

**VCSU Student Senate  
Meeting Agenda  
February 23, 2015**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call (hours)
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Kaitlyn moves to approve with no objections
- IV. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Shayna moves to approve with no objections
- V. Old Business
  - a. Spring Blast
    - i. Details and budget
    - ii. Detail is limited (month away)
    - iii. Lunch hour: Minute to Win it (small prizes and then place name into a drawing)
    - iv. Evening: Amazing Race (location competition around campus)
      - 1. Learn a short dance
      - 2. Lemonade in your mouth
      - 3. Contact Kaitlyn or Tarah if you have ideas
    - v. Gift cards are a good idea for prizes
    - vi. Plan to be there for the night
    - vii. Sign in sheet will be soon
    - viii. Budget by next week
  - b. Basketball Court Resurfacing
    - i. Spring demo
    - ii. Cost around \$6000
      - 1. Includes everything
      - 2. Art department would paint
      - 3. Two hoops
      - 4. Bench with plaque
- VI. New Business
  - a. Hearings and Appeals Board Policy
    - i. Student opinion wanted
    - ii. Bring another professor of the student's choice
    - iii. Problem: small departments (could they bring an outsider in)
    - iv. Problem: tension could happen
    - v. Jan Drake is a neutral party at this point
    - vi. Have a line stating that the student could bring a professor
    - vii. Could be positive but have to look at the pros and cons
  - b. Finance Requests – SMO
    - i. \$1550 approved by finance committee
    - ii. Kaitlyn moves to approves
    - iii. Shayna seconds
    - iv. Passes

- c. Constitution and Bylaws Review
    - i. Review the revised copy of constitution
    - ii. Constitution: Kaitlyn makes a motion to copy section 2b article b to section 2a article 3 letter d providing re-wording by the secretary.
    - iii. Tyler seconds
    - iv. Passes
    - v. Tyler motions to add a clause that states “failure to attended two NDSA meeting makes the senator subject to review by the Executive Team”
    - vi. Shayna seconds
    - vii. Discussion: 2/3 vote on stipend
    - viii. Passes
    - ix. Brianna moves to “the senator has the right to appeal the executive team’s decisions with a 2/3 majority vote from student senate”
    - x. Kaitlyn with the second
    - xi. Passes
    - xii. Bylaws will be next week
  - d. Barnes County Relay 4 Life
    - i. Open this up to campus—have a student team
    - ii. Student team—VCAB
    - iii. Give this to VCAB
- VII. Reports
- a. President
    - i. Committee Requests
      - 1. Instructional Technology Innovation (ITI) Mini-grants
        - a. Jordan
      - 2. Judicial Council
        - a. Tyler
      - 3. Technology Advisory
        - a. Dallas
        - b. Katelyn
    - ii. New computer review
      - 1. Meet and look over the computers
  - b. Vice President
    - i. No report
  - c. Treasurer
    - i. Gone
  - d. Secretary
    - i. No report
  - e. NDSA
    - i. IAC:
      - 1. 3 resolutions
      - 2. All Resolutions will be below
    - ii. SAC:
      - 1. Another day of service

2. May Day
  3. Flu vaccine-
    - a. Making it a must have
    - b. In the room, no one wanted
  4. Tyler was nominated for SAC Rep.
  5. Anti-bullying
    - a. Geo-fence VCSU
    - b. Contact
  6. For any information on either the bullying committee or the Flu vaccine contact Madelyn
- iii. SLACK:
    1. Resolutions are below
  - iv. Revised resolutions will be emailed out
  - v. Speakers were great
  - vi. Corey Mock – would like more involvement from the students
  - vii. Must attend two NDSAs
  - viii. March 25<sup>th</sup> booth in the capital hall
- f. VCAB
    - i. Tune Tuesday tomorrow
    - ii. History Month
    - iii. Winter Show late night (3 times bigger—come!) Friday
  - g. IRHC
    - i. Gone
  - h. Viking Ambassadors
    - i. Overloaded with tours
    - ii. Going to be helping out with the next dance during Spring Blast Week
    - iii. We are also doing pen pals with a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class in Vancouver, Washington.
    - iv. Application due Friday
  - i. Athletics
    - i. Men's Basketball
      1. Won their second conference games against Presentation
      2. Finished the conference 2-8
      3. Start conference tournament on Wednesday in Jamestown (lower out)
    - ii. Women's Basketball
      1. Beat Presentation to finish 8-2 in the conference
      2. Start conference tournament on Wednesday at home against Dakota State(loser out)
    - iii. Track and Field
      1. Competed at indoor conference meet on Saturday
      2. The team finished fourth, but had a strong showing by some individuals
      3. Richard finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the mile and 5000 meter run
      4. Malik, Dillon and Misael also placed in their events
      5. Jess Meland placed in two events, while Monica placed in the 5000 and Sawyer Uetz took fourth in the pole vault

