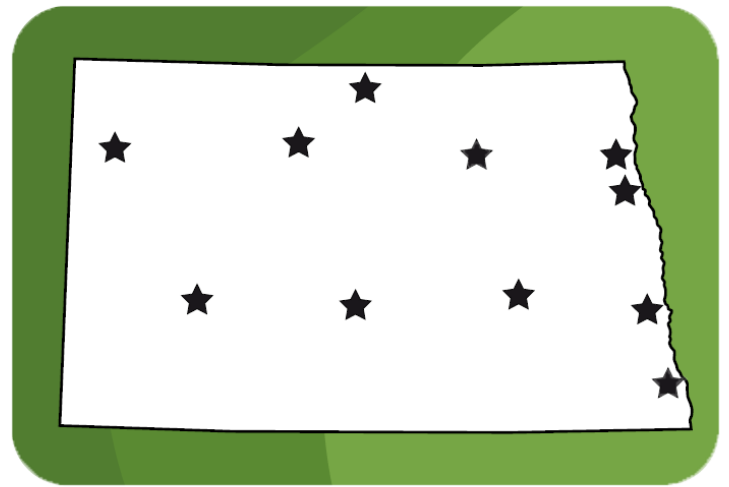


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Chaired by **Sarah Kempel**, President



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I. Call to Order

5:03pm

II. Roll Call

III. Explanation of Meeting Procedure

IV. How to join the SharePoint

V. NDSA Website “Tour” of resources

VI. **ACTION: Additions to and Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to Approve by Josh Hanson

Jayden Erickson Seconds

Motion Passes

VII. **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.

VIII. Presidential Report

Sarah Kempel: As this semester is coming to a close, there's not much to report already. As aisles are approaching and we are getting into that time of the year, still continuing to think about the higher education social social as the exec team is presenting that and putting that on for the students of the NDUS. And then also looking



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to fill the open directorship position, still the Director of PR, a public relations and then the part committee director and then finally just gathering more feedback from. NDS students and NDSA delegates in order to further analyze the General Assembly NDSA meetings for smoother and effectively run meetings in the spring semester and in the future.

IX. SBHE Student Member Report

Maxwell Eriksrud: So yesterday we had the SBHE, their State Board of Higher Education meeting for December. It was a pretty big meeting. We had a lot to discuss, kind of go over an overview of it and then I'm happy to answer any questions that some people might have. So a couple policies that we went over first reads on. A student free speech and expression policy, student data privacy policy, and student due process policy for expulsion. Those are all current policies that are within state board policy, but just for slightly reviewed and revised. Nothing very substantial for the the free speech policy. That was simply just to put some laws that were passed in the last legislative session into actual policy and then really no substantial things on the suit and due process or the privacy. And security, just looking at those on an annual basis and then a couple of the big things. So there's three presidential searches right now occurring in the state, Bismarck State College, Valley City State University, now NDSU. So that's a lot of stuff going on. So at the last board meeting we. Decide who our next interim president's gonna be for VCSU. And that was a pretty. Not contentious, but like it was a big deal. So we chose Alan Berg Gan. He's the ND or VCSU Dean of Education right now to be the interim Dean and the full search for the full-time president position that will still be occurring. Into the future. So that hasn't completed, but that's the interim. We



