

# South Dakota Mines Student Association Senate

## Minutes

**Date:** February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**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

Duncan Pilling [P]

Hagan Archer [P]

Madelyn Siekmann [P]

Tyler Captain [P]

Cole Stanek [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 [A]

Jordan Harter [P]

Yash Naik [P]

Issaac Nedved [P]

Item	Primary Speaker
<b>1. Roll Call and Approval of Proxies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Passes unanimously</li></ul>	VP Lewis
<b>2. Approval of the Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Passes unanimously</li></ul>	President Kessinger
<b>3. Approval of Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Passes unanimously</li></ul>	President Kessinger
<b>4. Open Floor Guests</b> <p>A) Asher Eskam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: I will apologize for my role in biasing votes.</li><li>○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: It's good to take note that this has never been</li></ul>	

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<p>discussed on campus until Mr.Eskam brought this up to us.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>Asher Eskam</u>: I am just bringing this up to prevent abuse in the future.</li><li>● <u>Senator Smith</u>: how does this affect senators and their own opinions?</li><li>○ <u>Asher Eskam</u>: I talked to President Kessinger that senators in their official capacity cannot sway their constituents or push a position.</li><li>○ <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: but senators in their everyday lives can push a position.</li><li>○ <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: The issue was more that the official senate postings were in favor of a position.</li><li>● <u>Senator Archer</u>: A quick overview I think one solution that could provided is providing arguments for both sides to prevent bias.</li><li>● <u>Senator Uy</u>: I would like to comment that the GAF vote was more of a ballot poll, so I don't know if anything can be done in the constitution about this.</li><li>○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: something has to be done it will probably be its own section.</li></ul>	
<p><b>5. Unfinished Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● None</li></ul>	
<p><b>6. New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● None</li></ul>	
<p><b>7. Open Discussion</b></p> <p>A) SB 1178</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: Just to clarify minors are already prevented from coming to these events, correct?</li><li>● Senator Uy motion to limit discussion.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Second Senator Alarape</li></ul></li><li>● Motion passes</li><li>● <u>Senator Lewis</u>: the official stance we are planning taking on this is against the bill</li></ul>	

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- Senator Tohm: does this apply to drag shows?
  - VP Lewis: it applies to other things as well.
- Senator Lannerd: while we were in Pierre other schools mentioned even their drama club would fall under this bill.
- Senator Siekmann: I would agree with senator Lannerd. All it takes is one person having an objection to create a whole slew of issues.
- Senator Kuhl: So is it the general assumption that the things that student organizations do on campus are not necessarily a reflection of what the school supports.
  - Kessinger: this is true student organizations are generally considered their own thing. there is a huge argument against this bill being legal federally as well.

### B) Constitution Discussion

- President Kessinger: there are a few universities that I was thinking of borrowing constitution wording from.
- Senator Uy: I want to make a note on one change that is happening. The current constitution categories Student Senate candidates by credits. We are planning on changing this to be according to semesters attended. Today a third possibility showed up where a student could be on co-op and then students are now behind their peers. Our new solution is to allow people to choose their class standing they wish to run as.
  - Director Headly: you may want to visit to IT to see if this is possible.
  - President Kessinger: I'm not sure if a

