



FACULTY SENATE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

## Meeting Agenda

March 17, 2025

- I. Call to Order.
  1. Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM
- II. Attendance:
  1. See Appendix 1
  2. Substitutions:
    - i. Milijkovic for Hearne
    - ii. Wagner for Kryjevskaja
- III. Land Acknowledgement
- IV. Shared Governance
- V. Adoption of the Agenda
  1. Peters/Ray
  2. Approved Unanimously
- VI. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 02/10/2025
  1. Approved by unanimous consent
- VII. Announcements.
  1. President Cook/Chief of Staff Jace Beehler
    - i. Middle of the legislative session, still lots to go
    - ii. Huge thanks to Dr. Montplaisir on work with the session
    - iii. One big university budget which started on the Senate, then goes to cross-over, then House, and then committee
    - iv. Budget update out of the Senate, positive things for NDSU out of the Senate budget
    - v. Budget now in the House E&E, positive news coming out of House as well
    - vi. New Horizon concept – where is NDSU going over the next 10 years. \$35M ask
    - vii. Funding Formula – no adjustments to formula since 2013, specific for NDSU adjustments. There have been adjustments for other institutions and programs
      - a. Requested adjustment to Pharmacy factor, currently ~9, seeking to get closer to Medical factor of 35.
      - b. Averaging adjustment could add \$2.4 million to base
      - c. Challenge Grant funds - \$25 million up from \$21 last biennium
      - d. Economic Development research funding - \$8 million for all institutions
      - e. \$1 million for high performance computing
      - f. Budget 3% & 3% salary increases

- g. Still lots of unknowns and nothing is final yet from above numbers.
  - viii. Memorial Union – students interested in remodeling the union. This will be a student vote as it will be paid for by student fees
  - ix. Peters – other institutions are concerned about federal dollars, how does NDSU stand and could it impact hiring
  - x. Boonstoppel – we might end up with as much money as we did before?
  - xi. Ag Budget – Lardy has worked hard and he is well respected
    - a. Great Plains Transportation Institute
    - b. State Forestry budget
    - c. Northern Crop Institute
    - d. Extension and Extension research offices
    - e. Got thrown a curve ball, took cuts in first half
  - xii. A couple bills that Lisa will discuss that impact Higher Ed
2. Provost Bertolini
    - i. No Announcements
  3. Kay Hopkins, Staff Senate President
    - i. Nominations for Gunkelmen award are live and due on the 31<sup>st</sup>
  4. Garret Kuhn, Student Body President
    - i. No Announcements
  5. Jason Blosser, Assistant VP IT
    - i. Annually IT has a budget deficit of ~\$1 million for classroom technology
    - ii. Committee worked to come up with options to provide technology instructors need, but not ALL tech in EVERY classroom
    - iii. New model eliminates hyflex technology in some classrooms, trying to get a sense of what technology instructors need in what percentage of rooms/classes
  6. Kimberly Arvinson, NDSU Bookstore
    - i. Video being sent to Faculty
    - ii. Bison Ready program – See Appendix 2
    - iii. Expansion of existing program, students would pay \$325 per semester for all course materials (kits included)
    - iv. Will launch at admitted student day this year
    - v. Nothing changes for faculty, this all supports policy 462
    - vi. Students can opt off if their actual price is lower
  7. Lisa Montplaisir, Faculty Senate President
    - i. Introduction of new Registrar – Kim Gourneau – comes from MSUM-Mankato
    - ii. Bills – attached to agenda – Appendix 3
    - iii. 1437 – tenure bill, testified last week
    - iv. 1161 – testified earlier in the semester
    - v. 1220 – will testify upcoming
    - vi. 1437 – Sought some edits on House side, version that went to Senate had most of CCF edits, sticking point was the make-up of Post Tenure review

committee. Testified that our institution is different from smaller institution. NDSU and UND have nested review process and have many more tenured faculty

- a. CCF Amendments have been included in senate version, but adds the culminating committee on top of existing structure
- vii. 1220 Hearing – accelerated degrees bill, hearing on Friday
  - a. Haug – verbiage of ‘may’ to allow removal of Gen Ed requirements, testimony that speaks to how this violates some accreditation requirements for some of these programs
- viii. 1064 – reciprocity agreements – state board is against it. Outside institutions may not be held to same standard as in-state institutions
- ix. 1161 – take all open faculty and staff lines and put them into central pool until hire occurs – institutions would have to re-apply for those funds

