What's up NDSU: Provost and Registrar Search
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A search for a new Registrar at NDSU is well underway. The search committee conducted four virtual interviews the week of February 10th and is currently in the process of checking references. The committee intends to bring 2 – 3 finalists to campus for interviews in early March. The on-campus interviews will include an open forum for students, faculty and staff as well as many smaller stakeholder meetings. It is hoped that a new Registrar will be selected by the end of March.

The Registrar position is an important one as it is responsible for upholding the academic integrity of student records and ensuring that academic policy is upheld. Responsibilities include providing visionary and collaborative leadership. Continued on page 2...
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to the Office of Registration and Records to ensure the maintenance, preservation, security and transmission of student academic records and transcript services. Other duties include directing registration, scheduling of courses and assignment of classrooms, monitoring the implementation of academic policies and preparation of related reports, implementation of academic and student data privacy policies including FERPA, supervision of unit staff and budget management, serving on University and professional committees, overseeing activities related to commencement ceremonies, and, implementing necessary technology to achieve department goals.

NDSU is also currently conducting a national search for its next Provost. The Provost reports to the President and is responsible for managing all matters related to academic affairs, accreditation, and assessment for the University. A 14-member search committee which includes the NDSU Study Body President was selected by President Bresciani and began its work on January 30th.

Parker Executive Search is the search firm assisting NDSU in conducting the search. The recently revised search timeline is currently targeting the weeks of April 27th and May 4th for conducting campus interviews for Provost candidate finalists with names submitted to the President shortly thereafter. The search committee is asking the entire campus to help identify highly qualified candidates for this very important Provost position.

Please send nominations to Charles D. Peterson, Chair Provost Search Committee to Charles.Peterson@ndsu.edu.

Visit our Provost search webpage at https://www.ndsu.edu/president/about/provostsearch2020/ to access up-to-date information on the Provost search including position description, search committee membership, search timeline, and other important information and updates.
The position of Executive Commissioner of Technology is a more “back-end” focused position, dealing more with administrative and management related duties and tasks. One of the main roles of my position is the moderation and management of the Student Listserv. So, I’m the person who sends the student body daily email digests about various activities and programs being put on by the campus, and student organizations on campus. The way it works is organizations email me with their message that they would like to send out, and I check the message to make sure it falls within acceptable guidelines and approve it to go out to the students.

In addition to moderating the student announcement Listserv, I also host the Student Government podcast, “So I’ve Herd.” This is a podcast aimed at providing a platform for various individuals throughout campus to speak and share their perspectives and insights. This ranges from faculty, staff, professors, students, and grad-students. My goal when I first started this podcast was to give a voice to people who most students may not see or hear about while attending college at NDSU, and it was and still is my belief that when we hear from a wide array of ideas and viewpoints, we as individuals at the University can have a more well rounded and overall better experience at NDSU.

If you want to reach out and contact me directly, you can email me at Jordan.nitscj@ndsu.edu or if you want a message sent out to the student body over the Listserv, you can email ndsusg.techcomm@gmail.com
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Senator Spotlight:
Jacob Anderson: Senator for the College of Human Sciences and Education

My name is Jacob Anderson and I am a freshman here at North Dakota State pursuing degrees in Elementary Education and Human Development and Family Science. I currently serve as a Senator for the College of Human Sciences and Education. I hope to continue on to become a teacher in the future.

Last semester, I joined Student Government to take an active role on campus and to experience different aspects of NDSU. Being a Student Government member has opened my eyes to all that NDSU has to offer. NDSU Student Government does a lot of behind the scenes work such as working with student organizations and administration. I have seen my colleagues working on many new projects to get students involved and make an impact in every day campus life. It has inspired me to start my own initiatives and make an actual difference on campus. As a new senator, I have been able to adapt to all the things that take place in Student Government and enjoy learning more about what campus has to offer.

If I can be of any help to you, please feel free to reach out to me by email: jacob.anderson.11@ndsu.edu.
Organization Spotlight:

**College Democrats**

We are a student organization working to elect Democratic Party candidates and provide networking and leadership opportunities for student members. We work to advance the politics of both the Democratic Party and the Student Body of North Dakota State University. Being a politically active student on campus comes with a lot of responsibly to stay informed on current elections and policies as well as voting information. We work to ensure our peers are educated on their options, polling locations, and forms of voting. We've welcomed state representatives and campaign members to speak at our meetings so students can see firsthand the work being done to advance democratic politics and ideals. Young people are the future of our country, which is why we believe it is imperative that students get involved in politics and start to understand and care about the issues that affect their everyday lives. Our group provides a safe place where students can feel comfortable learning about current events with other like-minded people, which is especially important in a traditionally conservative state like North Dakota.

If you are interested in joining, please reach out to President Taylor Spreeman at taylor.spreeman@ndsu.edu

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Being politically active as a college student is to fully experience a liberal arts education. The intention of a liberal arts education at a University is so that one develops a core understanding of all areas of study. This is why we are required to take Math, Science, English, Humanities, etc. courses rather than solely taking classes in the area to which we will work in. I believe that political involvement is also a key element of this core education. With the decreasing political involvement in each generation, we need young people to do more than take courses regarding the government, rather we need to instigate a mindset of political involvement and awareness. This can only be done outside the classroom where students have to exhibit effort and interest in their free time, otherwise, once they finish a governmental class, their interest and involvement end there. I see how being politically involved allows my peers and I to become more aware of the issues that are affecting our world and gain a better understanding of the interests and intents of our elected officials are far deeper than what we see in political ads. Through my involvement as a politically active college student, I too have been able to meet firsthand our elected officials and voice my concerns and perspective to them. Without this experience, my opinions and understanding of the world would be merely memorized facts from class, rather than a deeper understanding and passion for politics in our world. College Republicans stands for an organization of individuals who believe our Western Judeo-Christian values are the cornerstone of our nation, and free enterprise and private ownership enables economic prosperity and the highest quality of life for all people. We believe in supporting those who uphold these principles and encouraging our peers to learn about why these principles have enabled the United States to become the most prosperous, free, and peaceful nation in the world. Our organization was founded on the belief that all people have the innate right of “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness” that the government can never infringe on. My favorite memory from being a part of College Republicans is attending the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), in Washington, D.C. last year. I had the opportunity to go with other College Republicans from North Dakota State University to D.C. and meet hundreds of other young conservatives from across the world. We were able to hear some of the most prominent policy makers in the Republican party speak as well as the President and Vice President of the United States. We were able to hear new ideas and perspectives along with how to spread political involvement on our campus.

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Young Americans for Liberty is a national student organization dedicated to promoting the message of liberty and individual freedom across America’s college campuses. Our mission is to educate, train, and mobilize young people to make liberty win on campus and in electoral politics. Our organization stands for the protection of our individual autonomy and Constitutional rights, a small and limited government that abides by their Constitutional duties, and the economic freedom to trade and form deals without government intervention.

Being a politically-active student is both frustrating and exciting. Being able to openly advocate for your beliefs and see them truly take effect on a governmental level is exhilarating, but many times the constant back-and-forth between politicians and their party politics obstructs any real change from taking place.

My favorite memory as a member of Young Americans for Liberty was when I was able to meet and speak with several politicians and public speakers at YAL’s national conference in Detroit last September. Being able to meet people I’ve looked up to for so long was truly inspiring, and it made me realize that anyone can affect political change if they put in the energy and time.

If you are interested in joining, please reach out to President Ezra Gray at ezra.gray@ndsu.edu