

**Williston State College
Senate Council
September 18th 1:00 pm
Stevens Hall 114**

Chair/President:

Katie Renville

Members:

Jessalyn Obenchain

Amanda Davis

Keri Fedler

Kari Lesmeister

Wyatt Olson

Richard Stenberg

Susan Zimmerman

Staff Rep-Ashley

Kaneko

Student Rep- Chris
Desario

Yulia Koveleva

1) MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

a) Called 1:00 PM

2) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (AUGUST, 2026)

a) Motion to Approve

i) First - Stenberg

ii) Second - Davis

3) PREVIOUS BUSINESS

a. IRB Procedure

a. Discussed updates to meet federal guidelines

b. Minor spelling edits m

c. Motion to approve and send to council

a. First - Davis

b. Second - Olson

b. Copyright Policy 620- Not part of NDUS system anymore. Do we need? We have 611.2 intellectual property.

a. Copyright policy discovered as redundant, which is why it was three decades old

b. No motion needed as it is policy not being followed

4) NEW BUSINESS

a. Trail of Treats

a. From 4-6 pm at night on Oct 30th

- b. Requests volunteers for booths
 - c. Research showed downtown event Saturday from 3-5
 - d. Concerns if faculty volunteer want to stay late on Friday
- b. Course Survey
 - a. Recommend sending to Student Senate for feedback
 - b. Discussion of questions
 - a. Changing questions
 - b. Adding options for answers
- c. Faculty Evaluation
 - a. Planned future evaluations: classroom observation and self-evaluation
 - b. Adding content for being faculty as a whole and not just the classroom
 - c. Request for being clear and consistent on language (ex. faculty/instructor) across the board
 - d. Discussion on benefits of 1-4 vs 1-5 numerical scales
 - a. Define what each number in the scale represents as currently only the highest and lowest scores have definitions
 - e. Disperse to faculty through email to identify the concerns

5) OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Outstanding Alumni and Outstanding Faculty Banquet Sept 21st

6) ADJOURNMENT

- a) Adjourned 1:50 PM

7) NEXT MEETING – Oct 9th, 2026