8. Warren Christensen, Faculty Senate Past-President

- i. Not in attendance

9. Christina Weber, Faculty Senate President-Elect

- i. No Announcements

VIII. Committee and Other Reports.

IX. Consent Agenda.

- 1. UCC Report
- 2. Motion to approve: Magel/Conwell
- 3. Approved Unanimously

X. New Business

- 1. Proposed revision of bylaws
  - i. Article 2, Section 14
    - a. Change ‘Approve’ to “Recommend”
  - ii. Haug/Mathew
  - iii. 26 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain
- 2. Policy 162
  - i. Higgins-Dochtermann summarized changes and reasoning
  - ii. Greives – could you speak about motivation about training requirement changes
    - a. Vector training will replace the in-person training that will be required will be yearly
    - b. In-person training will still be required for supervisors
  - iii. Travers/Ray – motion to recommend changes
  - iv. Unanimously approved
- 3. Policy 333
  - i. Matt Diischer summarized changes and motivation
  - ii. Boonstoppel – 4.2 – reference 156.2, which does not exist
  - iii. Travers – 4.2 – who provides referral information; 2C care team reporting form – who submits that and how is it assessed
  - iv. McWood – confusion on what and who faculty are expected to report to and when it is on the faculty vs. the student vs. care team...etc.

- v. Boonstoppel – motion to recommend policy 333 changes, Greives second
- vi. Motion carries unanimously

4. Policy 334.1

- i. Diisscher – summarize changes and motivation
- ii. Travers – inquired about specific scenarios about employees vs. students in travel
- iii. Diischer – employee travel is separate from students in this policy, but it is not always clear-cut
- iv. Keller – statement about outside FM area, when we have Bismarck campus
- v. McWood moves to adjourn, Magel seconds
  - a. 16 Aye, 9 Nay ,3 Abstain

5. Policy 606

XI. Adjournment.

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I, Robert Hearne, am unable to attend the Faculty Senate meeting on March 17 2025.

I, hereby designate Dragan Miljkovic to be my substitute at said meeting with all the rights  
and privileges of the senator.



Senator's Signature

03/17/25

Date



Proxy's Signature

3/17/25

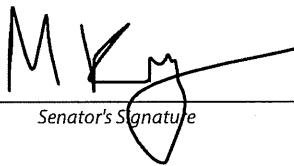
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I, Mila Kryjevskia, am unable to attend the Faculty Senate meeting  
on March 17, 2025.

I, hereby designate Alexander Wagner to be my substitute at said meeting  
with all the rights and privileges of the senator.

	March 12, 2025
<hr/> Senator's Signature	<hr/> Date
 alexander wagner	 Digitally signed by alexander wagner Date: 2025.03.12 14:59:12 -05'00'
<hr/> Proxy's Signature	<hr/> March 12, 2025 Date

### 2024-2025 Faculty Senate Attendance

Last Name	First Name	9-Sep	14-Oct	18-Nov	9-Dec	21-Jan	10-Feb	17-Mar	14-Apr	12-May
Akhmedov	Azer		X	X	X	X	X			
Amiri	Ali	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Banerjee	Samiran	X	X	X		X	X			
Benton	Bradley	X	X	X	X					
Bhagavathula	Akshaya		X	X	X					
Benna	Justin						X	X		
Boonstoppel	Sarah	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Butcher	Kirsten	X		X	X	X	X			
Chen	Jun (Jeffrey)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Christensen	Warren	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Conwell	Erin	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
David	Shannon	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Del Rio Mendoza	Luis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Emanuelson	Pamela	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Greives	Timothy	X	X	X	X		X	X		
Haug	Karla	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Hearne	Robert	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Hsu	Dan						X			
Jeong	Inbae	X	X	X	X		X	X		
Katti	Dinesh		X	X	X	X	X			
Keller	Stephanie	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Kirkpatrick	Sarah	X		X	X	X	X	X		
Kryjevskaja	Mila	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Li	Jin	X	X	X	X		X			
Magel	Ken	X	X	X	X		X	X		
Mataic	Dane	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Mathew	Febina	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Mathew	Sijo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
McWood	Leanna	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Monono	Ewumbua	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Montplaisir	Lisa	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Nelson	Kjersten	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Parson	Laura	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Peters	Tom	X	X		X	X	X	X		
Rao	Jiajia	X	X	X			X			
Ray	Chris	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Secor	Gary	X	X	X	X			X		
Smith	Matthew	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Steig	Jayme	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Sun	Xin (Rex)	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Nelson	Jill	X		X	X	X	X	X		
Templeton	Karisa	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Travers	Steve	X	X	X	X	X		X		

Uppala	Vishal	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Vanderburg	Kyle	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Vold	Jessica	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Weber	Christina		X	X	X	X	X	X		
Wu	Xiangfa		X	X		X	X	X		

\*indicates Alternate

44 voting senators

Quorum = 25 (25 senators must be present)

