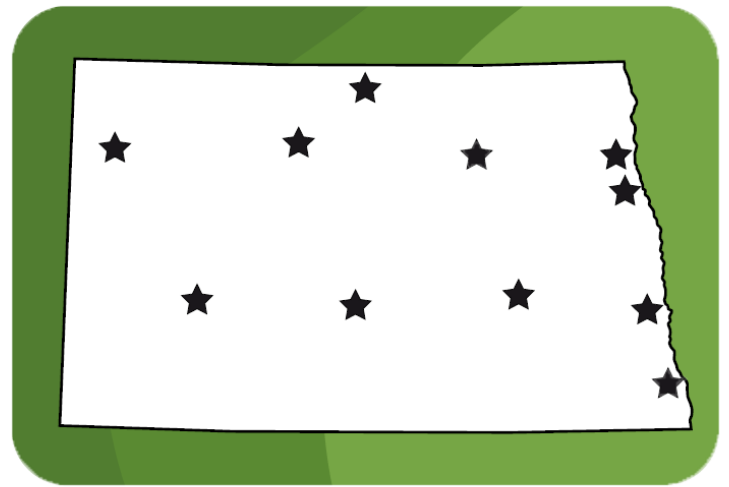


# General Assembly



# NDSA

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“THE VOICE OF THE STUDENTS”

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# General Assembly

Agenda & Meeting Materials  
(Friday)

Chaired by **Sarah Kempel**, President



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Agenda  
Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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- 5:05 PM I. Welcome Address
- 5:10 II. Guest Speakers
  - 5:30 a. Scott Johnson, DCB Faculty Member
- 6:00 III. Preview of Committees and Breakout Sessions
- 6:30 IV. Announcements
- 6:35 V. Breakout Sessions (New Member Breakout)
- 7:00 VI. Break to Committees



## Introduction to NDSA

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

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

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

### WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

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

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

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

Elections will occur during April's General Assembly meeting. Any student may run for elected office. Candidates will need to complete a candidate form, which will be made available in March on the website (<https://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 policies for all institutions relating to academic and student affairs, financial affairs, and much more.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Internal Affairs Committee

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



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

*Delegates shall discuss the statewide issues affecting students at their campuses.*
- IX. Order of Business (Resolutions will be sent out with final agenda)
  - A. Host School reimbursement
  - B. USSA Delegate Description
  - C. "How Elections Work" Presentation Preview
  - D. Budget Proposal
- X. Announcements and Comments
- XI. Adjourn

# Student Affairs Committee

## Agenda & Meeting Materials

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



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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
    - i. Elections
  - 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.
- 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. Explanation of Meeting Procedure
- V. How to Join the NDSA Office 365 SharePoint
- VI. Tour of the NDSA Office 365 SharePoint
- VII. Tour of the NDUS Website: <https://ndus.edu/>
- VIII. Explanation of Meeting Procedure
- IX. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
- X. Officer Reports:
  - A. Vice President of Governmental Affairs, Eniola Soetan
  - B. Director of Governmental Affairs – Philip Job
  - 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. NDUS On-campus housing taskforce charter
- XIII. Discussion on internships and workforce development opportunities
- XIV. Discussion on USSA Updates
- XV. SBHE Student Member Discussion Topic
- XVI. Review of Awards and Election processes
- XVII. Announcements and Comments



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XVIII. Adjourn

# New Member Breakout

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Chaired by **Blaize Morris**, Chief of Staff



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- XII. Committee Activity
  - XIII. Call to Order
  - XIV. Roll Call
  - XV. Explanation of Meeting Procedure
  - XVI. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
  - XVII. Officer Reports:
    - A. Chief of Staff, Blaize Morris
  - XVIII. Open Forum for Student Concerns  
*Delegates shall discuss the statewide issues affecting students at their campuses.*
  - XIX. Order of Business:
    - A. SharePoint Video
    - B. NDSA Website
    - C. Robert's Rules of Order
    - D. IAC, SAC, and SLAC Committee Explanations
    - E. General Assembly Expectations
  - XX. Announcements and Comments
- Adjourn

