



# STUDENT SENATE AGENDA

January 27, 2025  
Plains Room/Virtual

1. **Call to Order** *President Hoff called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.*

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Approval of Minutes** (January 13, 2025)

*Senator Hollingsworth motioned to approve the minutes of January 13<sup>th</sup>. Senator Martinson seconded. Motion carried.*

4. **Guest Speaker**

- **Melissa Johnson, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs- HLC Student Survey**

*Melissa Johnson explained that the Higher Learning Commission evaluates institutions every 10 years.*

*A survey will be open from February 3 to 12 to gather student feedback and experiences at NDSCS. Participation is anonymous and voluntary.*

*A site visit for accreditation is scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, with a team of peer reviewers familiar with 2 year institutions will go visit our institution. Dr. Karch will send out reminders on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.*

- **Heather Weber, Director of Dining Services- Dining Plan Rates**
- *Wildcat Dining has extended meal hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. this semester. The deli, soup, and salad bar will be open from 2-4 p.m. before hot food is available.*
- *Grab and Go is now only available in the dining room on the left side of the entryway.*
- *Three new full-time and one part-time employee have been added to Wildcat Express. The addition of new staff has slowed the burger line wait to 11 minutes but every day the time has been shortening.*
- *Senator Hiltner and Heather Weber review comment cards weekly to accommodate student requests in dining, such as bringing back pickle spears on the salad bar.*
- *A satisfaction survey for dining hours and food will be conducted in April.*
- *A 4% increase in dining plans is proposed to cover employee pay and increased food costs, which is 5-6% higher than last year.*
- *Odyssey is a software on campus that involves using student IDs for various services. The dining department is looking to upgrade the software, because the software will not be functioning by 2027. Potential new software could allow for mobile phone integration, nutritional information, personal photos on ID cards, cameras, and new sound systems.*

- **Melissa Johnson, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs- Student Life Student Fee Increases and Residential Life Room Rates**

*Proposed new realignment fee*

- *Student Activity Fee: \$8.05*

*Student Activity Fee Broken Down:*

- *Game room/Exports: \$0.82*
- *Clubs: \$0.72*
- *CAB: \$1.75*
- *Senate: \$1.52*
- *Archery: \$0.40*
- *Clay Target: \$1.10*
- *Performing Arts: \$1.74*
- *Athletics is seeking a 25% increase to support staffing and cleanup.*
- *IT is requesting a 50% increase in the technology fee from \$30.53 to \$37.08 to maintain software, hardware, and staffing. This would also pay for an individual to plan onboarding and integration on the campus.*
- *The Clubs and Organization Fee is proposed increase to \$1.67 per credit, generating \$55,750 to cover all expenses for Competitive Clubs on campus. This Fee increase would cost students approximately \$78.60 more each semester. Fundraising and sponsorship are also being considered to offset costs.*

*Vice president Maudal motion to table the rest of the agenda until our next meeting.*

*Senator Martinson Seconded. Motion Carried.*

*Senator Hollingsworth motioned to adjourn the meeting. Senator Martinson seconded.*

*Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned at 7:29 p.m.*

## **5. New Business/Presentations**

- Fundraising Club Application Auto-Tech Club-Country/Southern Rock/Folk Music Concert
- Fundraising Club Application HOSA- Teddy Bear Drive
- Fundraising Club Application HOSA- Period Simulator
- 01-24-25 5 days finals week NDSCS Student Resolution Hollingsworth- Martinson

## **6. Old Business**

## **7. Student Concerns/Updates**

## **8. Reports**

- **Executive Team Reports**
  - President Hoff
  - Vice President Maudal
  - Admin Assistant Bohnenstingl
- **Advisor Report**

- **CAB** – Senator Martinson
- **Residential Life** – Senator Mumaw
- **NDSCS Team Reports**
  - Accreditation & Strategic Planning-----Open
  - Dining Services -----Senator Hiltner
  - Management Team ----- President Hoff
  - Diversity & Equity Team ----- Senator Bauer
  - Parking Appeals Team ----- Senator Exe
  - Safety Committee ----- Senator Larson
  
- **NDSCS Student Senate Committee Reports**
  - Community Engagement ----- Admin. Assistant Bohnenstingl
  - Club Bylaws and Constitution ----- Admin. Assistant Bohnenstingl
  - Tabling ----- Vice President Maudal
  - Marketing Committee----- Senator Hollingsworth
  - Agawasia----- Senator Martinson
  
- **North Dakota Student Association**
  - IAC
  - SLAC
  - SAC
  - GA
  - Breakout Sessions
  - PAR

**9. Announcements**

- NDSA Mayville February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>
- No School February 16<sup>th</sup>
- Spring Break- March 9-13<sup>th</sup>

**10. Adjournment**