



STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

January 30th, 2023
Plains Room/Virtual

1. **Call to Order** *President Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.*
2. **Roll Call** *Administrative Assistant Reep took roll call.*
3. **Approval of Minutes** (January 23rd, 2023) *Senator Novotny moved to approve the minutes from January 23rd's meeting, Senator Willprecht seconded. Motion carries.*
4. **Guest Speaker**
 - *Jane Passa – Head Women's Volleyball Coach*
 - *Presented to the Student Senate a proposed increase within the Athletic Department due to regularly increasing costs, this would mainly be for travel.*
5. **New Business/Presentations**
 - Elections
 - *Each candidate gave an introduction into why they feel they are a good fit for the position.*
 - *Senator Klindt moved to enter closed discussion, Senator Weshnevski seconded. Motion carries.*
 - *Senator Weshnevski moved to exit closed discussion, Senator Schweitzer seconded. Motion carries.*
 - *The Senate board voted on Vice President position.*
 - *Senator Weshnevski moved to enter closed discussion, Senator Novotny seconded. Motion carries.*
 - *Senator Schweitzer moved to exit closed discussion, Senator Warnecke seconded. Motion carries.*
 - *The Senate board voted on Treasurer position.*
 - *Treasurer position was awarded to Katie Willprecht, Vice President position was awarded to Simone Gebro.*
 - Committee Review
 - *Senators are asked to be in two committees while chairing one.*
 - *The following was assigned: Senator Birnbaum Chairs – Residential Life, Senator Novotny Chairs – Student Recognition and Graduation, Senator Birnbaum Chairs – Safety committee, Senator Warnecke – Green Bandana, Senator Klindt Chairs – Community Engagement, Senator*

*Larson Chairs – Green Bandana, Senator Schweitzer – Green Bandana,
Treasurer Willprecht Chairs – Tabling.*

6. Programs *No Programs for today.*

7. Old Business *No Old Business for today.*

8. Student Concerns/Updates

- *Students have reported a dissatisfaction with the cleanliness of bathrooms outside Flickertail, both male and female.*
- *Senator Klindt had the suggestion that parking lots be scraped as students have concerns around driving safety, especially spinning out at stop signs. This has been brought forward to the Parking committee.*
- *Senator Birnbaum was asked if the Automotive Technology Club could sell raffle tickets in the Student Center. Members of the club should be advised to contact Tabitha Dodge in order to schedule a time to do so.*

9. Reports

• **Executive Team Reports**

▪ President Edwards

• Student Senate Sweaters

○ *The Student Senate Sweaters have been ordered and are currently expected to be in within 2-3 weeks. The pricing would be as follows:*

○ *S-XL \$37*

○ *XXL-4X \$42.50*

○ *5X \$48.50*

○ *Student Senate will cover half of the cost, there is an additional \$3 charge for getting name embroidery.*

• NDSCS NDSA Event

○ *President Edwards is asking for ideas on what NDSCS's event should be after the Friday NDSA meeting. Karaoke was suggested by Senator Weshnevski. Laser Tag was suggested by Senator Schweitzer. Bowling was suggested by Treasurer Willprecht, the Senate Advisors and President Edwards mentioned how we are trying to steer away from an event that could include alcohol. Pool Tournament was suggested by Senator Larson. Movie Night was suggested by Senator Klindt, but Senate would have to take budget into account for renting movie, which can be costly. Currently open for more suggestions.*

▪ Vice President

▪ Treasurer

- Admin. Assistant Reep
 - *Nothing to report.*
- **Advisor Report**
 - Excellence in Teaching
 - *This committee is looking for 3-4 Senate volunteers to help with voting. There would be two set meetings occurring on February 23rd at 4 p.m. and April 5th at 4 p.m. Senators would also have to set up a separate time to review nominations.*
- **CAB – Senator Gebro**
 - *Talked about NACA, an event similar to NDSA, in which CAB members will be attending, occurring March 30th – April 1st. Review of upcoming events.*
- **Residential Life – Open**
 - *Nothing to report.*
- **NDSCS Team Reports**
 - Auxiliary Services ----- Senator Schweitzer
 - *Student concerns about meals and cups have been brought up, they are currently in the process of getting new and bigger cups in the dining hall.*
 - Accreditation & Strategic Planning Team ----- President Edwards
 - *Nothing to report. Next meeting is January 31st at 4 p.m.*
 - Diversity & Equity Team ----- Senator Weshnevski
 - *New T-Shirts have been ordered which are honoring missing and murdered Indigenous Women. There are currently talks about changing the name of the Diversity and Equity Team. Discussed the option of sending out feedback after the showing of educational videos. Dispensers, pads, and tampons have been ordered. Discussed extending the meeting time to an hour and a half to allow for further discussion, there was a suggestion of making the last half hour optional due to scheduling conflicts. Rhys Rasanen-Fryar, the Student Advocate, is planning to come and speak to Student Senate about the menstrual products being distributed on campus.*
 - Parking Appeals Team ----- Senator Warnecke
 - *There were three appeals, reduced two to \$10, and voided one. Brought up scraping parking lots, there is the issue of so many people parked that FM can't get into parking lots in order to scrape them. Staffing is an issue as well. Next meeting is January 31st at 12 p.m.*
 - Safety Committee ----- Open
 - Student Recognition & Graduation ----- Open
- **NDSCS Student Senate Committee Reports**
 - Agawasie/Homecoming ----- Senator Klindt