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talked about who we're going to choose for the NDSU interim Dean that has not been selected yet, but will likely at our next meeting. The search has been created for the full-time president of that position. And a lot of crazy names to be very honest with you guys have been rolling around for that position. So more to come on that and the Bismarck as well. We're still in the process of looking for our permanent. Another thing I wanted to bring up was the reduced bachelor. Reduce bachelor's degree. So the state board kind of made. Not a full commitment to anything yet, but this is likely what's gonna pass. so this is kind of what was decided. So we created a bit of guardrails for the reduced bachelor's degrees, and this was a bit of a compromise between people that wanted to full-on allow it. And the people kind of on the other end of that. So you can kind of see there's some restrictions. So controlled program rollout would be like very exclusive pilot testing for programs. So this wouldn't be an overwhelming amount of programs coming to the system. Strategic program selection. So we we want to make sure that there is like demand for these degrees within industry so you don't graduate and it doesn't end up resulting in something. Another thing that's very key I think is. This so the BAS degree, I'm reducing the reduced bachelor's degrees to BASS rather than BSS and BAS. That's quite a big deal and I think it solves some of the issues and might in my opinion change the understanding of what a BAS degree is in the future. And if you have questions about that please reach out. But this was a big key thing that I was. Was fighting for and then obviously we don't want to put anybody at risk of not getting their licensure. Another thing I was keen on was making sure that our students are advised on what they're signing up for, to know what they're doing. This is likely going to not happen, this transcription notation. That would basically say like if you got one of these degrees, you'd have an asterisk that says reduced or like not as good. So that would be



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like not as, I mean that's not something that the board really wants to do. So that's likely not going to be in there and then just simple internal and tracking, so. At our last SPHE meeting.

Blaize Morris: Can I just ask, do you have any insight on how much presidential turnover we have?

Maxwell Eriksrud: As in, how often is it occurring that we have a new president coming to your school or just in general throughout the system?

Blaize Morris: Like in general throughout the system and also why do we, why do you think we might have so much presidential turnover?

Maxwell Eriksrud: Yeah, well, to be honest, that's a national, that's a national thing. Like the standard for turnover has become like, I think within 5-3 to seven years is like.

Yeah, that's where Chris had. It's way more normal than it used to ever be. You can. It's honestly, I saw this statistic recently where it's like overtime, the amount of years that people stay at an institution is just dramatically dropped off, which is.

Kind of a bummer, obviously, but it's kind of a national standard. We actually, I believe we have above average retention of presidents, which is good, but we're just fighting it right now obviously because we have three open. I mean in my time I think I'll have hired 5 presidents, which is. Two years. That's a lot, but but good question.

Joseph Hollingsworth: I was just kind of curious if you had any specific examples of like degrees that would come through with that reduced credit cause those were some pretty. Tight restrictions like for only passer of of applied science, non licensure degrees



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which I agree with. I'm just kind of curious what kind of falls into that category. If you have any examples.

Maxwell Eriksrud: Super broad and work for a specific degree. So like you'll find a BAS degree in medical literacy. I think that's one that that's within the system right now and basically that's just like for individuals that are within the medical field that are interested in like. Being general administration type roles and so like they'll learn standard language used in medical scenarios or general practices used in hospitals. So like things like that. I think the very intent of a BAS degree is way more workforce oriented. We're like a BS. Or BA is in and of itself more liberal arts, liberal arts focused and graduate degree focused as well. So that's I think the reason they did that. I think that understanding of what a BAS will become. Not just in our system like in state but like in the in the like the world really will change. Like I I think you'll see distinguishing piece between a BAS and that being a highly workforce oriented degree and then like the BABBS degrees that I think we still traditionally understand today but

NDSU Delegate: I just wanted to mention I got information from President Frello before we started this meeting and like for an example, NDSU does not plan on offering any one or offering any 90 credit degrees for anything that currently requires a bachelor's degree fully. But what we're looking into is piloting the reduced credit.

Option with radiological sciences, which is something that requires higher education but does not require a fully like a full bachelor's degree.



