

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 [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 [E] Proxy: Zach Thoofft

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 <p>A. Resolution 23.F.011 ATMAE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senator Alarape motion to vote.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second Senator Pilling	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion passes unanimously	
6. New Business A. Resolution 23.F.018 ISEE Supplemental <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Alarape</u>: does this need to be passed today?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>CFO Van Ruler</u>: No, it does not• <u>VP Lewis</u>: where is this conference.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>CFO Van Ruler</u>: It is in Atalanta.• <u>Senator Uy</u>: Is this just for travel and do you know the break down?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>CFO Van Ruler</u>: There are 10 people and most of the cost is going to the flight and the hotel rooms.	
7. Open Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Alarape</u>: why did the SD BOR decide to allow Thanksgiving break to start after Tuesday?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: they pick days at the start of each year that are known to be off such as Good Friday.○ <u>VP Lewis</u>: This is something that president and I asked about last Student Federation meeting. We didn't have much of a backing.	
8. CFO Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seeing that supplemental next week. Also send in your SOAP form.	CFO Van Ruler
9. VP Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• From my Meeting with Dr.Rankin. next week he will be joining us in the ballroom. He will be discussing what he has heard from other BOR presidents though the semester.• Next Tuesday is the governors financial address on Tuesday at noon. There will be free food.• Commencement speakers have been chosen the architect for the Surbeck renovation has also been chosen.• On the last day of finals, I will be	VP Lewis

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traveling to Brookings for an in person Student Federation meeting.	
10. President's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Had a meeting with the BOR employees and representatives and discussed GAF with them. We have very different funding goals and issues throughout the BOR universities. We do not compare well with the other universities as we on paper over fund our organizations. One comment from an employee from Black Hills state said that organizations are lucky to get \$50 per organization. At this university we spend approximately \$7,000 per organization.• Met with Heather Forney. She has a good overview of our campus' funding as well as the appetite of the board to increase GAF. We learned that they are aware of the inflation issue but there is no consensus on how to fix this issue. Traditionally the board doesn't ask the legislature for an increase. Instead, they get money by freezing tuition and fees. There is not a large appetite in the legislature to increase college costs as they feel that its already too expensive which I feel is a disconnect.• As far as justifying the funding increase, we are having issues to comparing student organization allotments to other universities. This is mainly due to organizations that should fall under CAMP being next to say for example the Chess club. We do have a large SOAP reserve, so we are not in crisis mode. There are some changes, we are hoping to not fund CAMP the same way that other	President Kessinger

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organizations are funded. If those teams are not under the SOAP umbrella, we will only be having to fund \$200,000 per year for the remaining organizations which is half of what it was. We do want to make our allotments to be more of an analog to other universities. Additionally, the SOAP fluctuations are going to be hard for other teams to deal with.

- Senator Twing: So last semester when the funding sheet was brought up will CAMP be separate?
 - President Kessinger: Yes, that's correct.
- Senator Siekmann: What defines an organization for CAMP.
 - President Kessinger: It appears competition does.
- Senator Dumont: this doesn't seem like a solution.
 - President Kessinger: yes and no. this won't save us much money but it will help us justify expenses
- Senator Schock: So, we are trying to change our image to other schools?
 - President Kessinger: No again we are just trying to better justify our allotments. Many of our CAMP teams are incredibly expensive so we are just trying to defend our funding.
- Senator Siekmann: will this need to be at the state level?
 - President Kessinger: No this will just be internal.
- VP Lewis: Other schools that also have competition teams they do not have as much engagement meaning there are more GAF dollars floating around. We have very high engagement so we are hoping to

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structure these teams similarly to sports teams.

