# STUDENT SENATE

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October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Plains Room/Virtual

- **1. Call to Order** *President Willprecht called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.*
- 2. Roll Call Administrative Assistant Warnecke took roll call.
- **3. Approval of Minutes** (October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023) *Senator Jibben motioned to approve the minutes of October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. Senator Parks seconded this motion. Motion carried.*
- **4. Guest Speaker** *No Guest Speaker today.*
- 5. New Business/Presentations
  - Senate Apparel
    - Our Exec team met and decided to see who was interested in getting apparel for Senate. Everyone was interested. Suggested to get athletic quarter zips. Exec will be looking into Grippers and update the rest of the Senate at the next meeting.
  - Committee Updates
    - Senator Klindt needs to be on 2 committees. Senator Maudal decided to drop the Agawasie Committee. Senator Klindt joined Safety Committee and the Agawasie Committee. She will be chairing the Safety Committee.
- **6. Programs** *No Programs today.*
- 7. Old Business No Old Business today.
- 8. Student Concerns/Updates
  - Heard about students talking about how slippery it's going to be during winter.
     Old Signs/posters aren't being taken down in bathroom and a few other
     buildings. Updates: this week or next week, they can add beef to taco cat.
     Library: will be having conversations on their end and see if a trial run would be
     appropriate. Talked to English teacher: library has half the amount of books it
     used to have. Maybe get more flexible seating in library.
- 9. Reports
  - Executive Team Reports
    - President Willprecht
      - Nothing to report.

- Vice President Larson
  - Nothing to report.
- Admin Assistant Warnecke
  - Nothing to report.

# Advisor Report

- Midterm grades need to be turned in if they have not been yet. Great Plains Food Bank is happening in the BAC parking lot on November 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Looking for volunteers.
- CAB Senator Birnbaum
  - Halloween Dance in the Alley from 9 p.m. to midnight. Open Skate and Hockey at the Stern Sports Center at 7:15 p.m. Bowling Night at Terrace Lanes on Thursday from 8 p.m.- 11 p.m. Have one open spot on CAB.
- Residential Life Senator Jibbens
  - Weekly meetings right now and will have some events coming up as the winter progresses.

# NDSCS Team Reports

- Auxiliary Services ------ Senator Maudal
  - Nothing to report. Have tried to check in with dining services to see if there was a meeting being planned. Has been some thought of tabling this committee until later. Will talk about this in Exec meeting.
- Management Team ------- President Willprecht
  - Nothing to report. Next meeting is November 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Diversity & Equity Team ------ Senator Makuach
  - Nothing to report. Next meeting is November 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.
- Parking Appeals Team ------ Senator Maudal
  - Had 2 online appeals. 1 was voided and the other was reduced to \$10. Next meeting is Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon.
- Safety Committee ------ Senator Birnbaum
  - Nothing to report. Next meeting is December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.
- Student Recognition & Graduation ------ Senator Jibben
  - Nothing to report.

# • NDSCS Student Senate Committee Reports

- Agawasie ------ Senator Hoff
  - Nothing to report.
- Community Engagement ------ Senator Weshnevski
  - *Nothing to report.*
- Club Bylaws and Constitution ------ Admin. Assistant Warnecke
  - Had a meeting with Matt, the Residential and Student Life
    Director. Looked at the Bylaws and Constitution and realized that
    there were some things we wanted to edit. So, we will be going
    over the Bylaws and Constitution as quickly as we can before

having Matt look over them again so can be approved. Next meeting is Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1 p.m.

- Tabling ------ Vice President Larson
  - Almost everyone has tabling hours in this month. Next meeting is November 14<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.

### North Dakota Student Association

- IAC
  - The directorship position is still open. This directorship means that you would serve as an aid to the IAC Vice President, do tasks such as writing the agenda for the meeting. Cleaning up behind the scenes for the Bylaws and Constitution Revision Task Force. The NDSA fee is currently 4 cents per credit up to 12 credits. This has not changed in at least five years, so there was a proposal to increase this fee to 6 cents and this did not get voted on due to lack of numbers in the General Assembly.

### SLAC

The Director of Governmental Affairs and the Director Policy, Advocacy, and Research are open. Director of Governmental Affairs would mean taking minutes at every meeting. The Director of Policy, Advocacy, and Research is where you would report on the PAR Task Force, which is just going through the governmental handbook and helping section it out. We had a small discussion about the special session the legislative had. We talked about OERs, Open Educational Resources and how beneficial they are or would be to certain programs. Gen ED courses have more OERs available to them compared to nursing programs or any other health program. The Vice President of SLAC will be sending out an email to all the head delegates asking them to bring this information to their senate boards and see what other programs could benefit from OERs. A resolution concerning the Legislative Priorities for the biennium of 23-25 was looked at and just wanted some thoughts on this document.

## SAC

• Looking for a Director of PR and Director of DEI. The Director of PR would oversee social media and make sure NDSA is promoted on all platforms. The State Board of Higher Ed is talking about allowing Tik Tok to be used to marketing, along with recruitment and reaching more students. At the last meeting, there was a Diversity and Equity resolution that got passed back to SAC by the General Assembly. Decided to not send this resolution back to the GA because we didn't know how to word it without being too vague and repeating things already said. The next thing talked about was AI, a UND professor talked with the Chat GBT founder that went to UND. Chat GBT is meant to be a tool and not abused.

If any institutions are having any problems with AI, they are being asked to bring it forward. The biggest discussion was office hours and advisory time. Other schools seem to be having problems with going through advisors because of classes. UND implement that first and second years have to meet with an advisor to help get things straightened out. VCSU has the same program as NDSCS does, where you have to meet with an advisor twice a year. Asked to reach out the president and share on what other schools have for advisor and office hours. Putting together a task force because they want more participation at NDSA. A lot of institutions don't require their senators to go to NDSA. Also looking for feedback from everyone because there is a UND student that is doing clinicals and they were wondering if they could use other schools' activity facilities since they already pay for UND ones, but they can't use them because they're not on campus.

- GA
  - We did not meet the delegate quorum, but we did meet institution quorum, so we couldn't conduct any business. Discussed how SAC brought up their Diversity and Equity resolution. IAC brought forward the proposal of the fee increase from 4 cents to 6 cents.
     Were not able to vote on this because we didn't meet quorum.
- Breakout Sessions
  - Nothing to report.

### 10. Announcements

- DSU NDSA November 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>
- Thanksgiving Dinner November 20<sup>th</sup> 5-7 p.m.
- **11. Adjournment** Senator Weshnevski motioned to adjourn the meeting. Senator Birnbaum seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.