



STUDENT SENATE AGENDA

March 17, 2025
Plains Room/Virtual

1. **Call to Order** *President Hoff called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.*

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Approval of Minutes** (March 3, 2025)

Senator Martinson motioned to approve the minutes and agenda. Senator Hollingsworth seconded. Motion carried.

4. **Guest Speaker**

President Hoff introduced our new Director of Student and Residential Life Jermey Caudillo.

Mr. Caudillo worked in the criminal field for 18 years and was a probation agent for 14 years. He believes that there is a lot of collaboration we get to do with the students on campus and the community. He is a big believer in innovation and has an open-door policy, so please if anyone needs anything just come on in.

The senators proceeded to introduce themselves.

- *Senator Jensen is a Fargo student. "I am a welding student and I joined Senate because I wanted to develop my professional skills in a professional setting, and to learn how to communicate in a professional setting."*
- *Senator Hiltner is from Casselton, ND. "I am in Robotics and I joined Senate to be informed of what is going on campus."*
- *Senator Martinson is from Blank, MN. "I am in Automotive Technology and I joined Senate to advocate for the students on campus and to give them a voice."*
- *Senator Mumaw is from Pickerton, OH. "I am a Nursing student and I joined because I wanted to be active on campus."*
- *Senator Hollingsworth is from Fargo, ND. "I am a Dual Credit student and plan to go into Aerospace Engineering and joined because a couple of my friends were on it and I believe it is a cool opportunity to represent the students."*
- *Administrative Assistant Bohnenstingl is from Lidgerwood, ND. "I am in Construction and Business Management and I joined because I was in these leadership roles in high school and I said why not?"*
- *President Hoff is from Fargo, ND. "I am in Construction Management and I joined because I wanted to improve my leadership and soft skills. If an employer is looking at you can be a good leader or smartest person alive but it doesn't matter if you don't have good soft skills."*

- Vice President Maudal is from Wahpeton, ND. "I am a Psychology Major and I joined because I am friends with the former President and she convinced me to join."
- Senator Larson is from Wilmar, MN. "I am in Ag Business and when I was in high school I was involved in a handful of things so when I came to NDSCS I knew I wanted to be involved with the students right away."
- Senator Hunskor is from Newburg, ND. "I am in General Diseal and I joined Senate because I wanted to be more involved on campus."
- Senator Haavig is from Breckenridge, MN. "I am a Liberal Arts Transfer and I joined because I wanted to be more involved and to give back to the community."
- Senator Bauer is from McIntosh, SD. "I am an Animal Science Major and I joined because I wanted to be more involved and active on campus, and I was involved in this stuff in high school."
- Senator Exe is from Barret MN. "I am going for Mechanical Engineering and I joined to improve my leadership skills and be more involved."

Mr.Caudillo appreciates what the senate does, advocates, and is trying to follow up on concerns and activities on campus to help improve life on campus. "You guys are future leaders and advocacy for students is really appreciated. If you need help with your careers or need a chat, I am more than open, for suggestions, or help with anything. If you aren't getting your questions concerned come talk to me and I will see what I can do."

5. New Business/Presentations

- Grade Checks/Intent to Return Form

President Hoff addressed that grade checks and intent to return forms are due next Monday before our meeting.

Senator Hiltner asked if you need to put down classes that just started and Heather said no you don't.

- Elections/Nominations Process

President Hoff addressed election dates coming up for senators that want to run for executive positions.

- March 31st is the nomination process, where you can nominate senators that are returning.
- April 7th nominated senators will give speeches on why you would fit that executive position.
- April 14th is Election day.

- Executive Board Position Description

The executive board gave descriptions on their positions.

President Hoff explained his position.

- Runs the Senate meetings, student representation at higher executive meetings on campus, Management Team student representative once a month, Public speaking events for campus such as the beginning of the year to welcome the new students on campus, a letter in the FYE book, meetings 2 to 3 times a week for student representation, graduation speech, meetings with President Flanigan, gets to know

what is going on at the higher level on our campus, communication with other college presidents, conduct issues for executive members, and marketing opportunities with the school.

