

**VCSU Student Senate  
Meeting Agenda  
January 26, 2015**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call (hours)
  - a. President Tisa Mason attended
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Tanner moves to approve
  - b. Kaitlyn seconded
  - c. Minutes passed
- IV. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Amendment: add the cross country time to new business (Kaitlyn)
  - b. Tanner approves Amendment
  - c. Agenda is approved
- V. Old Business
  - a. Marketplace Update
    - i. Wednesday a lot of organizations could not attend
    - ii. The organizations that did show up had a great time
    - iii. Facebook group-Presidents of each club would be a part of
    - iv. Jessica Sanden—send the mass email out sooner (advertisement needs to be better)
    - v. Michaela- thought it went great
  - b. Get to know your senators
    - i. Ask questions to most of the senators—guess who game
    - ii. Senator pictures #studentsenator find the senators and take pictures and post to Facebook
    - iii. Contact Madelyn with ideas
    - iv. Updated picture for Senate Facebook page – Tarah will be helping Michaela do this
  - c. Election
    - i. Jan 28-30
    - ii. Make sure you vote
    - iii. Two freshman Jordon B. and Katelyn Willner
- VI. New Business
  - a. Cross Country
    - i. Colors for their jerseys
    - ii. The team wants to keep the blue and white with a little amount of red
    - iii. The university/foundation would like to change it to red with no blue
    - iv. The team would like the jersey would like to have at least some blue
    - v. Tyler motions give the cross country team the support from the student senate
    - vi. Kaitlyn seconds
    - vii. Motion passes
  - b. Student Senate Spring Blast Planner

- i. Student Senate will have a day on the week to organize this day
- ii. Evening activity and a noon event
- iii. Tarah and Kaitlyn would like to make a committee to work on this
- iv. The week after spring break has an activity (do something similar or different to last year's event)

VII. Reports

- a. President
  - i. No report
- b. Vice President
  - i. No report
- c. Treasurer
  - i. No report
- d. Secretary
  - i. Please email me(Madelyn) if you have any reports to give (Thanks)
- e. NDSA
  - i. NDSA from this weekend
  - ii. NDSA notes will be attached at the bottom of this document
- f. VCAB
  - i. Throwback dance is Wednesday Jan 28th. Throwback music and neon/black light theme
  - ii. Fargo Force game Friday the 30th, sign up by the 28th!! 5 dollars for the ticket plus 5 dollar coupon for food!
- g. IRHC
  - i. Discussed the brunch that was on Sunday
    - 1. A lot of students really enjoyed it and want it to happen again
    - 2. The email was confusing – the email will be clearer in the future
  - ii. Breakfast will be open a little longer-this will be looked into
    - 1. Hopefully soon
    - 2. Open until 9:15 or 9:30
- h. Viking Ambassadors
  - i. Viking Visit day went well—40 students came
    - 1. 6 students giving tours
    - 2. March (final Viking visit day)
- i. Athletics
  - i. No report
- j. Fine Arts
  - i. No report
- k. Communication and Social Sciences
  - i. No report
- l. Business and Informational Technologies
  - i. The Emerging Leaders Competition Day will be THIS Wednesday
  - ii. This means no popcorn Wednesday
- m. Education
  - i. No report

- n. Science and Math
  - i. Noon-2 PM tomorrow, Tuesday the 27th, is a career fair in Rhoades Science Center. There are opportunities for summer jobs, internships, or full time employment opportunities. It is focused on Fisheries and Wildlife and Biology type careers.
  - ii. AED training 11 – 1pm (tomorrow – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>)
- o. Other Reports
- VIII. Announcements
  - a. Flyer will be sent out looking for orientation leaders
  - b. Careers in student affairs workshop -- if you are interested email Kari
  - c. NDSA committee—please stay after
  - d. Constitution Committee Meeting
    - i. Directly after senate meetings
- IX. Adjournment
  - a. Kaitlyn moves to adjourn

## NDSA

SAC Notes 1/23/15

Old Business: Goal Setting

Voting: people want to keep the voting certificates

Bugs need to be worked out before the next voting

April/May day of Service: (Our Senate could do the highway clean up)

Bullying: educate the campus

Internships: UND is working more on Internships

New Business:

J-Term: Have a term during Christmas/winter break that could be for taking classes

SAC will be looking into this more

SAC wants to keep a standards schedule between all campuses

SLAC Notes

All the House and Senate Bill can be found at this link: <http://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/64-2015/regular>

[SLAC 09-1415:](#)

- House Bill 1303
- Allow legislation to change tuition and fee increase
- Legislation can freeze tuition already
  - Why couldn't they freeze it already
- Could raise tuition and lower funding
- Don't know the process of setting up tuition fees
- Info for the statistics should be the same
- Postponed to the February meeting

[SLAC 10-1415](#)

- Allow money for a tuition freeze
- Approved by NDSA

#### [SLAC 11-1415](#)

- Open resource grant
  - Open Textbook
- Approved

#### [SLAC 12-1415](#)

- Senate Bill 2150
- Right for student to have counsel in an allegation pertaining to anything that leads to expulsion
- Approved

#### [SLAC 13-1415](#)

- Resolution opposing House Bill 1333
- The HB (House Bill) will eliminate the Student Voter Certificate.
- Approved

#### IAC Notes

#### SWAT analysis

Strength: Passion for NDSA

Threat: Not involving Freshman as much and there were people who are not very good at having other people do things.

