

South Dakota Mines Student Association Senate

Minutes

Date: November 8th, 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]

Parker Smith [P]

Junior Senators

Brady Dumont [A]

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 <p>A. Resolution 23.F.015 Kingdom Sports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senator Alarape motion to vote.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second Senator McCallum	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion passes 1 abstain	
<p>6. New Business</p> <p>A. Resolution 23.F.016 SA Supplemental</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>President Kessinger</u>: an overview of this, when we got GAF money last year we didn't allocate ourselves enough money to pay a committee chair and to pay for dues.• <u>Senator Alarape</u>: Does this need to be passed today.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: Yes, it does.• Senator Alarape motion to suspend rules.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second Senator McCallum• Motion passes.• Motion to vote Senator Pilling.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second Senator Fernandes• Motion passes unanimously. <p>B. Resolution 23.F.017 Rebranding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: Is this for the trailer wraps?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: No, it isn't. This is just for the graphic designer to finish his contract of \$18,000.• Siekmann man motion to suspend rules.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second Senator Alarape• Motion passes unanimously.• Motion to vote Senator Pilling<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second Senator Sattler• Motion passes unanimously.	
<p>7. Open Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Pilling</u>: I had some people come up to me with food service complaints. Mainly about not having enough time to grab enough food as they were given very small portion sizes then didn't have enough time to go get seconds.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Director Headly</u>: This has already	

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<p>been addressed, there is some things that have been addressed with the Dining Director, it's also been noted that time constraints do exist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: I've had complaints about the toilet paper, its apparently completely useless.○ <u>Director Headly</u>: I'll email facilities tomorrow morning. There is an issue getting product so they were limiting the amount in other buildings I don't know why they switched.• <u>Senator Pilling</u>: Some people feel that the tablet to reserve the rooms is useless because people just walk into the rooms without reserving them.○ <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: The tablet is just to reserve so if you do reserve the room, you are able to kick them out.○ <u>Senator Twing</u>: I use the tablet all the time and if there are people in the room when I've reserved it then I have no issues kicking them out.○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: Then we just need to stress that people do have the right to kick people out of those rooms.	
<p>8. CFO Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thank you for passing that supplemental,• Next week we will be having our final SOAP workshop that is geared towards new orgs or for people that did not attend previous workshops. If an organization does come to this one as a last resort their funding will be cut.• we will also send out the GAF talking points	CFO Van Ruler
<p>9. VP Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Federation update, they decided to schedule a meeting that I	VP Lewis

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cannot attend, so President Kessinger will be filling in for me. We will be pushing for the veterans funding going into school, as well as the jury duty issue and the issue with the day after Easter.

- Continued to plan SHED and are able to get rooms.
- President Rankin will be joining us as an open floor guest on the 6th
- DSU has reached out to us about GAF increases, they are looking for some advice on how we are doing it, so we are going to be reaching out to northern to ask how they are doing it.
- GAF committee met with athletics there was data to back up most of what they were saying this year which is moving in a positive direction. There were some questions we asked director Jole about when it came to funding discrepancies, we did not get very good answers so we will be reaching out to his office to attempt to get better answers.
- The meeting for the actual budget talks is this upcoming January.
- Senator Siekmann: where are we at for working with Student Federation to get a GAF increase.
 - President Kessinger: Student Federation is not going to hold to position to increase GAF so this is university by university. But this is about increasing the power of our argument.
- Senator McCallum: I've talked to the President of SAC and she said that she's going to push the GAF increase to all the athletes.
 - VP Lewis: that is a very good point,

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<p>we often get designated the anti-athletics position. But we had to note that when their numbers get pushed out to campus there needs to be an explanation for them. It also because clear that Athletics is also in favor of the GAF increase.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>CFO Van Ruler</u>: Dr. Spindle and Joel Lueken also mentioned that they would be willing to speak in an open forum.● <u>Senator Winter</u>: how does the Student Federation classify a veteran?○ <u>VP Lewis</u>: I would like GR to look into this because this may be a bit more complicated than a google search.○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: I believe this is an SD BOR issue as they have multiple definitions of a veteran.	
<p>10. President's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● This last week I have focused on the Calculus 1 issue; I'm meeting with the Math Department head to discuss that tomorrow. It also looks like not too many students have dropped the course.● I'm meeting tomorrow with DSU's SA President to discuss GAF	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>: Some quick updates with international students, I've been following up with the international center. With the career fair the international center has an initiative for the career fair.● Veterans Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Winter</u>: Chili cook off went well. We will be going through postmortem tomorrow about it.	Senators Fernandes, Winter, Tohm, Cantz

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- Graduate Report
 - Senator Tohm: The survey, the second largest complaint was graduate students having no friends. The largest complaint was the low pay.
 - President Kessinger: they've changed the pay structure and we are paying our graduate students far too little compared to the price of living so we are screwed.
 - VP Lewis: do you have an option for number 2
 - Senator Tohm: there is a graduate student organization
- Non-Traditional Report
 - Senator Cantz: no report

12. Committee Reports

A. Constitution

- Senator Uy: thank you for passing kingdom sports. Association of technology Management and Applied Engineering has not been very responsive, and they would like to present next week.

B. Public Relations

- Senator Siekmann: Thank you again for last week's ballroom meeting, there is another one on the 15th of November.
- Senator Siekmann: thank you again to everyone who helped with the spike and solve problem. And thank you for everyone who filled out the Hard Rocker discount survey the list will hopefully be done by winter break.
- Senator Siekmann: we will have Pancheros fundraisers the first will be the 22nd of November and 29th of November.

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- Senator Siekmann: we have an office showing after the Senate meeting is over next week.
 - Director Headly: Refreshments will be in my office.

C. Governmental Relations

- Senator Archer: There may or may not be Senate bonding for the fundraiser. I talked to Pennington county on Thursday, the head of the county clerk's office she said that she made a made it policy in her office that mines students will not have to worry about jury duty. I think our next steps will be going to the state as many cases were outside of their jurisdiction.
 - President Kessinger: I do think it's a great idea to share this with the rest of Student Federation

D. Student Affairs

- Director Headly: everything does fall under IT as far the functionality of the program.
- Senator McCallum: there were some concerning comments that stated that professors didn't want to work with D2L.
 - Director Headly: there is an office that staff can go to with issues like this.
- President Kessinger: I feel that one thing to take into account is that grades being put in is partially a matter of convenience for the students and partially making sure the assignment has actually been graded.
- Senator Lannerd: I heard from a lot of my residents that they didn't get midterm grades, so they don't know if they are passing.
 - President Kessinger: It is BOR policy

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<p>to make sure students know if they have a deficiency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator McCallum</u>: I'm going to talk to office of inclusion to see what programming we can get with international students and professors. And Dean Dlugos sent me an email about there being too many ways students are being contacted by professors. <p>E. Campus & Ad Hoc Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: inclusion committee was supposed to happen last week but never happened	
<p>13. Upcoming Senate Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>President Kessinger</u>: we are in the ballroom next week and there is a Senate office showing after the meeting.• <u>Senator Fernandes</u>: the India club is organizing the Diwali event next week• <u>Senator Naik</u>: we are also looking for volunteers for this as well.	
<p>14. Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator McCallum</u>: PDI is holding a networking mixer next Monday from 5:30-7 we are having 3 different alumni speakers. There is free food and refreshments.• <u>Senator Winter</u>: 47 days till Christmas• <u>Senator Kessinger</u>: Senator Archer, you do know you oversee secret Santa.• <u>Senator Archer</u>: I do now.	
<p>15. Adjournment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senator Alarape motion to adjourn.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second Senator Kuhl• Motion passes unanimously	