- *Senator Klindt has compiled a list of those interested in the committee, there is an undecided meeting time currently.*
 - Community Engagement ----- Open
 - Club Bylaws and Constitution ----- Admin. Assistant Reep
 - *There was a pause in working on the Bylaws due to some Executive Team changes, but with those positions filled, hopefully the Bylaws will be ready for their first reading soon.*
 - Green Bandana Project ----- Open
 - Tabling ----- Senator Gebro
 - *New stickers are in for tabling. Next meeting is February 2nd at 4 p.m.*
- **North Dakota Student Association**
 - IAC
 - *Discussed the current host reimbursement at \$15 per person, points were made on how inflation is causing that to not be a high enough number. NDSA is trying to decide whether raising the dollar amount per person or having the reimbursement as a percentage is better. There were talks of adding something to record NDSA meetings and putting them online somewhere, they discussed funding for the equipment needed. IAC discussed changing voting delegates during elections to be the same amount across the NDUS, this would only affect elections and awards and is suggested to even things out. The allowance to attend NDSA online could possibly be if an institution is 225 miles away from the NDSA.*
 - SLAC
 - *Discussion concerning HB 1040 which would affect the retirement plans for public service employees, this could lower quality of instructors coming into North Dakota. A resolution in opposition to HB 1040 was written. A resolution in support in HB 1003 was given do pass recommendation, this deals with funding of higher education. A do pass recommendation was also given to a resolution in support of SB 2149, a bill to fund a 988 local hotline in North Dakota. There was extensive conversation stemming from the topic of SB 2247 which is a bill relating to taking away the requirement to teach divisive concepts in ND. This bill could affect things such as RA training, FYE classes, and teacher certification in the state. VCSU wrote a resolution in opposition to SB 2247. HB 1256 was also discussed; this is in relation to adding a Class C Felony clause to false allegations of sexual harassment. It was mentioned multiple times how the bill seemed intentionally vague and was not well written, it is already a crime to falsely report crimes and there was no definition of proving something 'false', whether that meant not having enough evidence or not.*

There were also concerns that this would decrease the reporting of sexual crimes. UND and the NDSA Executive Team wrote a resolution in opposition of HB 1256.

- SAC
 - *There were talks about the ongoing fall break, no action has been taken so far. A group of bills targeting Transgender North Dakota students was put forward by the ND Legislature and opposed by the NDSA. There was additional discussion on how specific institutions recruit delegates to their Senate boards.*
- GA
 - *Shifting the NDSA effective terms by a month to allow for smoother transitions was passed. A motion to limit term limits to a maximum of three years failed. Further discussion on delegate numbers for elections and awards happened, two-year schools would get 4 voting delegates and four-year schools would get 5 voting delegates. Along with this, quorum would be half plus one, so if there were 50 voting delegates, quorum would be 26. It was a first reading for the elections and since this is a constitution change, it could not be voted on. A policy change including the same numbers but in relation to award voting was passed. Discussion for host reimbursement rates was moved back to committee. Discussion for the virtual NDSA option was also moved back to committee. Resolution in support of HB 1003 was passed. Resolution in support of creating a ND 988 hotline was passed. Resolution in support of transgender students' rights was passed with an additional amendment concerning how turning away transgender students may lose funding for the state with the intention of getting the attention of ND legislature. Resolution in opposition to HB 1040 was passed. Resolution in opposition to HB 1256 was passed. Resolution in opposition to SB 2247 was passed.*

10. Announcements

- April NDSA Date Change – April 21st and 22nd, NDSU
- NDSCS NDSA - March 24th and 25th

11. Adjournment *Senator Klindt moved to adjourn the meeting, Senator Warnecke seconded. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.*