- iv. Softball
    - 1. Gearing up for Arizona
  - v. Baseball
    - 1. Gearing up for Arizona
  - vi. Golf
    - 1. Offseason
  - vii. Volleyball
    - 1. Offseason workouts
  - viii. Football
    - 1. Offseason workouts
  - j. Fine Arts
    - i. No Report
  - k. Communication and Social Sciences
    - i. No report
  - l. Business and Informational Technologies
    - i. No report
  - m. Education
    - i. Dale H. retiring
    - ii. Book fair
  - n. Science and Math
    - i. No reports
  - o. Other Reports
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Adjournment
- a. Kaitlyn motions to adjourn with no objections

**NDSA Resolutions:**

**IAC 03-1415**

**Date:** February 12, 2015

**From:** Chris McEwen, Constitution/Bylaws Ad-Hoc Coordinator

**RE:** Appoint Council Reps for Public Affairs Council and Diversity Council

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Student Association has been invited to attend the Public Affairs Council and Diversity Council, which is an exciting opportunity for NDSA as it continues to grow and improve relations. Therefore, let it be

ENACTED, that the NDSA delegation grants the authority to the President to appoint a Public Affairs Council and Diversity Council Representative to serve in those capacities for the remainder of the school year, and let it be further

ENACTED, that these representatives are expected to attend the meetings and report back to the delegation, and let it be further

ENACTED, that these representatives will be granted a stipend of \$200 from the NDSA general fund for their service, and let it be further

ENACTED, that the NDSA delegation also grants the authority for a mentor to be assigned to each of these new representatives given the newness of the position that can also attend at least one of the remaining meetings of the school year. These mentors should be current officers and no additional stipends will be granted to these individuals.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris McEwen

Constitution/Bylaws Adhoc Chair

**IAC 04-1415**

**Date:** February 12, 2015

**From:** Chris McEwen, Constitution/Bylaws Ad-Hoc Coordinator

**RE:** Changing the election date for officers from March to April

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Student Association has historically benefited the most from having the largest possible pool of applicants for its officer elections, and

WHEREAS, adequate notice was not necessarily given about elections this year, and

WHEREAS, moving the election to April would give more people an opportunity to evaluate their future with NDSA and decide whether they are able to commit to the duties of being an officer, and

WHEREAS, moving the election to April would also give the Constitution/Bylaws workgroup another month to work cohesively as a committee to suggest changes to officer roles that will hopefully strengthen NDSA as an organization (which may include new duties, new/merged officer roles, and changes whether officers are elected or appointed), and

WHEREAS, moving the election to April would also create more synergy with institutions that have their elections in late March/early April so they can have the same opportunities as institutions that have their elections prior to late March. Therefore, let it be

ENACTED, that elections be held for NDSA in April for all positions except for the individuals NDSA chooses to forward onward to the Governor for recommendation to the State Board of Higher Education, and let it be

ENACTED, that a final budget vote not be required until the April meeting should bylaw changes require a recommended adjustment to stipend amounts. First read of the budget should still occur by March though so discussion and collaboration can take place.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris McEwen

Former Constitution/Bylaws Adhoc Chair

**IAC 05-1415**

**Date:** February 12, 2015

**From:** Chris McEwen, Constitution/Bylaws Ad-Hoc Coordinator

**RE:** Constitution Changes regarding election dates

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Student Association, if it decides to pass the legislation that moves elections to April, will need a few constitutional changes to make it happen. Therefore, let it be

ENACTED, that any references in the Constitution and Bylaws that read "March meeting" or "March elections" be changed to "annual elections to be held no later than April" or some version of that language which would make grammatical sense in the context of the sentence with the exception of references to recommendations made for the student member of the State Board of Higher Education.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris McEwen

Constitution/Bylaws Adhoc Coordinator

**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 \_\_\_-1415**

**Date:** February 19, 2015

**From:** NDSA State Legislative Affairs Committee

**RE:** Education of Students on Voting Processes in North Dakota

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Student Association has many concerned delegates in regard to voting accessibility, and

WHEREAS, NDUS institutions could help alleviate this by providing neutral policy information to students, with an emphasis on new students that are more easily reached, and

WHEREAS, this could provide a great benefit to students and increase their educational value. Therefore, let it be

RESOLVED, that the North Dakota Student Association requests that the NDUS institutions provide neutral election information to its students, with an emphasis on new students that are more easily reached. Furthermore, let it be further

RESOLVED, this information could also include information on how to change one's ND drivers license so it is updated with their new school address should they choose to vote with that address.