

South Dakota Mines Student Association Senate

Minutes

Date: October 4th, 2023

Time: 5:00

Location: Pearson Alumni Center



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]

[P]

Junior Senators

Brady Dumont [P]

Hagan Archer [P]

Madelyn Siekmann [P]

Samantha Twing [P]

Duncan Pilling [P]

Nontraditional Senator

Ryan Cantz [P]

Veteran Senator

Patrick Winter [P]

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None	
5. Unfinished Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None	
6. New Business A. Resolution 23.F.005 GAFAC	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No discussion <p>B. Resolution 23.F.006 Freshman Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senator Siekmann motion to suspend rules.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second Alarape• Motion passes• Motion to vote Senator Siekmann.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second Senator Alarape• Motion passes 3 nay 1 abstain. <p>C. Resolution 23.F.007 Freshman Appointment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senator Twing motion to suspend rules.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second Senator Piling• Motion passes unanimously.• Motion to vote Senator Alarape.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second Senator Archer• Motion passes unanimously.	
<p>7. Open Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Dumont:</u> I've got some notes from the note box in front of the senate office, one of the notes talks about how the combination of the Geology and Mining departments makes it feels like Paleontology department is going away.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>President Kessinger:</u> This kind of things has happened before with other departments.○ <u>Senator Twing:</u> A constituent of mine talked to me about dropping her Paleontology minor because she feels like the school doesn't focus on that degree much.○ <u>Senator Siekmann:</u> so, there's a rumor about them combining the Mining and Geology departments.○ <u>President Kessinger:</u> this is just a rumor it's not likely that the Paleontology department is going	

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away.

- Senator Dumont: Another one of the notes says that the couches need deep cleaned.
 - Director Headly: As far as custodial staff, we are very short handed which is why a lot of things on the campus are not as clean as they should be.
 - Senator McCallum: Just related to cleanliness there were a few things on campus about this.
- Senator Lannerd: I had multiple consultants come to me about being stressed about having testes on career fair week. Professors seemed to not really care.
 - President Kessinger: A list of classes this was the case for may help. There is a concerted effort in Faculty Senate to give time for interviews.
 - Senator Lannard: It wasn't the fact that they didn't get time for interviews, but they had to spend time studying instead of getting ready for career fair.
 - Senator Twing: we as a senate may be able to take a position and ask the staff to not have tests on the week of career fair.
 - Senator Alarape: When are professors syllabi defined and when is career fair decided?
 - Director Headly: It depends on when homecoming is decided, this defines when the career fair will be.
 - Senator Jerke: So, when is homecoming decided.
 - Headly: its decided about 2 years out. Next fall we are also starting a week later than normal so this is really just a conversation we need to have.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: I recently had a conversation with a constant for more transparency with the bookstore about fees for first day access.○ <u>CFO Van Ruler</u>: They do send out email receipt.○ <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: we do see the charges but for example, we had a book that we had to pay for out of pocket and we didn't know if we had already paid for it.○ <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: I do know there are some classes like calculus that we need to rebuy software and books for.○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: the book shop does try their best to keep prices down for students.○ <u>Senator Twing</u>: I do know that for calc 1-3 the school uses Pearson which is an education charge that the school can't really get around as they charge for a 3-4 month access.	
8. CFO Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thank you to everyone who replied to the GAF survey.• Finance will be hosting SOAP workshops next week so make sure that any organization you are a part of make it to one of those.	CFO Van Ruler
9. VP Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last week I was preparing SHED reservation which is over January 28-29• President Kessinger and I attended an online BOR update meeting. We spent that time catching the BOR up to our position, as well as our stance with our GAF and our desire for a GAF increase. So, we need to bring something to them so we can be heard by the BOR.	VP Lewis

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Lockwood</u>: will mines day at the capitol be at the same time as SHED this year?○ <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: It's January 30th.○ <u>Senator Archer</u>: do you know when that bill tracker will get released○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: we don't know.	
<p>10. President's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There will be less drama in bills this year, there will be also fewer bills related to bills this year. There is also a civil education bill that was a big issue least year that turns out is more of a polished bill for standardized civics education program. There were no big bills that surprised me other then a \$500,000 bill for Black Hills State to increase their ratio of funds for students.• There is also a \$4.2 million bill to back fill for tuition freezes.• For ad hocs I was informed that the housing committee doesn't exist.• <u>Senator Twing</u>: I was in that committee last year and nothing really came of it.• <u>VP Lewis</u>: I have a curiosity about the SA poll, if there were any items related to housing, I'd like to have the housing committee come back.○ <u>Senator McCallum</u>: there wasn't much, it was mainly about how rockers needed work, mainly the WI-FI• Everyone who was told they were in the rebranding committee you will get an email from the rebranding email with a when is good.	President Kessinger
<p>11. Other Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Report○ <u>Senator Fernandes</u>: no report	Senators Feranades, Winter, Tohm, Cantz

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- Veterans Report
 - Senator Winter: no report
- Graduate Report
 - Senator Tohm: Graduate office sent out a survey. I asked the graduate society to send out a report for complaints from students.
- Non-Traditional Report
 - Senator Cantz: no report

12. Committee Reports

A. Constitution

- Senator Uy: We have 8 organizations coming down the pipe, we have 2 we are waiting on presentations from.

B. Public Relations

- Senator Siekmann: doing another pigskin problem this weekend at the game, Ill also be sending out a form for senator of the week to feature someone on our socials.
- Kessinger: next week please dress nice as we will be taking our group photo.

C. Governmental Relations:

- Senator Archer: I'm meeting with the student who had issues with jury duty tomorrow. Long-term heading towards shed we'll look at the bill tracker.
- Kessinger: I discussed with ethe BOR about students having issues with jury duty

D. Student Affairs

- Senator McCallum: The poll I sent out had 400 responses, there is a light outside king center that doesn't turn on at night. The disability doors don't work all around campus.
- Senator Twing: the bathroom doors in McLaury are definitely not ADA compliant.

E. Campus & Ad Hoc Committees

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Twing</u>: For the sustainability ad hoc, their goal is to make campus more sustainable• <u>Senator Alarape</u>: in the wellness center if you like events up there please try and turn up to show that there is interest.• <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: parking appeals met; we went over 48 items	
13. Upcoming Senate Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>President Kessinger</u>: photos next week so dress nice. We also have a safety walk with facilities.	
14. Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Director Headly</u>: we have the cultural etiquette dinner coming up if you are interested, please sign up.• <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: please come to the show next week.• <u>Senator Winter</u>: Lambda Chi Alpha is holding a fundraising event for men's health. There are 83 days till Christmas.• <u>Director Headly</u>: on October 17th the fall festival is going on	
15. Adjournment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senator Alarape motion to adjourn.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second Senator Pilling• Motion passes	