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<p>co-op should be thought of.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>Senator Stanek</u>: I don't think using semesters is a good idea as we do have transfer students.</li><li>○ <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: I think it would a bad idea to allow people to choose which grade they wish to run as. This seems to not have enough oversight.</li><li>○ <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: you already need to get signatures from people of the class you're running for</li><li>○ <u>Senator Smith</u>: Is it pick between classes and semester?</li><li>○ <u>Senator Uy</u>: By looking at people who've taken co-ops this works as a catch all.</li><li>○ <u>Director Headly</u>: I think we need to reinforce signatures; how do we describe this for people out getting signatures.</li><li>○ <u>Senator Archer</u>: I think what we could do with the pick is have people confirm their class by credits and by semester and have GR to ask them which they would prefer to run for.</li><li>○ <u>Senator Lindwurm</u>: For the Freshmen, if you give them the option to run for Sophomore you are limiting the Freshmen</li><li>○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: One question I have is say you have 6 people who all want to run for the same senate slots. When do candidates learn how many candidates there are?</li><li>○ <u>Senator Archer</u>: The day the vote comes out.</li><li>● Senator Archer motion to limit discussion.</li><li>○ Second Senator Nike</li><li>● Motion passes</li><li>○ <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: What are the next</li></ul>	
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<p>steps?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: discuss it at E-board.</li><li>● <u>Senator Sattler</u>: I got some complaints about the men's Peterson showers being very cold.</li><li>○ VP Lewis: one of the hot water recirculation pumps is burned out.</li><li>○ <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: I think the issue that's here is that residence life needs to send out an email.</li><li>○ <u>VP Lewis</u>: I agree we should send out an email letting people know.</li><li>● <u>Senator Pilling</u>: I have a note here saying that there are stray cats on campus.</li></ul>	
<p><b>8. CFO Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <u>President Kessinger</u>: SOAP presentations went well finance will dock organizations as necessary.</li><li>● Senator archer: I have a member of a student organizations upset about how questions were asked</li></ul>	CFO Van Ruler - Excused
<p><b>9. VP Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● I hope everyone is excited for the facilities tour tomorrow. I will get a meeting location.</li><li>● <u>Senator Pilling</u> : How long will this tour be?</li><li>○ <u>VP Lewis</u>: Less than an hour</li><li>● We have another Student Federation meeting this Friday night, if there is anything else you would like us to bring up please reach up to us</li><li>● We will have the director of ITS in 2 weeks here as an open floor guest.</li></ul>	VP Lewis
<p><b>10. President's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Does anyone want to volunteer for Science &amp; Engineering Day</li></ul>	President Kessinger

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<b>11. Other Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International Report<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>Senator Fernandes</u>: no report</li></ul></li><li>• Veterans Report<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>Senator Winter</u>: no report</li></ul></li><li>• Graduate Report<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>Senator Tohm</u>: no report</li></ul></li><li>• Non-Traditional Report<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>Senator Cantz</u>: no report</li></ul></li></ul>	Senators Feranades, Winter, Tohm, Cantz
<b>12. Committee Reports</b> <p>A. Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Senator Uy</u>: thank you for the feedback, we have three organizations coming down the pipeline.</li><li>• <u>Senator Pilling</u>: we are meeting with water ski club to try and broaden their view about their club.</li></ul> <p>B. Public Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: we did select Senator Lindwurm in December because of finals he will be featured this week. There are polos coming as well.</li><li>• <u>Senator Uy</u>: do we still have polos from last year?</li><li>• <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: I believe so.</li></ul> <p>C. Governmental Relations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Senator Archer</u>: I'm getting an email out for jury duty issue. Elections are in March.</li><li>• <u>Senator Smith</u>: how many signatures do you need?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>Senator Archer</u>: you need 20.</li></ul></li><li>• <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: when are petitions going out?</li><li>• <u>Senator Archer</u>: End of this month.</li><li>• <u>Kessinger</u>: I hope you will have better guidance in the future.</li></ul> <p>D. Student Affairs</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>President Kessinger</u>: Senator McCallum said “I have feedback about the food pantry and will also write up a newsletter”.</li><li>• <u>Senator Pilling</u>: there was a suggestion of filling the pantry on Monday.</li><li>• <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: there has been a homeless individual taking food so if you see him get someone to get him to leave.</li></ul> <p>E. Campus &amp; Ad Hoc Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Senator Alarape</u>: parking appeals met nothing interesting. Wellness committee, if you volunteered to show up to the wellness fair please do so.</li><li>• <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: did we get anything from climbing club?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: no we have not.</li></ul></li></ul>	
<b>13. Upcoming Senate Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• none</li></ul>	
<b>14. Announcements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Senator Winter</u>: 323 days till Christmas.</li></ul>	
<b>15. Adjournment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Senator Sattler motion to adjourn.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Second Senator Archer</li></ul></li><li>• Motion passes.</li></ul>	