**SAC 02-1415**

**Date:** January 24, 2015

**From:** Student Affairs Committee

**RE:** NDSA Stance on Campus Scheduling Autonomy

WHEREAS, the Academic Affairs Council and Student Affairs Council have discussed and will be discussing supporting individual campus scheduling autonomy among the institutions of the North Dakota University System (NDUS), and

WHEREAS, in the current system, utilized since 1983, all institutions of the NDUS adhere to a standardized academic calendar, and

WHEREAS, the current system is more conducive for taking classes at multiple institutions concurrently, as the calendars are standardized, and

WHEREAS, the lengthened hiatus between fall and spring semesters could negatively affect students who are required to maintain certain proficiency and competency requirements, and

WHEREAS, a lengthened hiatus between fall and spring semesters may require the spring semester to come to an end later, and

WHEREAS, the late conclusion of spring semester adversely affects students searching for summer work or summer internships that fill up rapidly.

RESOLVED, the North Dakota Student Association does not support the advancement of the individual campus scheduling autonomy initiative.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
North Dakota Student Association Student Affairs Committee

**SLAC 09-1415**

**Date:** January 24, 2015

**From:** State and Legislative Affairs Committee

**RE:** NDSA Stance on House Bill 1303

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) is the voice of the over 48,000 students enrolled in the North Dakota University System (NDUS), and

WHEREAS, the NDUS has, since 1939, been under the governance of the State Board of Higher Education, and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Higher Education is a citizen board, consisting of seven individuals who are experienced in Higher Education governance and truly concerned for the best interest of the students of the NDUS, and

WHEREAS, NDSA feels that the State Board of Higher Education's governance of tuition and fee increases is in the best interest of the students of the NDUS, and

WHEREAS, under the changes that would be made by House Bill 1303, the authority possessed by the State Board of Higher Education would be undermined, to the detriment of the University System and of the students, therefore be it

RESOLVED, NDSA firmly and completely opposes the passing of House Bill 1303, and be it further

RESOLVED, NDSA authorizes the appropriate officers to make this opposition known to the public.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
North Dakota Student Association State and Legislative Affairs Committee

**SLAC 10-1415**

**Date:** January 24, 2015

**From:** State Legislative Affairs Committee

**RE:** Support of North Dakota HB1233

WHEREAS, the North Dakota House of Representatives will be considering and voting on HB1233, and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1233 appropriates \$29,693,232 to the State Board of Higher Education to provide a funded tuition freeze to the 11 institutions comprising the North Dakota University System, and

WHEREAS, tuition is a major concern for current and prospective students, and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Student Association passed SLAC 04-1415 in November 2014 which established a system-wide tuition freeze as a legislative goal, and

RESOLVED, the North Dakota Student Association supports HB 1233.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
North Dakota Student Association State Legislative Affairs Committee

**SLAC 11-1415**

**Date:** January 24, 2015

**From:** State Legislative Affairs Committee

**RE:** Support of North Dakota HB1233

WHEREAS, the North Dakota House of Representatives will be considering and voting on HB 1261, and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1261 creates a higher education open resources grant, and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Student Association passed SLAC 05-1415 in November 2014 which advocated for the creation of an open resources incentive program, and

RESOLVED, the North Dakota Student Association supports HB 1261.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
North Dakota Student Association State Legislative Affairs Committee

SLAC- 12-1415

Whereas, one of the main goals of the North Dakota Student Association is to protect the rights of students, and

Whereas, whenever it is appropriate to expand the rights that students possess on campus and within the broad scope of the legal system it should be the priority of this body to secure those rights, and

Whereas, SB 2150, brought forth by the 64<sup>th</sup> North Dakota Legislative Assembly, seeks to protect and expand the rights of students by affording them the right to council in administrative disciplinary hearings, and

Whereas, the right to representation is a critical component of any just disciplinary system that attempts to provide an environment for a fair and impartial punitive process, and

Whereas, the current system of disciplinary hearings at the NDUS institutions, even under the best possible intentions of those administering the hearings, can be exploitative of the relative lack of student knowledge in regards to that particular institutions policies, and

Whereas, the presence of an attorney or a non-attorney councilor with a depth of understanding regarding the institutions student conduct policy and other such policies as may be used in a disciplinary hearing would be beneficial to students, and

Whereas, there are disciplinary hearings that conclude the termination of a student's enrollment at the institution is necessary, often times costing the affected student thousands of dollars and severely hindering a student's opportunity to continue in higher education at **NDUS institutions** and elsewhere, and

Whereas, a student that has incurred such serious punishments both financially and in loss of reputation ought to be able to appeal that decision through the traditional legal system, and

Whereas, in the event that the institution has expelled a student in error, that student should qualify to receive a reimbursement for any financial loss incurred in the process of the expulsion hearing as well as reinstatement to resume their education with all possible expediency, and

Therefore, be it resolved that the North Dakota Student Association fully and unequivocally supports the intention of North Dakota SB 2150, and urges the 64<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly to adopt this critical piece of legislation, and

Therefore, be it furthest resolved that this body also strongly urges the support of SB 2150 from the North Dakota University System as a whole to ensure that the basic rights of the students at institutions of higher education in North Dakota are protected.

SLAC- 13-1415

WHEREAS, NDSA recognizes that a student's right to vote is a fundamental part of their duties as an American citizen, and

WHEREAS, The NDUS Institutions attract multiple out of state students due to our world class education programs, and

WHEREAS, in the 2014 election student were granted the right to vote through the student voting certificate, and

WHEREAS, under the current vote ID Statue this provision has proven to be the most viable avenue for students to vote, and

WHEREAS, H.B. 1333 would eliminate the student voting certificate from being utilized in future elections, and

Whereas, NDSA recognizes that problems have existed in the past with the current Student Voting Certificate, and

WHEREAS, NDSA believes those problems could be addressed through improved educational campaigns from the collaboration of the secretary of state office, the NDUS office, individual institutions, and institutional student governments, Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that NDSA opposes the passage of HB 1333.