especially Friday and Saturday. When are you going to be able to be there for Friday and Saturday to be able to do your full report and elections.

Christopher Scott: In regards to that I would just be missing the things durin



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that time. I would just be missing some workshops. As lunch goes until 2 which is 1 central time so if you think about it we should be done by then and if we aren't then it will just go into the legislative briefing. The legislative briefing just teaches you how to talk at the legislative sessions, which I am more than used to.

Connor: The thing of like oh if you can't go to the meeting you can't run. You can run online that's been done in the past last year someone ran online and won. So, that should not be considered an issue.

Sean: If we are going to have them go and then miss parts for the trial run, then why have that trial run. It feels counter intuitive to have them go and then they don't put their full attention to it because they put their attention to NDSA at the same time.

UND delegate yielded their time to Christopher: I get the point of analyzing it, but it is very minor pieces. It's like switching from one committee to another. That's not stopped me before, and I don't think that's been a problem before of being part of different organizations. Of course I would be missing one workshop, those blocks are meant to enhance the students experience and skills in leadership skills. There is like four workshop blocks and I would only be missing like one so that is not a big deal to me.

Kaden: So if we are looking at not sending Eniola and Sarah and just sending the delegates, that still leaves three North Dakota people attending the conference. I think that three out of the four is still pretty good representation.

UND delegate: I motion the funding allocation request to remove any non-USSA delegates from the spending allocation.

NDSCS seconds

NDSU Delegate: When you are rebalancing the budget can we request that you put receipts for the airlines and get specific prices. When I look through your spending request all I see is from 3600 to 7200 so can we get some actual receipts and stuff.

Christopher: I can answer that, when you get reimbursed through IAC, you have to do that and get receipts. So, this is to get the preemptive go for it and then we buy everything ourselves and then we provide the receipts to get reimbursed.

Motion Passes

NDSU motioned for a five minute recess

NDSCS Seconds

Motion passes





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Sean: My final comments is that the money is being given to them and that focus needs to be given to the trial run and if not then I do not want to give that money. Even if this is something like a workshop or leadership building is still something that you have to go to and check out to see if it is worth the time. When we come to NDSA we are not being paid or reimbursed for it. We are reimbursing you to go check out something that is continuing on for however long. I do not want to hear an I don't care or an im going to miss this. I want to hear I am going to fully scout it out and give it my full focus. I that is not what we are hearing and I hear an I don't care or an im missing my vote is not going to it.

MiSU delegate: I just want to say now that we are only sending delegates we do have two proxies that will be attending NDSA that month. We can give the report for that month. I know that there was a mention of we have to be at NDSA by Chris, but he no longer has to because there will be two proxies who can do the report.

UND delegate: To Seans point in terms of hearing I don't care. I understand that point always, but one of the people who care the most is Christopher Scott. I do know that when you have Chris in your corner he tends to go full force at whatever he does. So, I will point out that he probably cares the most

UND motions to approve

NDSU seconds

Sean: Will this be done by clicker vote

Sarah: Yes and this will need a 3/4ths approval by GA

Reconvened at 10:30

Motion Fails

NDSU motion to table indefinitely

UND seconds

Motion passes

10:30

- X. Complete General Assembly Feedback Survey  
Head Delegate is Josh Hanson from NDSU
- XI. Institutional Reports
- XII. Public Comment and Announcements
  - A. USSA Delegate Report

Corbyn: The interim governance council, on January 11<sup>th</sup> there was a person



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elected as the organizer for USSA joining the staff. Two major legislations a resolution in opposition to the compact for academic excellence in higher education, this resolution rejects the college education compact that President Trump made back in October of 2025 if there is any questions you can reach out to me or Christopher. We had a resolution policy, this laid out the procedure and policy for passing resolutions internally within the USSA this was tabled until the next meeting. We also discussed creating a task force against ice on college campuses, this was discussed in detail during IGC and no action was taken, but we do have a group of people on that task force creating a resolution that is opposed to ice going into classrooms and taking students out during teaching. In the administrative committee they have not met since December 4<sup>th</sup> and will meet next week a policy will be on the table. They will also continue writing the USSA constitution and start on the USSA bylaws. In the governmental relations committee our resolution in support of student representation on state government boards of higher education was discussed the committee seemed insupport with some suggestions made the resolution was then table to consider those suggestions. Elections for governmental relations committee vice chair and second vice chair and clerk were announced. General updates made on LegCon and elections for the positions occurred due to the shift. Second Vice Chair is Christopher Scott. Communications committee are meeting tomorrow to go over some new things as this is a newer committee. Upcoming event is the USSA webinar that is meant to educate students on the college impact for academic excellence that the Trump administration released back in October. There is LegCon that has already been gone over.

**11:00** XIII. Adjourn



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Roll Call Sheet

Insert Date

INSTITUTION	STUDENT TOTAL	APPORTIONED VOTING DELEGATES	DELEGATES PRESENT	DELEGATES VOTING
Bismarck State College	4,206	7	4	4
Dakota College at Bottineau	1,206	4	0	0
Dickinson State University	1,410	4	0	0
Lake Region State College	1,897	5	0	0
Mayville State University	1,134	4	4	4
Minot State University	2,751	6	5	5
North Dakota State College of Science	3,367	6	9	6
North Dakota State University	11,952	15	13	13
University of North Dakota	15,019	18	14	14
Valley City State University	1,806	5	5	5
Williston State College	1,058	4	3	3
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>57</b>	<b>54</b>



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## 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.***