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X. VPGA Report

Eniola Soetan: I have a document open and I just want to make sure I don't miss anything. So First off, to start the year, I'm really happy with the amount of resolutions that have come through, particularly in Slack. So I've written a few of them and also. Collaborated on one or two of them and. I think we have 11 or 12 resolutions that are passed right now, so pretty happy with that and looking forward to continuing that into the next semester. Keep finding things to write resolutions about. We've also made progress on the SGA handbook that. We started off at the beginning of the year. I would like to say a special thank you to my Director of Governmental Affairs, Phillip Joe, for helping me out with that as well. So as of now, we've gotten responses from almost every institution. I think we have one or two left, so. We are going to start formatting that and putting it together and hopefully have it done within the next month or so. So I'm pretty excited about that to have information about all the institutions within NDSA in one place. And Philip and I have also been kind of discussing potentially expanding the handbook to include more information about just how institutions in general operate and what their structure is like, especially because we have two years, four year regionals and four year research and so. It might be helpful to have some information about what that what those different structures and operations look like in practice. So we are still in discussion on that, but for now we are just working on the SGA questions that we sent out and formatting the responses into a handbook. I've also been working on Interstate collaborations, so I've been in communication with state student associations from Minnesota and South Dakota. Unfortunately, they couldn't make it to this meeting, but we have had one virtual meeting to just kind of introduce introduce each other. And



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everyone seemed on board with the communication between the three of us. And so we are working on continuing communication and potentially collaborating on things in the future. And we are going to debrief again once we all get back from the winter break. The power subcommittee has been active, so we've met a handful of Times Now and we've just been setting ourselves up for what we're going to do this year, especially with the news about the special session that is tentatively going to start January 21st. So we've been keeping tabs on stuff going on within the State Board and then in the legislative committees within the Higher Ed Institutions Committee, the Higher Ed Funding Review Committee and the Budget Sections, Education and Environment Committee. And we've also established some of our own goals and priorities for the school year. So that's concerns priorities resolution that we passed. That's going to inform a lot of what our focus is going to be heading into this year in this special session. And Par is going to meet again tomorrow and that's when we're going to talk more in depth, more in detail about the special session and the things that we're going to do to prepare for that. Another initiative that Philip, my GA director of GA and I have been working on is kind of like an NDSA recap that we send out to institutional Presidents, just to keep them up to date on everything that's going on in the NDSA, keep communication with them. So it the recap just included resolutions that we've passed highlighting our delegates of the month and also having some institutional highlights and we've gotten good feedback from that. So far President seem to think it's a good idea just to know what the NDSA is up to and kind of know some stuff going on around other institutions as well. And so that's something that Philip and I continue will continue to work on. Throughout the year to keep updating them on our meetings and the stuff that we discuss and looking ahead, we'll be pretty busy tracking stuff when the



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special session starts. I've also been thinking of ways to incorporate federal level advocacy into what we do, especially now that we are part of. The USSA. So that kind of gives us more resources to look into federal level stuff. I'm going to continue to communicate with the nearby student associations, like I said, debriefing with them again after break. And I've also been spending time looking at the strategic plan for the NDSA from 2023 through 2028 and looking at ways that I can meet some of those goals. And I also hope to get more student input and like be more on the ground with student input. And student concerns, especially as we head into the budget session. So I can, we can leverage some of those concerns that are coming directly from students into our advocacy efforts. And that's everything that I have.

XI. VPFO Report

Dylan Campbell: thank you guys all here for being here on a Friday. We appreciate y'all. Um, I don't have as much as a prepared report, so this might be a little bit off the Dome. Um, so far what I've been kinda just doing this semester is. Getting my reimbursements in pretty soon. Getting things like microphones to make our meetings a little bit more seamless. You know, attending my the exec meetings and are my NDUS NDUS councils that I represent this organization on. Trying to get my memos in and I'm a little bit behind on that. Working on the details for the higher Ed social between all of us meeting with the USSA. I made those probably pro cheat sheets. I know that they say motion instead of move. I'm so sorry. I don't know if the person who is there, who talked about that last time is here, but sorry about that. And just kind of things like that. I've been preparing for my budget presentation, which I'm going to do next meeting. The reason why I didn't do it in October is because. It was just a little bit of an awkward time to do it because we're getting a lot of money into the NDUS at that time. And so if I do it



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next meeting, the report's just a little bit more accurate since after the break there's not a lot of info and outflow. Same with the strategic plan, just so I'm doing those two together. But yeah, that's. Kind of the Dome. I'm sure there's few things I'm forgetting, but if anybody has any questions, I'm definitely willing to answer them.