Vice President Maudal explain her position

- *Head Delegate for NDSA, Chief of NDSA, communicating with senators for NDSAs, is in charge of travel for NDSA, runs the Senate meetings in the absence of our President, will fill in as student representative if President Hoff is unable to, End of Year Recognition Ceremony Speech, head of Tabling Committee, keeps tabling book up to date and neat, and is now taking care of student concerns email reporting.*

Administrative Assistant Bohnenstingl explained her position.

- *Keeps minutes during our Senate meeting, creates the agenda for events and our meetings with the executive board, fills in as student representative if the President and Vice President are unable to attend, sends out information to the students on campus for Senate, and communicates with Jackie Nordick for minutes and agenda records.*

6. Old Business

7. Student Concerns/Updates

Senator Jensen updated the Senate on the welding competition that took place. NDSCS took 4 out of 6 places for stick welding. Took all top 3 places in wire welding. Benjamin Clemens took first in both wire and stick welding which has never happened before in the competitions history.

Vice President Maudal gave updates for the student concerns email response.

The first update is for the elevator in Nordgaard and Robertson Halls about the elevator. Liza gave the response. The biggest problem we have with the elevators is the misuse. The most frequent causes of elevator malfunctions are jumping, overloading, and holding the doors open for an excessively long time. We have signs in the elevators and send out the occasional reminder email, but if students have any suggestions on how to dissuade this type of behavior, we will gladly try almost anything.

The second update is unaccompanied guests in the dorms. There are unaccompanied guests almost in all of the Dorms and students do not listen.

The third update is Landry being left in Robertson.

We fully understand the frustration with the Robertson laundry room, and Residential Life is actively looking into a few potential solutions to the imbalance of the laundry machine-to-student ratio. Although we know from experience that removable items in the laundry rooms frequently don't find their way back we will explore options to provide spots to put cloths so they don't have to be on the floor. In the meantime, We have put whiteboards with markers on each machine, so students can mark whose laundry is there and when they will be back. Hopefully, this helps and is a small step in the right direction.

Mr. Caudillo added that he thinks all of these concerns are valid. The guest in dorms is a big concern with the Ras. The Ras have been told to inform students about the rules. If you see an unaccompanied guest to call an RA or RD, so they can address it right away. For the Robertson laundry, we are looking into getting baskets secured in the laundry room with Dave Cooper so students can't take them. While touring the NDSCS campus I have realized that Robertson is a little behind compared to other Dorms and we are looking to improve the situation. We are also looking at adding laundry machines to Robertson Hall.

Vice President Maudal continued.

For the Parking Lot issues in Nordgaard and Robertson Hall, Facilities Management is aware they can't do much until construction is finished. The drainage in the new Nordgaard parking lot will be fixed this summer. The puddles in the lot are a true statement, they are letting the ground settle and will be talking to the contractor this spring about fixing the issue.

The Rain Gutter at Robertson Hall had a work order for drainage.

The Robertson 4th floor shower head is on order and work orders for the calcium build up.

The Riley fuse box noise you can't change.

The Walton water fountain has a work order in place

In Athletics, the cable machine in the BAC second-floor weight room. Reggie stated that only the company can service and fix the machine. The company only came down and fixed half the machine.

The Campus Police is aware of the lack of security cameras in certain areas and understand the frustration about cameras, and they want to let students know of their safety escort service if students feel unsafe.

8. Reports

- **Executive Team Reports**

- President Hoff

Nothing to report

- Vice President Maudal

Heard me discuss our concerns update email. In our concern book, please write specifics and actual concerns that we can address, we need information to get things fixed and how it happened. April 4th and 5th is the next NDSA. I will give Heather our receipts from our last NDSA. We will leave around 2 for the NDSU NDSA.

- Admin Assistant Bohnenstingl

Nothing to report

- **Advisor Report**

Went over meals for the Fargo Senate meeting.

- **CAB – Senator Martinson**

Swing and line is now twice a month with the last event having 35 students

Greenquist Academy taught self-defense last week with 14 students.

