

NDSU STUDENT GOVERNMENT

October 4th, 2020
6:30pm, Century Theater
Agenda

- I. Call to Order
 - A. 6:31 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
 - A. 16 present, 3 absent
- III. Swearing in of the Student Senate
 - A. **Congrats!**
- IV. Roll Call
 - A. 21 present, 3 absent
- V. Approve and swear in Court Justices
 - A. Wagner moves to approve, seconded by Ringler
 - B. **Congrats!**
- VI. Approve Taylor Kimball, Nick Klehr, and Harrison Radgowski as student-at-large ExA commissioners
 - A. Wagner moves to approve, seconded by Smith
 - i. Approved, **congrats!**
- VII. Approve Colton Friesen and Arin Tamimi as Student Media board student-at-large members
 - A. Ringler moves to approve, seconded by Wagner
 - i. Approved, **congrats!**
- VIII. Approve Agenda
- IX. Guest Speaker – *Chase Tozer and Bison Student Veterans*
 - A. Thanks for having me. I am a mechanical engineering student and a member of the National Guard. Bison Student Veterans was started a couple years ago, and we have collaborated with student government quite a bit. Nine care packages were delivered to those that are deployed with the help of student government. We flew a flag in Iraq to say thank you for your support, and we have it here for you with a certificate. Thank you so much!
- X. Approve Minutes
- XI. Approve Consent Agenda
- XII. Public Comment
- XIII. Advisor's Comments – *Emily Frazier, Lisa Samuelson, Casey Peterson and Laura Oster-Aaland*
 - A. *Frazier*: We have searches for the director of Finance and Scholarship and the Director of Admissions and would love students to participate. There was a change regarding quarantine in North Dakota that states people who were properly masked in close contact with someone that tests positive do not have to quarantine unless displaying symptoms, however it is encouraged to isolate still. My piece of advice for you is not everything that is faced can be changed, but everything that can be changed should be faced.
 - i. *Walth*: Would I need to quarantine if the person next to me was positive and both of us were wearing masks?
 1. *Frazier*: No, the only exceptions are in residences and healthcare.
- XIV. President of Senate Announcements – *Kylee Arndt*
- XV. Secretary of Senate Announcements – *Erica Wahlund*
- XVI. Court Report – *Jamison Feske*
- XVII. Executive Reports

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- A. Finance— *George Kessel and Laura Friedmann*
 - i. Fund Numbers:
 - 1. In-Year Request: \$20,000.00
 - 2. Reserve: \$257,497.19
 - B. ExA— *Clara Counts and McKenna Warcken*
 - C. CSO— *Anthony Soukup*
 - D. ASA— *Meghan Yerhot*
 - E. PR— *Haley Fleisner*
 - F. Tech— *John Morrison*
 - G. President— *Matthew Friedmann*
- XVIII. New Business
 - A. Appoint two senators to the ExA Commission
 - i. Smith moves to open nominations, seconded by Wagner
 - ii. Smith nominates herself
 - iii. Kustka nominates herself
 - iv. Leong nominates herself
 - v. Walth nominates himself
- XIX. Unfinished Business
 - A. RR-02-21
 - i. Second read
 - ii. Wagner moves to open discussion, seconded by Ringler
 - 1. *Sri*: Emails are being communicated about the testing. Is there a number we can have that shows how many students are participating? How do we make students aware of the testing?
 - a. *M. Friedmann*: We had about 1,000 students tested during the week of September 22nd. There were about 500 students that participated in our giveaway. We are trying everything we can to get students tested through things like initiatives with Residence Life and giving out leftover Welcome Packs to those that have been tested.
 - 2. *Hovde*: How was the dollar value decided upon?
 - a. *M. Friedmann*: I have spoken with plenty of administrators, and it was suggested that we do this. A lot of people told me the reason they had been tested was because of this incentive.
 - 3. *J. Anderson*: The feedback I received was that the number we are allocating is too high. Another area of concern I have is that we are taking money from the reserve which comes from students and giving it out.
 - 4. *Ringler*: I yield time to Laura Friedmann.
 - a. *L. Friedmann*: Both George and I think this is an excellent idea. This is a proper use of the Reserve given that we are using student dollars to help students.
 - 5. *Ludewig*: I yield time to Arndt.
 - a. *Arndt*: UND has been doing this, and they have seen an increase in testing numbers. This is part of where we got the numbers from.
 - 6. *Walth*: My question is for Matthew—RHA was wondering what the purpose of one big prize and many small prizes is.
 - a. *M. Friedmann*: We have been trying to be dynamic with our approach to this. Everything so far has been trial and

error. If you would like to increase the funds to see more big prizes, we can write legislation to do that.