XII. VPCOMM Report

Savana Anderson: Haven't been doing much. I've been sitting on the councils that I represent for the NDSA. I've been upgrade updating the Instagram and gonna be working on the memos. I'm also a little behind on those and that's all I have.

XIII. PAR Report

Eniola Soetan: So in par, we've met I think either three or four Times Now. So first meeting was kind of just laying out what we're going to do for the school year. We established which legislative committees that we're going to keep tabs on. We also agreed to keep tabs on stuff going on within the State Board and within the on the federal level with the USSA and also how to report for Interstate collaborations for any progress that's made there. We have spent some time. Working on some resolutions that were previously tabled in previous NDSA meetings and made some edits to them. And we've also just been discussing what we want our priorities to be heading into this legislative, the special legislative session and this academic year as a whole. So we did. Pass that resolution at the November NDSA meeting. And so now, like I said, we have a meeting tomorrow. We are going to start to iron out those details and figure out communications. Sorry, I was reading the chat, sorry, communications as we go into the special legislative session and what all of that entails. We are also looking at ways to



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incorporate federal level advocacy on some of the things that have been going on such as nursing no longer being considered professional program. Kind of looking to see what the sentiment on that is within the NDUS and within NDUS students and figure out how we can best represent them both on the state level and the federal level. So those are some things that we're going to discuss more in detail. Tomorrow.

XIV. USSA Report

Christopher Scott: on the SharePoint there's a new folder USSA and I added a full a document. Of reports from the last month, since a lot has happened since the middle of November, that it's a lot to talk about. And so I compiled a written report, and so, generally speaking, the IGC, the interim governance. Also the SSA. It's the governing body of the USSA. Currently it's like the GA of the NDSA we met twice. There's been 4 resolutions that have been passed. There was this freedom of speech resolution. There was a voter registration resolution, a basic needs resolution and then. A resolution in opposition to the dismantlement of the Department of Education. So those are the four resolutions to be passed within the last two meetings. And then we also passed a list of legislative priorities that the USSA will be using. As we go talk to congressional legislators here in the in the spring semester here, so and then, we also have Portland State University joining us as well, and they had an introduction during one of the IGC meetings for administrative affairs. Committee for the USSA currently working on the on the Constitution for about 70 to 80% complete. There, there's also a resolution policy that came out of that committee a couple days ago to make use of state resolutions a bit more standardized. Since you used to say it's relatively new, still the resolution format wasn't. There wasn't a format yet, so that that that got pinked out and then



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Programmings relations committee. There's a resolution, the pipeline is going to IGC, that's. In resolution opposition to the. Resolution opposition to the compact, the Hyde Higher Education Compact for Academic Excellence. It's the statement that President Trump made back in October. To 10 universities, 9 or 10 universities that basically stated, hey, adhere to these policies or taking federal funding away. So we're opposing that. Other than that, there has been a updated website release for the USSA that was from the Communications Committee and then in terms of upcoming events, there's one in particular. Note that I want to break to your guys's attention, particularly the freshman and sophomores in the room, who? Might be interested in this. There's USSA bootcamp that's. January 16th to the 18th, and it's if anyone's interested. It's going to be in Orlando, FL and if flights need to be covered, they're covered, lodging covered. So if there's any freshman or sophomores in the NDSA that are interested in this. Let me know. And then apply through the link and it's pretty much fully covered. So they're mainly shooting for those. If there is anyone else going to apply, I'll probably head for it as well because it's a good networking opportunity as well. There's also some engagement resources of how to get students engaged, so I think there's some relevance to that as well. And then there's what's called a ledge con coming up for these to say, that's March 19th to the 23rd. So, and that's what it's an opportunity for the NDSA if we get involved with that to meet with North Dakota's congressional delegation. In their offices. Directly. So and the deadline for. The USSA boot camp I thought was December 12th. But that's what I got. So, and the report can be found once again on the SharePoint. The links to all the resolutions are on there too. So if you guys wanted to dig even deeper than what's on the report, you can. But with that, I'll I'll stand for questions.