X = Present

P = Proxy



# BISON READY

- Faculty retain full academic freedom
- Whether faculty are using paid publisher content or free resources, all textbooks & materials remain available for adoption
- The adoption submission process will remain the same
- Digital materials will continue to be linked to the Bb course

**Questions? Please email [alicia.laferriere@ndsu.edu](mailto:alicia.laferriere@ndsu.edu)**

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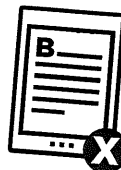
## BISON READY

A NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY COURSE MATERIALS PROGRAM



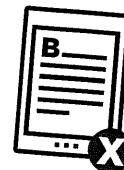
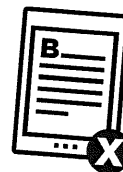
### COMPLETE

One price per semester for all required textbooks, kits, and digital materials.



### SELECT

Individually select and pay for the materials you want.



### OPT OUT

Source your course materials on your own.

North Dakota United Higher Ed Bills of Interest – 2025 Legislative Session

House Bills (now being heard in the Senate)

HB 1064 – Reciprocity agreements

- **Passed in the House 89-1-3**
- Would set requirements for out-of-state educational servicers to provide college-level courses in ND
- The bill now has an amendment that provides an exemption for some out of state servicers that do not meet CFI score requirements
- SBHE will propose amendments
- Hearing was at 10 am on 3/12 in Senate Education
- Waiting on committee work

HB 1161 – Vacant full-time equivalent position funding pool

- **Passed in the House 74-16-3**
- Would create a vacant FTE funding pool and require quarterly reporting on higher ed vacancies
- Hearing was at 9 am 3/17/25 in Senate Appropriations E&E
- Waiting on committee work

HB 1220 – Accelerated degrees for high-demand careers

- **Passed in the House 73-15-6**
- SBHE opposes
- Concern regarding lower-quality degrees/removing general education requirements/licensure not transferring/encroachment of SBHE's authority
- **Hearing scheduled at 9 am on Friday, 3/21 in Senate Workforce Development**
- **NDU members, please submit testimony**

HB 1391 – Adds health status as a protected class in discrimination laws

- **Passed in the House 67-26-0**
- Would make it discriminatory to require vaccines in schools
- **Hearing scheduled at 10 am on Tuesday, 3/18 in Senate Industry and Business**

HB 1437 – Prohibition of tenure being offered at two-year colleges starting in 2026

- **Passed in the House 84-5-5**
- Amended to no longer prohibit tenure at two year schools
- Updated bill language is still problematic as it would:
  - Require annual evaluations be conducted by president or designee of president
  - Require post-tenure review to be conducted by president or designee of president
  - Require post-tenure review committee include supervisor, one ranking administrator and no more than one faculty member
  - Require the SBHE to be involved in the firing of faculty along with the employing institution

- Committee hearing was at 10 am on 3/11 in Senate Education
- **Committee work scheduled at 2:30 on Wednesday, 3/19 in Senate Education**
- **Email the committee with your thoughts before 3/19 at 2:30**
  - tbeard@ndlegis.gov; rlemm@ndlegis.gov; maxtman@ndlegis.gov; jboschee@ndlegis.gov; jgerhardt@ndlegis.gov; mwobbema@ndlegis.gov

#### HB 1588 – Possession of firearms in public

- **Passed in the House 49-43-1**
- Amendments include
  - Ban on binary triggers
  - Ability of a political subdivision to enact and enforce firearm or dangerous weapon prohibition in public areas and buildings
  - Carve out of higher education that empowers SBHE to enact their own firearm policy
- Waiting on Senate committee hearing date

#### Senate Bills (now being heard in the house)

##### SB 2003 – Higher ed funding

- **Passed in the Senate 44-2-1**
- Legislature allocated 3% and 3% funding increases for each year of the biennium
  - Plus 1% and 1% for increased healthcare costs
- Multiple hearings for each institution within the last two weeks in House Appropriations E&E committee
- Waiting on new hearings and committee work schedule
- Will likely not be finalized until closer to the end of the session

##### SB 2147 – Student loan repayment program and scholarship program

- **Passed in the Senate 41-3-3**
- Amends a supplemental student loan financial assistance program for individuals whose total family income is less than \$80k/year
- Recipients are required to:
  - Reside in ND or within 50 miles of ND upon graduation
  - Have a student loan with the Bank of North Dakota or another participating lender
- Financial assistance capped at \$17k/year
- Also amends a skilled workforce scholarship program for ND college students
- Students receiving this scholarship must:
  - Maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher
  - Be enrolled in a qualifying educational program
  - Reside and work in ND or within 50 miles of ND
  - Work in an eligible high-demand or emerging occupation for a minimum of three years upon graduation of college program
- A recipient of this scholarship must pay it back if they breach the above requirements