7. *Chadwick*: Could someone please explain the way this was calculated?
 - a. *M. Friedmann*: Casey Peterson had approached us and suggested we allocate for 20 weeks. We have already done 2 weeks, and this is what remains which is 18 weeks x \$750 per week = \$13,500.
8. *Oribamise*: Is there a cap on student testing?
 - a. *Arndt*: No, there is no cap.
9. *Lahr*: Does anyone have the number of our increase in testing and the positivity rate?
 - a. *M. Friedmann*: We have a lower positivity rate than the rest of Fargo. I do not have the numbers for how many more people have been tested due to the incentives, but we have seen an increase which may have to do with more consistent testing events. This should help us gather data going forward.
10. *Ringler*: I yield my time to Kessel.
 - a. *Kessel*: We do not give out money that has yet to be approved. That is not how reserve requests are designed, and the senate approves every request that we see. If we don't use it for anything, the money will sit with no interest being collected. We already have the student's money—that's where this comes from, and this benefits the students.
11. *J. Anderson*: My concern is that we would be allocating the money to the incentives without seeing an increase in testing. I am not opposed to spending our money since we do have quite a lot. There are a lot of good project ideas that I have seen, and my opinion is we should not do this.
12. *Hovde*: We are worried that 18 weeks is too long. I would maybe like to see a new reserve. I yield my time to M. Friedmann.
 - a. *M. Friedmann*: Don't let perfection be the enemy of good enough. This is one way we can encourage testing so our numbers stay down and we can stay on campus for the entire semester.
13. *Sri*: I think this program is a great thing. The only thing that is lacking is the data. This is the first week we have done incentives, and we have seen an increase in the number of people that have been tested. We need to spread the word to get tested to ensure our students are doing well, and this is one way to do that.
14. *E. Anderson*: I have had the privilege of being on the Coronavirus task force. We have met with lots of people, including representatives from UND that have tried similar incentives. I can track the data numbers from here on out and present them at our meetings.
15. *Wagner*: Across campus, larger prize campaigns have been more successful. I have personally helped provide incentives, and I think it is necessary.
16. *Oribamise*: I yield my time to Soukup.

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- a. *Soukup*: You cannot have data on what you are studying unless you are actually studying. We have to do this since the benefits outweigh not doing this. Doing nothing will hurt the campus.
17. *Johnson*: I know a lot of people that have not been taking this seriously. They do not want to get tested since there are repercussions to testing positive, but the incentives have influenced people I have talked to that otherwise would not participate.
18. *Wurzbacher*: What is the threshold of cases we need to be kicked off campus?
 - a. *Arndt*: We do not have a threshold.
19. *Walth*: I call to question.
20. 17 yes, 4 no
 - a. RR-02-21 passes
- B. Appoint three senators to the Finance Commission
 - i. Previously nominated are Wurzbacher, Hovde, J. Anderson, Dale
 - ii. Hovde moves to open nominations, seconded by Wagner
 - iii. Chadwick nominates himself
 - iv. Chadwick, Hovde, and Dale appointed
 1. **Congratulations!**
- C. Appoint three senators to the CSO Commission
 - i. Previously nominated is Sri
 - ii. J. Anderson moved to open nominations, seconded by Ringler
 - iii. Ludewig nominates himself
 - iv. Ringler nominates himself
 - v. Hovde moves to white ballot nominations
 1. **Congratulations Sri, Ludewig, and Ringler!**
- D. Appoint one graduate and one undergraduate senator to the University Assessment Committee
 - i. Previously nominated are Wagner and Sri
 - ii. Hovde moves to open nominations, seconded by E. Anderson
 - iii. Ludewig moves to white ballot nominations
 1. **Congratulations to Wagner and Sri!**
- E. Appoint two senators to the Student Media Board
 - i. Previously nominated are Kustka, Ludewig, Hoque, Walth, and Hovde
 - ii. Smith moves to open nominations, seconded by Chadwick
 - iii. Hoque rescinds nomination
 - iv. Manan nominates himself via email since he is absent from this meeting
 - v. Ludewig and Walth appointed
 1. **Congratulations!**
- F. Appoint one senator to the Learning Spaces Committee
 - i. Previously nominated is E. Anderson
 - ii. J. Anderson moves to open nominations, seconded by Ringler
 - iii. J. Anderson moves to white ballot nominations
 1. **Congratulations E. Anderson!**
- G. Appoint one graduate and one undergraduate senator to the University Curriculum Committee
 - i. Previously nominated are Sri (graduate), Wagner (undergraduate), Hovde (undergraduate), and Rohleder (undergraduate)
 - ii. Wagner moves to open nominations, seconded by Dale
 - iii. Oribamisse nominates himself (graduate)

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iv. Sri and Hovde appointed

1. **Congratulations!**

XX. Student Concerns

A. *Rohleder*: Some people have asked me about getting urinals in men's restrooms in the residence halls.

i. *Walth*: A great way to go about this would be to connect with your hall government.

B. *Hovde*: I would like to work on a project to get Kleenex in classrooms. With coronavirus and cold season, I think this would be a great thing to work on.

C. *E. Anderson*: I have organized all of the senator project ideas from appointments in a document. I will share it with you all.

XXI. Reports off the Floor

A. *Ludewig*: From someone who has senate experience, do not hold grudges against people that disagree with you. It is important to have discussion, and I am pleased with how tonight went.

XXII. Announcements

A. *Morrison*: To find the finance code online, go to the Student Government website and navigate to the resources tab. You should find it under Applications, Forms, and Guidelines.

XXIII. Adjourn