

The Student Voice

Subject: Organizational Priorities

Listening Session: 4/20/2021

Prompt 1: *What are the three most important priorities for your organization in the next year, either specifically for your group or for the campus as a whole?*

Black Collegiate Women - Recruiting more people to our organization; getting more people to show up to organizational meetings; and getting participation within our organization and more investment into our organization.

Bison Student Veterans - Establish a Veteran Resource Center, growing our membership on campus, and engaging in the community.

Chi Alpha – Being able to sing on campus again; host our monthly events on/around campus after our weekly services; raise a lot of money for Feed One (raised \$20,000 this year).

Crossroads Campus Ministry - Increasing attendance, making the space welcome for all, and bringing joy to the community, sharing God's love, recruitment, creating welcome environment and sense of belonging, giving back to the community.

College Democrats - More events, recruiting more members (this was a tough year for all organizations), and continued levels of high volunteerism as well as the ability to host events in person comfortably again. We want to encourage a general sense of belonging and we want to be knowledgeable in news and events on and off campus.

Society of Women Engineers – Providing an inclusive environment to welcome new members to create a more diverse group; get back to doing "normal" SWE activities, being able to do things that we were unable to do this year due to COVID restrictions; find new ways to support our members and keep more members active through new events, panels, and activities.

Prompt 2: *Why?*

Black Collegiate Women - Because BCW doesn't have as much of a presence at NDSU and we do not get enough exposure.

Bison Student Veterans - As student veterans, it is becoming more pressing to establish a location where services and resources are centrally located, which will ultimately have a tremendous impact on the success of student veterans. As of right now, St. Cloud and Moorhead both have veteran resource centers, making NDSU

look less appealing to military students. We also need to grow the number of student veterans active in BSV, which can be done by promoting and highlighting student veterans even more on campus. Lastly, we would like to engage more in the community because it is important to show that we are continuing to serve even if we have hung up our uniforms.

Chi Alpha - All these things are important to us to better serve our students here on campus as well as creating the best possible environment for students to encounter Jesus. We want to serve our campus well, as well as the greater community and world. We have a huge focus on providing a solid community for our students, which will be much more effective with the above stated priorities.

Crossroads Campus Ministry - Crossroads is a wonderful place and we'd like to share that love with more people (especially those who have felt marginalized) and we haven't had a lot of opportunity for fun this year so we'd like to change that. Providing a welcoming space for all and sharing God's love is a priority for our group any time and then making sure we do that safely due to covid. We hope that 2021-22 will be a year of returning to our shared vision and bringing new life to it.

College Democrats - Being more involved with the campus and community is one of the core values of our organization and with the issues that covid brought we think that there may be some freshman that feel like they don't belong at NDSU or within an organization on campus. We want the people in our group to experience as much growth as they possibly can within themselves while a part of our club and feel that the differences that we have within our group are appreciated.

Society of Women Engineers - It has been difficult this year to feel like we belong to a group and can support one another due to being unable to travel together, host outreach together, or hold large in-person gatherings. This creates obstacles to invite in new members, form relationships and relate to one another. We are looking forward to providing a space and group for women in engineering to form relationships, find support and learn new skills.

Prompt 3: *What can or will your organization do to make progress toward your priorities?*

Black Collegiate Women - Get more publicity and tell more black women about our organization.

Bison Student Veterans - VALOR and BSV have helped change some policy in order to better fit the issues faced by student-veterans. Our organization will continue to fight for a space, and we will be reaching out to different school organizations, sports teams, etc. to ensure we can spread the word and join to make NDSU a better community. We hope to reach out to people and have more face-to-face interactions next semester, we

will be using word of mouth and networking to get involvement up, and we hope to find ways to connect with veterans that may not know that we are here.

Chi Alpha - We will continue to plan to the best of our ability given the guidelines set forth by the University.

Crossroads Campus Ministries - We can show our support by showing up to protests and attending cultural events on campus. We can also work to ensure our advertising is available and accessible to all. Continue to plan events, radical hospitality, provide worship and community building opportunities. Our first goal is great involvement in Welcome Week and hope to make lasting connections with new and returning students.

College Democrats - Our dedication to the club and to one another and commitments or goals that we set weekly so that we can come best prepared to our meetings, we have goals for people to remain members in the club that reflect our values while also taking into consideration each person's capabilities. We set a goal to offer more of our services on and off campus in our community, we want to introduce a wide range of speakers that will help us create connections to people away from the NDSU community. More physical time together (not on zoom) next semester will help relationships blossom and grow. Our organization will reach this by its involvement in welcome week to get our name spread around campus. We want to be at a booth tabling to interact with new students and help get them involved.

Society of Women Engineers - A few things the next officer team can do to achieve these goals is to recruit at Welcome Week and Activities Fairs as we have done in the past or post on social media and get the word out. Another thing that tends to work better is a personal invitation to a classmate or someone you have met, by offering to attend a SWE meeting or event together.

Prompt 4: *What steps could the senates and administration at NDSU take to help?*

Black Collegiate Women - Consider us a cultural group so we can get more funding for our organization.

Bison Student Veterans - We would like to see the NDSU administration and senates spread their time and focus to other communities on campus. We feel as though the administration should be highlighting student veterans and NDSU military connections throughout the year, not just a slight hint to it on holidays. BSV also needs more support from NDSU administration and senates, we feel like we have been pushing very hard for some type of support, but don't receive anything. We barely received an email showing campus and all of its students support for us during Veteran's Day last year. Things that could help include sharing positive stories to NDSU about what veterans are doing or highlight us, veterans have a lot to offer and a lot of experiences. In addition, we would like NDSU to promote more to potential veterans in the community who are not using their GI Bill and just need to figure out where to go. An example could be to promote NDSU at the air show this

summer. We would also like support on getting our name out there and highlight the good things that are happening with the student veteran community, specifically having President Bresciani show his support. Lastly, we believe their needs to be more transparency between student organizations and the senates and administration at NDSU. BSV was established back in 2018, but there were many hoops and obstacles to overcome, which could have been solved with more guidance and advice. An example could be to have a checklist to show organizations what needs to be done and when it needs to get done by. We feel like having the support will help us take the steps we need to accomplish our priorities. Remember: student veterans don't have a lot to fix, but rather they have a lot to value.

Chi Alpha - Continuing to advocate and support the Presidents re-opening efforts. Continuing to allow for religious freedoms on campus.

Crossroads Campus Ministry - Work to ensure students feel heard and supported and make COVID guidelines very clear to student orgs. Continue to share the stories of the organizations they are a part of and remain informed of other organizations in order to help others find organizations they may connect well with.

College Democrats - Make easy pathways for club events and advertisements. Student government has in the past been pretty strict on how a club must operate to receive little to any funding. Setting up a page on myNDSU where companies/people can go and request to meet with NDSU clubs so it would encourage people to reach out to the clubs instead of clubs always having to do the reaching out. Create more events and announcements that reassure the NDSU community that all people students, faculty, etc. no matter race, gender, class, etc. will be accepted and respected on campus. I also think that creating an easier space for groups like ours to put on events and meetings will help our group along with many others.

Society of Women Engineers - The biggest thing is probably supporting vaccine sites to ensure that next school year will allow for more in-person events and travel. Another thing is helping student organizations form relationships with local professionals, schools, and companies. For example, we have tried to host outreach for kids in the past, but it has been difficult to get the word out in local schools.