Rian called the meeting to order. Introductions followed.

1. Student Technology Fee Increase: Marc thanked everyone for their support of the requested increase and reviewed the request and granting process. The upcoming summer terms are part of the current fiscal year. We are unsure if the proposed 15-credit tuition cap will also result in a cap on fees. Marc asked the committee to consider whether there should be a standard annual increase to the technology fee, or if increases should be considered on a year-by-year basis.

2. Student Technology Fee Use: the final SLA with NDUS may impact how much additional funding the IT Division may need from TFAC this fiscal year. Marc asked the committee to consider whether funds for Action Plan awards should be limited to $150,000 per semester starting next fall, allowing for greater financial support of IT Division needs. It was noted that none of the funds from the latest NDSU tuition increase have been directed to the IT Division.

3. Spring Semester Action Plans: Marc would like the committee’s recommendations to feature ranking of the awards, in case shortage of funds calls for limited availability to support the awards as desired.

Marc left the meeting, at 11:30 a.m.

4. Discussion:
   - The Wellness fee increase proposals are projected for approximately five years.
   - The student technology fee increases should be tied to increases in appropriated fund allocations.
   - IT is a critical need of the campus for everyone, but the student technology fee was not intended to support core functions of IT, nor act as the sole source of funding for increased needs in campus IT services. The history of this fee should be communicated to the Provost.
   - Students don’t want to see IT cut services that they need; but students shouldn’t have to pay for all the shortfalls in the campus. Students are here to get an education, not get involved in the politics of state funding issues.
• Taxpayers’ increased awareness of the state’s funding policies would be helpful. We could consider soliciting proposals from students on how this can be accomplished, but we should first consider whether political advocacy is appropriate for this committee.

• Lack of a comprehensive strategic plan for NDSU contributes to the IT Division’s current situation.

• This committee should be good stewards of student technology fee funds and make a determination of the adequacy of the fee. Additionally, the group can contribute to NDSU’s discussion of IT funding.

• We have received no indication that once the ConnectND bonds are paid off, a portion of that revenue would be allowed to remain with the institutions.

• SITS is interpreting implementation of the efficiencies outlined in the recent memo by Grant Shaft, SBHE President, to feature a decrease in IT allocations, flexibility and autonomy at the NDUS campuses.

• The committee will meet again to continue this discussion, before it meets to review the action plans submitted.

5. **Action Plan Proposal Deadline:** the deadline is March 9.

6. **Membership:** Ridhima Agarwal and Luke Paper have indicated they are no longer able to serve on the committee; Student Government is seeking new student members to fill their positions.

The meeting was adjourned.