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Korbin Flynn: not really a question, but one more thing I want to add. USSA updated their website and it's a little bit more user friendly than now than it was previously. I haven't really dug deep into it. Chris might have, but. That's another thing that happened.

XV. New Business

A. NDSA3 Discussion

Sarah Kempel: a little bit of background information, this is the North Dakota Student Association Alumni Association, first brought forth in the 2018 to 2019 school year in the NDSA 3 Exploratory. Task Force. I This is what the executive teams and other delegates at that time found as it is now shared on my screen and I am generally just looking for more delegate. Feedback into the purpose of this and kind of the creation of Alumni Association from the NDSA as we have seen more alumni in recent years that has been. Very active within NDSA and going on to extremely successful careers outside of the NDUS and even in the NDUS. So if there is any. Delegate feedback or delegates that would like to share their inputs and to a little bit about this. That would be appreciated.

UND Delegate: Question on UND where is this on the SharePoint?

Sarah Kempel: , if you type in NDSA 3, it should populate. As one of the documents. Just using the search function within the SharePoint. From Minot State in the chat are wondering how much influence the alumni would have on boats. In my opinion, at at least at at the NDSA level, it would be more external to NDSA. Kind of seeing the chat from Christopher Scott kind of more as a Facebook NDSA alumni group,



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not really as voting members that would impact the future of kind of NDSA or anything. Resolutions. They wouldn't be considered body members for the NDSA.

B. Online Students Discussion

Eniola Soetan: So the idea for this discussion item came out of the last Higher Education Funding Review Committee meeting. They were discussing the headcount that is attributed to online students and how many full-time equivalents that online. Students make up. So they are seeing a rise in online students across the NDUS students who either are fully online or do part or most of their coursework online. I think right now we're at about the national average for online students, but with the increase that we're seeing. It did kind of prompt me to think about how we can still engage and involve online students if the percentage of them within the NDUS is increasing and they still do pay tuition and student fees, which would include the NDSA fee. So kind of thinking of ways that we could still make ourselves visible to online students and still. Be helpful to them, engage with them. I don't know exactly how it works across individual campuses. If you guys see a lot of online student participation in different campus groups, or if you guys already have ways that you. Are getting online students involved, but that's just something that I've been thinking about.



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C. Delegate Opportunities

Sarah Kempel: We do still have as part of the exec team, two more directorship opportunities open for any. Potential and ambitious delegates, the Director of Public Relations under the Vice President, President of Communications, and then also the Director of PAR, and then also a kind of in the same scope in delegate opportunities. This is just your first note. Is that NDSA does give out awards at the April NDSA meeting, which is the outstanding officer, the outstanding head delegate. 2 awards for the for any most dedicated delegate, the Student Advocate Award, which typically goes to an individual outside of the NDSA, and then also the NDSA Legacy Award to a graduating member and then also in the same. Scope and delegate opportunities is if any ambitious NDSA delegate is looking to get involved for the next year, there will be a search for new exec numbers for the following 2026 to 2027 academic year. So with that, those are all the delegate opportunities that NDSA has at this point.

XVI. Institutional Reports

BSC: first I'll start off by just talking about BSC as a whole. We were recently named among the nation's top 200 community colleges by Aspen Institute. And so that means that BSC is now one of the 200 institutions eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. Scholarship. This is the nation's premier recognition of high achievement and performance among two-year colleges. And then we also have final week coming up the 15th through the 19th. Some more SGA news that we have is we are finishing up our final survival kit fundraising. And we have sold 118 total and our sales closed this Wednesday and we just got them all packaged up



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today and we'll be delivering them next week on Monday to the dorms. And then Taco Run happened on November 20th. It was a huge success and we had it's our food pantry. Run and we had over 2000 items donated and over \$2000 donated in total. So it was a very big year for us for donations.

