

South Dakota Mines Student Association Senate

Minutes

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Roll Call

P = Present E = Excused A = Absent

International Senator

Niven Feranades [P]

Graduate Senator

Calvin Tohm [P]

Freshman Senators

Augustus Fink [P]

Jonathon Schock [P]

Karson Lindwurm [P]

Nathan Sattler [P]

Parker Smith [P]

Junior Senators

Brady Dumont [P]

Hagan Archer [E] Proxy Guillermo Mendez

Madelyn Siekmann [P]

Samantha Twing [P]

Duncan Pilling [P]

Nontraditional Senator

Ryan Cantz [P]

Veteran Senator

Patrick Winter [P] Proxy Wesly Quigley

Sophomore Senators

Adedokun Alarape [P]

Clive Uy [P]

Jordan Lannerd [P]

Nicholas Lockwood [P]

William Kuhl [P]

Senior Senators

Eliza McCallum [P]

Kaden Jerke [P]

Jordan Harter [P]

Yash Naik [P]

Issaac Nedved [P]

Item	Primary Speaker
1. Roll Call and Approval of Proxies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passes unanimously 	VP Lewis
2. Approval of the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passes unanimously 	President Kessinger
3. Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passes unanimously 	President Kessinger
4. Open Floor Guests <p>A. Chess Club Presentation – Hunter Harrison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Senator McCallum</u>: Do you know when you will fill your VP position? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Hunter Harrison</u>: We will be filling that soon; I've been approaching 	

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<p>some students who may be willing to fill the position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>CFO Van Ruler</u>: will chess club be looking for funding this year?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Hunter Harrison</u>: No, I don't believe so.• <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: Are the boards and pieces you use from student engagement.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Hunter Harrison</u>: Yes, they are.	
<p>5. Unfinished Business A. Resolution 23.F.010 Student Organization Deactivation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senator Alarape motion to vote.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second Senator Twing• Motion passes unanimously	
<p>6. New Business A. Resolution 23.F.012 Chess Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No discussion <p>B. Resolution 23.F.013 Concrete Canoe Supplemental</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Twing</u>: What's a concrete mold vendor<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator McCallum</u>: Every year we have to have a mold and the concrete is shaped around the mold so the vendor makes the mold for us, this year we could not get one for free, so a supplemental was needed to pay for the mold.• <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: So, did they just find out they would not be getting a mold.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator McCallum</u>: we found out after SOAP requests were filed that we were not getting a free mold this year. <p>C. Resolution 23.F.015 Exam during Career Fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: So in our excused absence policy students are allowed to go to the career fair instead of class.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: I know it would still cause me stress if I missed a test to go to the career fair.○ <u>Senator Lockwood</u>: I had six hours of lab that was the issue not class.● <u>Senator Lewis</u>: From president Kessinger: The issue is more that students have to study for tests instead of preparing for the career fair.● <u>Senator Twing</u>: can we table and amend this.● Senator Twing motion to table<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Senator Pilling seconds● Motion passes unanimously.	
<p>7. Open Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>CFO Van Ruler</u>: Has any one parked on the football stadium ramps because a lot of people got tickets including myself.○ <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: We went over this in parking appeals and I don't see them getting appealed as one person not following the lines doesn't allow for other people to do the same.○ <u>CFO Van Ruler</u>: If someone parks oddly everyone else must follow the same pattern or they can't park.○ <u>Senator Alarape</u>: It should be discussed but I feel the best thing you should do should be to get a collection of students for us to bring to the next parking appeals meeting.○ <u>Senator Keel</u>: So, for the lines should we make a resolution to get them repainted?○ <u>Senator McCallum</u>: We did have a parking committee, it was disbanded but it may be a good idea to reinstate this committee○ <u>Senator Twing</u>: You could create a photo or video to show the issue	

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<p>during the parking appeals committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: Related question when you were going through the appeals did anyone come forward to ask about the appeals?○ <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: One person out of 43 did.○ <u>Senator Tohm</u>: Is it just a matter of people parking big vehicles up there?○ <u>CFO Van Ruler</u>: The issue is more the spots being at an angle in some parts but it doesn't stay that way throughout despite people still following that pattern.○ <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: There were a lot of people having issues with how the stadium parking is colored.○ <u>Senator Alarape</u>: just for clarification, campus safety did say that the map trumps everything else.○ <u>VP Lewis</u>: So, looking at this we will be looking at reopening the parking committee.○ <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: The other big issue was the lack of transparency when it comes to overnight parking. Many graduate students are getting tickets despite not staying all night.	
<p>8. CFO Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● looked at the supplemental today we will be looking at another one next week.● again, if anyone knows someone in Mine Rescue, please tell them about the funding issues.● I'm working on talking points for GAF● <u>Senator Alarape</u>: is that going to be sent to the organization's officers?○ CFO Van ruler: I'm thinking of sending this out to both them and to	CFO Van Ruler

