

# Student Voice Project

## Speaker's Notes

**Subject: Organizational "Why"**

**Listening Session: 11/3/2020**

Present

- Pride Alliance
- Bison Student Veterans
- HOLA
- College Democrats
- Crossroads
- Chi Alpha
- Black Collegiate Women

### **What is the purpose of your organization?**

The purpose of each student organization followed similar themes. They strive to create a sense of community for students at NDSU, to help foster new connections and friendships, and to work with the University to best support members of the organizations.

Some organizations exist to offer a safe space for students whose identity belongs to a marginalized population on campus. These organizations stated that this is often times the only place that students of those populations feel a sense of community, support, and feel seen and heard.

### **Why is your organization needed at NDSU?**

Along the same lines, students stated their organization is needed to provide a community with a community, a safe space, and to support their members where the University does not offer support.

Some organizations felt that it was their responsibility to elevate, encourage, and advocate for marginalized communities on campus

### **What do you most want the governing bodies of NDSU to know/understand about your organization?**

Some organizations wanted the governing bodies of NDSU to know they are thankful for the collaborative relationship that exists between them, while some organizations wanted the governing bodies of NDSU to know that they need genuine support and resources for their members.

These organizations stated that their members do not feel supported by NDSU faculty, staff, or the University as a whole. Most often they are the only form of support, but they cannot reach and assist students in need without the help of the University.

### **Why is it important that the voice of your organization is heard at NDSU?**

All of the organizations present said that is important their voice is heard to hold NDSU accountable, to ask for assistance, and to use their voice to elevate those whose voice is often not heard. Each organization wants to continue to use their voice to serve their members, perform outreach to those in need, and to continue to let NDSU and the student body know they are here as a resource.