DCB: None Present

DSU: So we have two pretty big updates with regards to programs that we're going to start offering. We just announced A statewide partnership with NDSU to expand pharmacy education to Southwest North Dakota and give. Some students an opportunity to get into pharmacy or at least be exposed to pharmacy in the undergrad on the southwest side of the state. So that's really exciting. Shout out to NDSU for that. And we have also partnered with Williston State College to offer four-year degrees on the. Williston State campus. So that's also really exciting. On November 19th, we had our opportunities in agriculture presentation at our football complex, the BAC. So we had agriculture students present on some of their research. Projects. And then we also had a career fair, and we had a keynote speech from Governor Kelly Armstrong. We have also had our cross-country runner, Caleb Sarcelant. He became an NAIA All-american and he is only the 2nd NAIA All-american in DSU history. He ran a time of 24 minutes and 14 seconds at the national meet. And we established an agreement with the Southwest Area Career and Technical Education Center to enhance educational pathways for students who are pursuing technical careers.

LRSC: None Present

MSU: None Present



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MiSU: so we have officially gone out for bids on our student center renovation. So we're hoping that by January when we come back, we will have somebody who wanted that bid and that we're not way over. Now we're not hoping for more than we can get with that renovation. We had men's and women's basketball games last night. It was like home conference opener, I believe, and we won both games against Jamestown. MSU Life is hosting our big holiday bingo this Sunday. Our SACS, like our student athletes, just this week had a Make a Wish fundraiser and raised a bunch of money with that. And then as SGA, we're hosting an event on Tuesday and Thursday next week, handing out bubblers from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the library to anyone who is studying. And then we just want to wish all of you happy holidays and good luck on your finals.

NDSCS: so we had our last management meeting November 18th. Some updates. We are working on a Policy that is looking to possibly implement a emeritus status for our staff. More to come on that next meeting for sure. In addition, our new Career Innovation Center in Fargo has been up and running for some time.

We've gotten a lot of use out of the community with it. Wonderful investment. If you haven't already, check it out, but that's going well. In addition, I'd like to give out to our shout out to one of our senators, Senator Roll. She was a recipient of a prestigious scholarship for Otto body and recently attended the. TEMA Convention in Las Vegas. She had hands of applause. Clap. You can clap her. Well deserved. Very proud of her. So see you next time. Shake your hand or something. Um. What else? Our aviation technology program in Fargo has been really, really good so far. We're working on possibly expanding to for another hangar for next year for more candidates and students. Um. And we're looking to hire a new Um. Uh, part time manager for the



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program. In addition, our Alumni Foundation is changing the name of one of the auctions that we had. The Dreams Auction is now the Red Tie Gala, so sounds a little more prestigious. That's just about it and. What else? We have a second year welding graduate that has been selected for the World Skills Competition in China. So that's pretty good. I'm very excited for that. And then, you know, thank you. It's not me, but thanks for the applause for that student. What else? And I guess other than that, we have our NDSCS football team playing this Saturday for the JUCO National Championship guys, so. That's just about it. So any questions?