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<p>9. VP Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Federation update we had our meeting for the month both DSU and Northern University have officially started to petition for a GAF increase on their campus', so they are working to get a majority of their campus on board, the hope is to begin this process ourselves.• <u>Senator McCallum:</u> So are the rest of the universities in favor of this but they don't need an increase themselves?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>VP Lewis:</u> I wouldn't say support they just don't have as much student organization participation, so they don't need as much GAF as they do. They also quite like the tuition freeze.• Meeting with President Rankin: we have an update on the athletics transportation situation, so Fort Hays has busses that it uses for tourist transportation that are unused during the winter, so the school is looking to put together a contract. We talked about GAF updates as well as thing from the SA poll. President Rankin also mentioned that he would like to be an open floor guest. Many students were worried about the career fair would go away with Matt Hanley leaving the university, President Rankin would like to make sure that we know that this is not going to happen.• For the last 4 years Governor Noem Has allowed us to take off the Monday after Easter, we have been made aware that at the Student Federation level to take a stance to make a permanent change to the academic calendar.	VP Lewis

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Senator Twing</u>: I think we should try to get Rankin in during one of our meetings in the ball room. ○ <u>VP Lewis</u>: I believe that is wonderful idea. 	
<p>10. President's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	President Kessinger
<p>11. Other Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Senator Fernandes</u>: I did a survey and got into contact with the International Center to try and get feedback; we did get 1 complaint and hopefully we will get some details about that soon. • Veterans Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Proxy Quigley</u>: The veterans club is putting on the Veterans Club chili cook off on November 7th • Graduate Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Senator Tohm</u>: no report • Non-Traditional Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Senator Cantz</u>: no report 	Senators Fernades, Winter, Tohm, Cantz
<p>12. Committee Reports</p> <p>A. Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Senator Uy</u>: I was able to meet with Kingdom Sports so they should potentially be presenting next week. <p>B. Public Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Senator Siekman</u>: next week is our first senate meeting in the ballroom. • <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: next week is our last volleyball game and pigskin problem. <p>C. Governmental Relations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: Halloween costume contest next week there will be a trophy. <p>D. Student Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Senator McCallum</u>: Thank you to everyone that came to the forum. I think in the future we will be coming 	

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up with a way to get more people to come. Next Monday I'll send out a survey about D2L.

- Senator McCallum: branching off of what senator Fernandes said is we got a complaint about professors not knowing how to interact with international students Dean Dlugos had an idea of working with International Center
- Dean Dlugos: It's not just students many faculty members feel that students are extra harsh on them for being international.
- Senator Lockwood: I did talk to people about D2L, there were 2 kinds of complaints; its either the Professor doesn't use it or doesn't understand it.
 - Senator Lannerd: that is essentially the same thing I've heard.
 - Senator Tohm: professors receive no training for D2L.
 - Dean Dlugos: So, there is a full-time member of staff called Facility Development Director its their job to train and bring opportunities to the facility. their office would be the place to provide training or bring in experts to provide training.

E. Campus & Ad Hoc Committees

- Senator Pilling: Talked to Cody Marshall about the cameras, a few still need to be installed for phase 1. He said that phase 2 is what senate should be working towards.
- Senator Cantz: Attended the Turk meeting which is the committee which is in charge of KTEQ they were adding quite a few new members and officers.
- Senator Tohm: The commencement committee met, they wanted us to

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<p>know that there were 50 students graduating and \$10,000 was spent for the ceremony. They felt that it was a bit too much money for so few students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator McCallum</u>: this was discussed last year and we went over trying to find a cheaper place to have the December commencement.○ Senator Tohm: I feel given how much we spend for education I feel that the least the school could do is put on a proper commencement.○ <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: Another thing we could use is the Dahl Arts Center.○ <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: why couldn't we use the ballroom.○ <u>Senator Dlugos</u>: It may be a bit too small, and we've never had to limit tickets before.○ <u>Senator Smith</u>: For the Dahl Arts Center, parking may be an issue for that.○ <u>Senator McCallum</u>: If you have any ideas I'm also on the commencement committee.	
<p>13. Upcoming Senate Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>Senator Lewis</u>: Costume contest in the ballroom next week.	
<p>14. Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: Thank you everyone for voting for the commencement speaker. We have 2 finalists, Morgen Else and Cody Marshall.● <u>VP Lewis</u>: President Kessinger would like everyone to know that he has sent out an email for a parking committee.● <u>Proxy Quigley</u>: 61 days till Christmas	
<p>15. Adjournment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Senator Uy motion to adjourn.○ Second Senator Pilling	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion passes.	
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