- Committee hearing was 3/13 at 3:30 in House Appropriations E&E
- **Committee work scheduled Thursday, 3/20 at 915 am in House Appropriations**

SB 2160 – Changes state employee health insurance plan to a non-grandfathered plan with additional healthcare benefits at a cost

- **Passed in the Senate 44-2-1**
- Requires the state to cover increased health plan costs
- Committee hearing scheduled today, 3/17 at 3:30 pm in House Industry, Business, and Labor

SB 2242 – “Shall consider” study on the feasibility of consolidating higher ed institutions, development of three-year bachelor programs, dual credit expansion, analysis of tuition cost

- **Passed in the Senate 47-0**
- **Passed in the House 89-4-1 after amendments**
- Newly amended version includes two additions to the study:
  - Research of the competitiveness among state institutions
  - An analysis of the quality of education provided at each state institution
- **Concurred in the Senate 47-0**
- **Headed to the Governor to be signed**

SB 2307 – Book ban bill framed as “obscenity control”

- **Passed in the Senate 27-20**
- Requires relocation of material judged as obscene by “reasonable” or “average” adults to a location not easily accessible to minors
- Requires safety policy and prevention measures to block online access to explicit sexual material
- Amended to no longer include misdemeanor penalty, but allows for prosecution by the state and withholding of state funds to entities that do not comply
- *Now excludes higher ed*, but still includes public libraries, school libraries, and state agencies
- Would cost the state an estimated \$1,110,837 in the 2025-2027 biennium, then \$926,956 in the 2027-2029 biennium
- **Hearing scheduled for 9 am on Tuesday, 3/18 in House Judiciary Committee**
- NDU members, please submit testimony

#### Failed bills and resolutions

HB 1100 – School lunch debt forgiveness

- Would spend 2 million dollars to eliminate lunch debt
- Started in House Education, where it passed 14-0 and was referred to appropriations
- Appropriations voted 18-3 *do not pass*, saying things like “it’s time for parents to step up” and “school lunches cost half as much as a happy meal”
- **Failed 20-72-2**

HB 1145 – Display ten commandments in schools and colleges

- Would require ten commandments in the cafeteria of all k12 schools and higher ed institutions
- **Failed 38-53-3**

HB 1179 – 24 days of paid time off for faculty on 12-month contracts

- **Passed in the House 82-11**
- SBHE opposes
- Was turned into a “shall consider” study
- **Failed in the Senate 0-47**

HB 1365 – Possession of firearms in public

- **Failed 29-62-2**
- All but two gun bills failed

HB 1457 – Expands exemptions for vaccine requirements

- **Failed 46-40-7**

HB 1475 – universal school meals bill

- **Failed 39-54-0**

HB 1553 – additional universal school meals bill

- **Failed 14-75-5**

SB 2355 – Requires intelligent design to be taught “as a viable scientific theory for the creation of all life forms” in school science content standards

- **Failed 22-25**

SB 2392 - Regulates prohibited discriminatory practices in higher ed, public schools, and state agencies

- Prohibits training and “submissions, statements, or documents” on what are considered “discriminatory practices”
- Some listed discriminatory practices include any concept that:
  - Asserts an individual, by virtue of the individual's personal identity characteristics, is inherently privileged, oppressed, racist, sexist, oppressive, or a victim, whether consciously or unconsciously.
  - Asserts an individual, by virtue of the individual's personal identity characteristics, bears responsibility for actions committed in the past by other individuals with the same personal identity characteristics.
  - Asserts that meritocracy is inherently racist or sexist.
  - Asserts that sociopolitical structures are inherently a series of power relationships and struggles among racial groups.
  - Promotes resentment between, or resentment of, individuals by virtue of their personal identity characteristics.

- Considers an individual's personal identity characteristics in determining receipt of state financial aid or other state financial assistance, including a scholarship award or tuition waiver.
- Is referred to or named diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Senator Wobbema did not realize a bill like this already passed in 2023 until President Armacost told him about it
- Wobbema recommended do not pass
- **Failed 1-46 (Powers was the one yes vote)**

HCR 3012 – to repeal section 10 of article X of the Constitution, which would eliminate the statewide property tax levy of one mill to support the UND Medical Center

- **Failed 43-42-9 (needed 48 to pass)**

SCR 4023 – to repeal section 10 of article X of the Constitution, which would eliminate the statewide property tax levy of one mill to support the UND Medical Center

- **Failed 21-26-0 (needed 24 to pass)**

*There are over 1,000 bills, so I may have missed a few. If you think a bill is missing from this list, email [andrew.winter@ndunited.org](mailto:andrew.winter@ndunited.org).*