NDSU: so a lot of stuff to cover. Obviously we're still in the search are in the tearful goodbye to President Cook as we get ready to transition into a new era here at NDSU. As always, looking forward to hosting the Redbirds at the Dome for the first game of playoffs for NDSU. Hopefully we get another national championship. We will. Let's go NDSU student government has. Concluded its business for the semester. Obviously we're getting into dead week, so senior senator projects are kind of going on the background or have concluded we are changing some policies about the way that we do requirements for our senators. Yeah, besides for that, we didn't really get a chance to lobby for it, but we were trying to determine where we wanted to put what's called the Downtown Engagement Center, which got into an area where we would like it to be as a university. Just because it's more helpful to the people it serves and less close to some of our downtown locations. We're looking to expand for a Conference Center just South of the Fargo Dome, but that's kind of up in the air. We're going to be talking with the City Commission and other businesses about that. I guess the most exciting thing is, is that we have reserved our spaces to host you all next month on the 23rd. And for the first



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time, and I think it's been four years, I was told you guys have been at our Alumni Center, which is not actually on our campus. It's off to the side, but we will be very happy to welcome you. You all to the Memorial Union here at NDSU. So you guys don't have to walk through the cold. You can just come here, we'll get it catered and we'll have a fun event for you guys. A really fun event that it'll be one for you guys to remember for the social event. Just plan on it. But that's all we got.

UND: A lot of things are going on here at UND. First and foremost, outside of student government. We had two huge speakers come to campus, Ben Davies, which was Northrop Grumman Corporate VP came to speak about national offense. Then veteran junior, not junior junior Martinez, came and spoke. Another thing is. You need so this your prisoner came and you always uses a word for every school year. And this year he chose community so unusual that Community quilt project basically just stitching campus together. From different departments, so on and so forth from our ABH departments, we had our faces of an industry. Speakers, basically different people from the industry. And spoke about their uh, their experience that degree field. Now bring it back to student governments. As student government, we're doing a lot right now. First and foremost, one thing. That's President Blankenship has kind of presented Blankenship and Vice President Jocelyn. Sutton basically campaigning about was the Nightcap Partnership nightcap is. A drink? Striking prevention program? That's basically you can get either a scrunchy, a sticker, or even bottle caps spiking your drinks. Then another thing was we had a town hall event with all of our Senate members. Night 4 anyone in the UND Campus come and speak with their senators.



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Speak with exec. See what we do. Another thing was our. ROTC Army and Air Force had uh invited student governments to work out with them for student government outreach. What else? We had other projects we're doing such as to improve campus is a leadership mixer with a leadership on campus student leadership, a legacy projects to give back to students and continue to work on unity app called My UND. In the spring semester, we're doing a drive in. Movie events and finish up the semester. We have these stress kits for students. Last few things here. On our cross country team Jaden Keeler was named all American. All American otherwise last name. Our Universe counseling center is collaborating. With student governments for mental health awareness so.

VCSU: So recently VCSU was selected to serve as for North Dakota Network for Personalized Learning, which is a statewide. And it helps advance innovation, student engagement and personalized learning across K through 12 and higher education. So we had 80 educators from across North Dakota here on campus this week. And then also add on to that, our big news was already said by Max, which is OK, but I'm still going to say it. So Alan Bergad was selected. And what's cool though is that we as Student Senate will be nominate nominating 3 undergrad students to be on the search committee and then the people who are in charge of the search committee picks one person from the three that we get we choose so. Yeah, that's it.

WSC: At Wilson State, we have launched a community wide food drive program in partnership with bipartisan donation box across the community. WC has also began transitioning into the new healthcare training facility, with Keys officially being handed



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over. Additionally, WSC is now offering bachelor degree programs through Dickinson State University directly on campus at WSC.

XVII. Public Comments and Announcements

XVIII. Adjourn 6:04pm

XIX. After "Event" - Gartic Phone



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.



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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.





General Assembly

Roll Call Sheet

Insert Date

INSTITUTION	STUDENT TOTAL	APPORTIONED VOTING DELEGATES	DELEGATES PRESENT	DELEGATES VOTING
Bismarck State College	4,206	7	3	3
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	0	0
Minot State University	2,751	6	7	6
North Dakota State College of Science	3,367	6	12	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	7	5
Williston State College	1,058	4	3	3
TOTAL:			45	36



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.