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- 9:05 AM** I. Call to Order
- 9:10** II. Roll Call
- III. Explanation of Meeting Procedure
- IV. **ACTION: Additions to and Approval of the Agenda**
- V. **ACTION: Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda**  
*A consent agenda allows the General Assembly to approve routine and noncontentious agenda items and reports simultaneously in a single agenda item, saving time during the meeting. Items will be placed underneath this line item prior the start of Saturday's meeting. Members may request to remove items from the consent agenda.*
- 9:25** VI. Committee Reports:
- A. Internal Affairs Committee  
Dylan Campbell: In IAC yesterday we talked about our budget proposal, USSA delegate descriptions, and how elections work.
- B. Student Affairs Committee  
Savana Anderson: In SAC last night we talked about Community spaces on campuses, what VPCOMM could do better about the Instagram going forward, and discussion on housing funding and security for campuses.
- C. State Legislative Affairs Committee  
Eniola Soetan: In SLAC last night we went over a charter for the NDUS On-Campus Housing Taskforce and made a few edits to it and it got a do pass recommendation for GA, we also talked about some letters that the USSA is having some organizations sign that we had a do-pass recommendation, we also had a discussion internships and workforce development opportunities across the NDUS.
- 9:40** VII. Presidential Report  
Sarah Kempel: In the timespan between the February and March NDSA I made



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campus visits to Minot, Mayville, Lake Region, and NDSCS. These were important as NDSA was not held at them. So, I wanted to take the time to recognize all of the institutions in our state, as they are all individual. Specific discussions at those campuses include general NDSA priorities and specifically noting mental health activity student retention, dual credit, general campus housing, and how the NDSA make solutions for that. In addition to planning the higher Ed Social, the Executive team and I are extremely excited to show off the NDUS students to legislators, SBHE Board, and other stakeholders of the NDUS.

VIII. SBHE Student Member Report

Maxwell Eriksrud: One of the big things being talked about was dual-credit, accessibility, affordability, and also the money the institutions gain as well as the rigor of it. Just making sure that we have accessibility for dual credit, and potentially changing what it means. Creating partnerships with k-12 and making sure that we are not setting students up for failure when they go onto secondary level courses after the intro level courses that are typically dual-credit. Other things we talked about was presidents hall at Bismark and NDSCS. So, Bismark is doing a partnership to build up a brand new dormitory. This is a lease to own for 9 years, which is how private partnerships work. This allows On-Campus students a nice place to live. NDSCS is in talks about doing something similar. UND sold the land for the underpass under the train that being built for Grand Forks. We have three presidential searches for NDSU, Valley City, and Bismark State College.

IX. USSA Delegates Report

Krista Permentier: USSA07 and 08, two policies, and a governance transition proposal have all been talked about since we last met with you guys. None of this has been voted on by our IGC. All USSA VP's resigned from their roles at once, there was a letter and some description that we can forward. The IGC did not reach quorum during two out of three of our recent meetings, due to our bigger areas having conferences. We have had a lot of discussion about quorum and about attendance since then. In USSA GR Committee legislative bill analysis have continued and two new resolutions USSA 09 and 10 have been proposed. Those resolutions remain in committee however. In other committees they are also having quorum issues so not a lot has been done in the comms committee out of Leg Con. A completed draft of the USSA constitution and Bylaws have been completed and are undergoing review. Leg Con is also going on as we speak.

9:45

X. New Business

A. Housing Task Force Charter

Eniola Soetan: This charter was created, because for the last couple years now there's been a lot of discussion on On-Campus housing and it has been



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one of our priorities that we have discussed across campuses. Last SLAC we had talked about potentially putting together a task force that could have more focused attention in addressing the on-campus housing situation by looking over the situation and getting an idea on what the housing policies, things of renovation and accessibility of residence halls. Then just working to put that documentation together and think of solutions. This was put together and given a do-pass recommendation from SLAC.

Drew Lebrun: Is this going to be more of a research group and then after they would go into action?

Eniola Soetan: That is kind of what I imagine it being, because I think it is important for us to know before we take any definitive action. So, that is where the research comes in so we actually know what happens across campuses.