The last Open Skate and Hockey of the year had 17 people

Air Hockey had 4 students

Events coming up:

March 17th: Photo Booth and Dirty Sodas

March 19th: Pass around painting

- **Residential Life** – Senator Mumaw

Health and Safety's in March went well. Coming up in April is Health and Safety.

- **NDSCS Team Reports**

- Accreditation & Strategic Planning-----Senator Hollingsworth

Nothing to report

- Dining Services -----Senator Hiltner

Dining has had problems with ordering red Gatorade due to the food dye laws changing. A comment card read "Can you play Sigma Boy in the Wildcat Express." There was a comment about getting Hi-C, but unfortunately, we only have Pepsi products, unless we change our deal in 2026.

- Management Team ----- President Hoff

Meeting tomorrow March 18th 8-10 a.m.

- Wellness, Equity, & Belonging ----- Senator Bauer

Meeting tomorrow March 18th.

- Parking Appeals Team ----- Senator Exe

We met on March 3rd. There were 4 offenses, the first offense was waived for improper parking.

The second parking appeal was fined \$20 for improper parking.

The third parking appeal was charged \$20 for improper parking

Fourth parking appeal was charged \$20 for improper parking.

- Safety Committee ----- Senator Larson

Nothing to report, next meeting is on March 20th at 2 p.m.

- **NDSCS Student Senate Committee Reports**

- Community Engagement ----- Admin. Assistant
Bohnenstingl

Half of the Senate will be volunteering at the Humane Society of Richland-Wilkin Counties from 3-5 p.m. on March 18th and the other half will be volunteering on March 20th from 3-5 p.m.

- Club Bylaws and Constitution ----- Admin. Assistant
Bohnenstingl

Nothing to report.

- Tabling ----- Vice President Maudal

Reminder to get your tabling hours in before March is over. When you are writing concerns in the book please mark important concerns with a star or circle.

- Marketing Committee----- Senator Hollingsworth

NDSCS marketing approved our last NDSA post to be posted and this month we will be working on our Bottineau March NDSA recap.

- Agawasie----- Senator Martinson

Nothing to report, we will not be meeting until the end of April.

- **North Dakota Student Association**

- IAC

Senator Larson discussed whole-school reimbursement and reviewed the current budget. We proposed a budget adjustment for the next fiscal year, specifically for allocating funds for marketing and promotional items annually. An extra \$1000 will be used for promotional items next year. A promotional basket for NDSA is being sent to each institution from NDSA. There is anticipated potential backlash as this is experimental. There was no discussion that took place regarding the microphone system.

- SLAC

Senator Martinson said they discussed 2003 bill related to school funding. Addressed concerns regarding Bill 1391, which would allow students to remain in school without proper vaccinations, and couldn't be sent home with virus outbreaks. Reviewed edits to the testimony policy and par policy.

- SAC

Senator Exe said there was an Update on 906 and 902 policy, they worked on a dear colleague letter, and talked more about the promotion basket. There was discussion about students accessing other wellness centers on other NDUS campuses, stating that all students should be allowed to access the facilities if they are paying student fees, and finally discussed NDSA Elections

- GA

Vice President Maudal stated that the State Board of Higher Education Representative talked about state fleet access, and talked about how some colleges have different rules. The state board wants to embrace AI, working on different AI projects. A salary increase for the presidents of the NDUS colleges. The NDUS market is low compared to other states in the United States. We discussed wellness reciprocity, for accessing wellness centers on other campuses if you pay fees. Also discussed the promotional basket being sent to all campuses, and raised concerns about who would take care of the basket on each campus. We passed the budget for next year, passed two resolutions, and brought up PAR. Created a subcommittee for PAR on off years to monitor other states' legislation.

- Breakout Sessions

Senator Hiltner stated that NDSCS talked about Agawsie Day, asking casino day code of conduct location. Lake Region looked at different events. Williston State College took students to the Legislature, and Bismarck State College had a good movie night.

- PAR

Nothing to report, we are resubmitting testimony to legislators.

9. Announcements

- Fargo NDSA- April 4th & 5th

10. Adjournment

Senator Mumaw motioned to adjourn the meeting. Senator Martinson seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.