- CFO Van Ruler: This will also take of a lot of pressure off of finance when deciding how much SOAP other groups will get. This will help us better allocate to other smaller orgs on campus.
- President Kessinger: in the past CAMP teams asked for their own money and did a SOAP presentation. So, we are hoping to have them ask for money in the same way as athletics.
- Senator Uy: Have you talked to the CAMP coordinator and if camp gets money out of GAF, are CAMP teams going to be fighting each other for funds if this takes place.
 - VP Lewis: I'm waiting for responses from the coordinators.
 - President Kessinger: We aren't going to change to anything without a plan. We are just going to change it so that each team can only get a certain percentage of GAF.
- Director Headly: There were a few CAMP teams that didn't spend budget at all. So, we may spend on other teams.
 - VP Lewis: camp has accounts with certain industry supply stations. These things may be better suited and priced for camp instead of buying through a different vendor.
- Senator Twing: Would this help us not to do supplementals?
 - VP Lewis: this should help with that as there will not be as hard and fast of a funding number.
- Senator Twing: Would camp be eligible to ask for SOAP

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<p>supplementals?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>VP Lewis</u>: we would have to change how things are allocated because they would not have access to the SOAP accounts.● <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: I think we should stress to CAMP that they would not be losing money.○ <u>VP Lewis</u>: we will have to make clear that there are teams that are holding out from joining CAMP to try and avoid too much oversight so this will make people upset.● <u>Senator McCallum</u>: So you're going to force all competition teams to join CAMP?○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: we don't have a definition yet.● <u>Director Headly</u>: There was a new strategic plan for what camp is once we get that will help us make a decision.○ <u>VP Lewis</u>: esports is part of CAMP, but they don't build anything.● <u>Dean Douglas</u>: I feel we should wait to put this out there until we speak to the director.● <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: will we have an open forum on this?○ <u>VP Lewis</u>: I feel that would be wise	
<p>11. Other Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● International Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Fernandes</u>: thank you for showing up to Diwali. Senator McCallum and I met with Cedric from the Center for Inclusion and spoke about how we could improve relations.● Veterans Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Winter</u>: Got some feedback from the registrar about what is a	Senators Feranades, Winter, Tohm, Cantz

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veteran. The Federal definition is someone who served from the military and was discharged in a way outside of dishonorable discharge. The school has three ways to track who is a veteran. They can identify themselves, if they use benefits, or they can just go the VRC or the registrar and tell them.

- Senator Lannerd: I would like to say you have to included veterans and National Guard as if they haven't been deployed National Guard don't count as veterans
- Graduate Report
 - Senator Tohm: no report
- Non-Traditional Report
 - Senator Cantz: no report

12. Committee Reports

A. Constitution

- Senator Uy: thanks for voting on ATAME they should be the last organization for this semester.

B. Public Relations

- Senator Siekmann: next week is the last meeting in the ball room.
- VP Lewis: could we ask about opening the walls again?
 - Senator Siekmann: we could ask.

C. Governmental Relations:

- Senator Archer: we are making a letter to send out to the legislature and to the government of Rapid City for help about jury duty.

D. Student Affairs

- Senator McCallum: no report

E. Campus & Ad Hoc Committees

- Senator Pilling: for Camaras. Hoping to get a meeting about that next week.
- Senator Alarape: met with wellness.

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<p>We have the swipe out hunger on campus we have 879 swipes left please use them. Get in contact with student engagement or the Dean's office. They also asked if senate wanted to do a wellness fair booth. The 5th is late night breakfast is next week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Dean</u>: if a student says they could use help we just put them on your id no one would know.• <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: Inclusion met and we are working on sending out a survey this spring about cultural sensitivity. This was done in 2014.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Kuhl</u>: this ranking is not out of ten there are a few different levels and it's a range.• <u>Senator Twing</u>: for sustainability the environmental club was wondering if someone had a connection to hold meetings on campus.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: we have a sustainability coordinator Ill get you in touch.• <u>Senator Alarape</u>: placer hall elevator they are working on getting it fixed.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>VP Lewis</u>: a message was sent out to res life people will be given weekly to monthly updates on work orders.	
<p>13. Upcoming Senate Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>President Kessinger</u>: we have our meeting in the ball room. Please dress business casual. Then we have our Christmas party afterwords everyone please get your Wishlist filled out it will be catered.	
<p>14. Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Winter</u>: There are 1.857 fortnights until Christmas.• <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: again, for the address please tell me if you're coming.	

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15. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn Senator Twing
 - Second Senator pilling
- Motion passes