

Student Senate Meeting

Wednesday, October 13th 5:00 pm || Pearson Alumni Center

1. Roll Call and Approval of Proxies
 - a. Senator Melstad absent
 - b. No proxy
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Approved
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approved
4. Open Floor Guests
 - a. None
5. Unfinished Business
 - a. None
6. New Business
 - a. Resolution 21.F.005
 - i. Senator Benzmiller: Why is it only \$4949.00 instead of the full \$5000?
 - ii. CFO Emery: They only put exactly what they needed on the request.
7. Open Discussion
 - a. Senator Braaten: I heard complaints about no one shoveling sidewalks.
 - i. VP West: I talked to Facilities today, they were surprised by the amount of snow. As we get further into the season, it gets better.
 - ii. Director Headley: They were out several times earlier in the day and the Facilities staff are here until about 2:00. They are very shorthanded right now. Send feedback to Jarelyn Roberts.
 - b. Senator Benzmiller: Is there a reason for the leaking in Surbeck?
 - i. Director Headley: It happens in all the buildings. It was probably extra significant because the snow was so heavy.
 - c. Constitution Chair Hagel: I was talking to my class today and I found out that very few people know about the Kick for Cash. We need to spread the word about what Senate is doing for students.
 - i. VP West: We do not support the Kick for Cash.
 - ii. President Jurrens: We help with it; we do not fund it.
8. Chief Financial Officer's Report
 - a. The supplemental request we just went over; meeting with Baja team tomorrow because they got more than \$10,000 in SOAP last year. We have to set up a meeting with Steel Bridge as well.
9. Vice President's Report
 - a. I sent out new committee assignments. If you are on an Ad Hoc committee, please email the contact person to let them know you are on the committee now. If you are on the Safety Committee, talk to Senator Marshall. Eboard meetings – the chairs of all committees – are at 6:00 PM Mondays in the Senate office. I would like to hear updates about your committees. We will discuss points. Everyone looks much more professional. I have been working on sorting out the Senate files and have set up a SharePoint since everyone does not like Teams. We are getting heather colored polos and I found long sleeve button-ups well. I am waiting to hear back about prices. Melstad will send out an

email about it. I am working on the branding requests. If people are asking you about money for branding, please send them to sa.vicepresident@mines.sdsmt.edu for now, and then I have been sending them to Marketing and Communications.

- i. PR Chair Frazer: Are minutes available on SharePoint? Are they available to all students or only to the Senate?
- ii. Senator Marshall: They are posted on Discord in the Minutes section.
- iii. VP West: If someone wants access to SharePoint, I get an email and I can give them access to look at those documents with a “view only” so we do not have people editing things who are not in Senate. That leads to the more open and transparent information that we talked about in the past.
- iv. Senator Marshall: Can we set the option to be default “view only”?
- v. VP West: I can check. I have been talking to IT about getting permissions for this.

10. President’s Report

- a. Next week, VP West and I are meeting with President Rankin. We are also meeting with Dr. Spindle to go over the new GAF proposal. Once we meet with him, we will find a week where he can come in and talk to us so everyone can ask him questions.

11. International/Veteran/Graduate/Non-Traditional Senator Report

- a. International: None
- b. Veteran: I have been going over Military Friendly Schools annual survey. It is a ranking service for how universities are serving veterans. SD Mines is ranked in the top ten – seventh – but I do not think that is a reason to stop improving. I am working on trying to fix things in the Support category. The questions are rated by: academic policies 9%, graduation and career outcomes 30%, culture and commitment 10%, military student support and retention 30%, admissions and orientation 9%, financial aid 12%. There are some smaller policies I am looking at: Is the on campus living requirements waived for active military students? It is waived for active duty but not for Guard or Reserve. I am trying to improve the number of credits accepted for military transcripts. As far as things I am trying to work on on-campus in the Support category: Does your institution have an explicit commitment to serving the military veteran community? yes; Is this commitment incorporated into the institution's mission, vision, and values? no; Is this commitment supported and coordinated by a dedicated member of the institution? no; Does your organization have a formal policy in place regarding business conduct and compliance when vetting, educating, advising and placing military or veterans? no. I am sitting on a committee, and we are looking to write up these formal policies to present to the cabinet. Chili cookoff next month, \$15 entry fee and cash prizes.
 - i. PR Chair Frazer: I will have sign-up sheets next week for anyone who wants to participate.
 - ii. Senator Quizon: How does the VRC contribute to the test?
 1. Senator Marshall: It falls under having a dedicated veteran advisor. We have Hallie Vigil, but she is only part-time for that position. In addition to that, having a specific office for veteran resources.
- c. Grad: None
- d. Non-Trad: I thought about starting an organization and according to the school rules, you need at least ten people. I am thinking of forming something informal until we get the word out.

12. Committee Reports

- a. Constitution: We had a meeting last week and we might see a resolution next week for a new org.
- b. Public Relations: Circle K is having a Halloween canned food drive this Saturday from 2:00-7:00 in the Surbeck ballroom. There is a QR code on the posters.
- c. Governmental Relations: We did not meet this week because of the holiday. I emailed Dale Pfeifer from the city about our concerns and ideas. Senator Melstad will reach out to him about a time to meet and talk.
- d. Student Affairs: None
- e. Campus / Ad Hoc Committees: None

13. Upcoming Senate Business

14. Announcements

- a. Senator Naufal: A student came to the office and wants to make an A Capella group. His name is Luke Higgins for anyone who wants to be in that group.
- b. Senator Quizon: Have we made any progress finding a grad senator?
 - i. President Jurrens: I think I have someone who wants to do it and he will be here next week.
- c. Senator Marshall: There are 73 days till Christmas.
- d. VP West: We are now streaming wirelessly. There is a dongle in the senate office, let me know if you need it.

15. Adjournment

- a. SA Chair Harroun motions to adjourn
- b. Senator Nix seconds.
- c. Motion approved.