Josh Hansen Motions to Pass

Seconded by NDSCS

Motion Passes

## B. USSA Letters

Christopher Scott: The first letter is basically just providing for low-income students, food insecurity, and first generation students. So this is just basically talking about those I need areas. The second letter is to ask congress to increase funding for childcare access. This is to help for childcare needs for parents that are attending colleges across the country. Our



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Minnesota partners have already signed onto the letters. I wanted to bring these fourth to see if the NDSA wanted to sign this.

Josh Hansen motioned to sign the letter asking Congress to invest in basic needs grants in fiscal year 2027.

Seconded by Cherokee Warnekee

Motion Passes

Drew Lebrun motioned to sign the student coalition asking congress to increase funding for CCAMPIS.

Seconded by Krista Permentier

Motion Passes

### C. Bylaw Change Proposal, Briar Maudal

Briar Maudal: The majority of this is numbering issues, and some bumpy spots. The most notable thing is under chapter 6 and discuss adding on a second round of questioning for the USSA delegates. If something comes up like learning some new information. There is also a small change and instead of having a fifteen minute window it goes until the adjournment of the meeting itself.

Drew Lebrun: I also added on with Briar in chapter 12. We just pretty much updated some vocabulary. In subsection A I was unsure if that was the correct verbiage there.

Josh Hansen Motions to Approve

Seconded by NDSCS



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## Motion Passes

### D. Awards

#### i. Outstanding Head Delegates Award Nominations-

- Josh Hansen
- Krista Permentier
- Connor Mumaw
- Jayden Erickson
- Keaton Jackson

#### ii. Outstanding Head Delegate Award Recipient-

- Krista Permentier

#### Outstanding Dedicated Delegate Nominations-

Philip Job

Sean Roetich

Patrick Kadrmas

Camryn Anderson

Kaden Wass

Briar Maudal

#### Outstanding Dedicated Delegate Recipients-

Philip Job

Kaden Wass

#### Outstanding Officer Award Nominations-

Eniola Soetan



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Dylan Campbell

Blaize Morris

Outstanding Officer Award Recipient-

Blaize Morris

NDSA Legacy Award Nominations-

Maxwell Eriksrud

Connor Mumaw

Sean Roetich

NDSA Legacy Award Recipient-

Maxwell Eriksrud

Student Advocate Award Nominations-

Camryn Anderson

Senator Jeff Barda

Eniola Soetan

Senator Sickler

Lisa Montplasier

Representative Richter

Student Advocate Award Recipient:

Eniola Soetan

E. USSA Delegate Nominations and Elections

Nominations-



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Krista Permentier

Christopher Scott

Josh Hanson Motions to White Ballot Both Nominations

Seconded by

Motion Passes

New USSA Delegates-

Krista Permentier and Christopher Scott

F. Officer Nominations

Presidential Nomination-

Kamryn Anderson

VP of Governmental Affairs Nominations-

None

VP of Finance and Operations Nominations-

Lena Rose Joshi NDSU

VP of Communications-

Jayden Erikson

Chief of Staff-

Briar Maudal

Nominations will be reopened and voted during the Bismark State College Meeting

G. SBHE Member Nominations



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Isaac Mauch

Carl Peterson NDSCS

Philip Job

Briar Maudal

Nominations will be reopened and voted during the Bismark State College Meeting

- 10:30** XI. Complete General Assembly Feedback Survey
- XII. Institutional Reports
- XIII. Public Comment and Announcements  
Delegate of the Month Connor Mumaw
- 11:00** XIV. 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	2	2
Dakota College at Bottineau	1,206	4	1	1
Dickinson State University	1,410	4	0	0
Lake Region State College	1,897	5	0	0
Mayville State University	1,134	4	1	1
Minot State University	2,751	6	6	6
North Dakota State College of Science	3,367	6	9	6
North Dakota State University	11,952	15	9	9
University of North Dakota	15,019	18	12	12
Valley City State University	1,806	5	5	5
Williston State College	1,058	4	2	2
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>47</b>	<b>44</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.***