Williston State College
Senate Council
October 9th 1:00 pm
Stevens Hall 114

Chair/President:
Katie Renville

Members:

Leah Windnagle (subbing for Jessalyn Obenchain)

Amanda Davis

Drew Conn (subbing for Keri Fedler)

Kari Lesmeister

Wyatt Olson

Steven Grunenwald (subbing for Richard Stenberg)

Susan Zimmerman

Staff Rep – Ashley Kaneko ABSENT

Student Rep – Chris Desario ABSENT

Yulia Kovaleva

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1) **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (SEPTEMBER 2026)**
   a) Called: 1:00
   b) Ashley Kaneko was not present
   c) Motion
      i) First - Zimmerman
      ii) Second - Davis

2) **PREVIOUS BUSINESS**
   a. Trail of Treats
      a. Tabled
   b. Course Survey- Update from Student Senate
   c. Faculty Evaluation- No feedback received. When to implement?
      a. Grunenwald gave suggested improvements earlier
      b. Will go to Instructional Cabinet
      c. Opinion on when to implement?
         i. Start in Spring 27 to implement to start getting feedback on it

3) **NEW BUSINESS**
   a) Policy 512.06 Student Driver and Use of State Fleet
      i) Based on updated version of State Board of Higher Education policy
      ii) New addition for student organizations

(1) Language unclear on if organization can use it based on advisor approval or in control of WSC

iii) Recommendation for clarity and consistency on language of "direction and control" and consistency on the procedure

iv) Motion to Approve

(1) First - Grunenwald

(2) Second - Kovaleva

b) Policy 703.11 Early Retirement

i) Concern with needing tenure for early retirement language in the beginning of the policy

(1) Cannot change language of State Board of Higher Education policy

ii) Tabled for clarification on wording to see if untenured staff can potentially apply

iii) Note that there are no specific guidelines for retirement at WSC at the moment

c) 619.8W Social Media Account Management

(1) Policy 619.8W Social Media Account Management

(a) Question on how student organization accounts not considered official college social media accounts

(i) Definition of official social media account is authorized by Marketing and created/maintained by a WSC unit or employee with an assigned job; clubs are not assigned by the college

(ii) Could be a preventative measure for situations where an organization expresses ideas or values that conflict with the college

(iii)Procedure clarifies some wording of the Policy

(2) Procedure 619.8W Social Media Account Management

(3) Motion to Approve 619.8W Policy and Procedure

(a) First Grunenwald

(b) Second Davis

4) <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>

a) Gen Ed Summit Overview- Amanda and Wyatt

i) Discussion on events

ii) Adding an alternate for ND Gen Ed membership

iii) Thinking/drafting up a general letter to show support for General Education courses/programs for use if gen eds get threatened

iv) Connect more with Claire Gunwall's office when on legislature

(1) Work with Alexey Kovalev and his group CCF (Council of College Faculties) to get a more regular connection with Gunwall's office

5) <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

a) Adjourned:

i) 2:01 pm

NEXT MEETING – November 13th, 1pm