

Student Senate Meeting

Wednesday, October 20th 5:00 pm || Pearson Alumni Center

1. Roll Call and Approval of Proxies
 - a. Senator Arens 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. Resolution 21.F.005
 - i. SA Chair Harroun motions to vote.
 - ii. Senator Nix seconds.
 - iii. Motion passes.
6. New Business
 - a. Resolution 21.F.006
 - i. Senator Dennis motions to suspend the rules.
 - ii. Senator Marshall seconds.
 - iii. Motion passes.
 - iv. Constitution Chair Hagel motions to vote.
 - v. Senator Dennis seconds.
 - vi. Motion passes.
 - b. Resolution 21.F.007
 - i. Senator Quizon: Are we confident that it is a 1 to 6 ratio?
 - ii. Senator Marshall: That ratio is based on last year's number of athletes that benefit from GAF.
 - iii. Senator Maag: Didn't we discuss earlier in the year that the power to appoint a committee lies solely with the president? I don't feel comfortable moving forward until we are sure where the powers in the Senate lie.
 - iv. Senator Marshall: I think we need to refer to the constitution to solve that.
 - v. Senator Fischer: How many people total would be on the committee?
 - vi. Senator Marshall: However many the committee chair deems necessary.
 - vii. CFO Emery: Hypothetically if we pass this, and on Monday in the cabinet meeting the GAF proposal that Spindel is working on gets passed, then we would have two different committees for GAF.
 - viii. Senator Marshall: This committee is looking specifically at student opinion. There will be a bit of an overlap. Most of it is student opinion, as well as what value athletics brings to the campus. There will be aspects of this committee that I don't think the GAF committee will be able to cover.
 - ix. Senator Quizon: You said student opinion, the resolution says SA opinion.
 - x. Senator Marshall: The Senate is the student opinion.
 - xi. Senator Quizon: It says to use GAF funds more inclusively.

- xii. Senator Marshall: GAF is being spent solely on travel and conference fees for athletes. The general student body does not benefit from that. NCAA requirements are exclusionary as far as GPA and credits.
 - xiii. SA Chair Harroun: If this were to pass, who would be the chair?
 - xiv. Senator Marshall: It would be appointed by the CFO.
 - xv. SA Chair Harroun: I think any data is better than no data. Since this is better defined, has a clear purpose, and seems to be unbiased, there is no reason why we shouldn't have it.
 - xvi. CFO Emery: You said that you would make a report of all the findings and present it prior to the allocation of GAF. I would like to see something by the end of the semester.
 - xvii. Senator Marshall: The reason I wrote the original resolution last spring was because we were closing in on the GAF deadline. This is a sensitive issue; there is a lot of money being dealt with. It shouldn't be rushed. If this gets approved next week, it leaves a month to get all this information together.
 - xviii. Senator Maag: I have a problem with the last two sentences. If we don't trust ourselves to be unbiased investigative senators without athletes on the committee, then we have bigger problems. I move to strike the last two sentences of the bill. I also have a problem with having people who aren't on Senate being on committees.
 - xix. Senator Dennis seconds the amendment.
 - xx. Senator Tomac: Ad Hoc's are allowed to bring in guests to talk about things, correct? This change would take non-Senate members out of the committee but then we would bring in student athletes as guests.
 - xxi. Senator Maag: Yes. I dislike having non-Senate members on a Senate committee and I dislike that we are constraining ourselves to have the exact ratio of students to student-athletes on the committee. It brings unnecessary headache in forming the committee.
 - xxii. Senator Marshall: I agree with striking the last two lines. I just wanted to make sure the athletes felt they were represented.
 - xxiii. Senator Fischer: I think it would be good to not have athletes on the committee, but we should indicate that even though they are not a part of the committee, that they are consulting.
 - xxiv. GR Chair Else: We have a faculty person for most Ad Hoc's, can we have an athletic point of contact?
 - xxv. Senator Maag: I want to make it clear that I am not saying I don't want athletes on the committee. I just don't want to lock ourselves in to the verbiage. There should be athletes on the committee if possible.
 - xxvi. SA Chair Harroun: Ad Hoc's don't need a faculty advisor. It's a good idea but not necessary.
 - xxvii. VP West: We are going to vote on the proposed amendment.
 - xxviii. Senator Fischer opposes, Senator Naufal abstains.
 - xxix. Motion to amend the resolution passes.
 - xxx. Constitution Chair Hagel: Point of order – People are only supposed to speak twice on one subject. Any time you want to speak, you need to raise your hand and President Jurrens will then call on your name and then you may speak.
- c. Resolution 21.F.008

- i. CFO Emery: The Senate was planning on doing this ourselves for the career fair.
 - ii. VP West: People reached out and volunteered to run it and we said we would help.
 - iii. Senator Marshall: Are we planning on doing this again next year?
 - iv. VP West: We want to do this more often, hopefully before the career fair in the fall every year.
- 7. Open Discussion
 - a. Senator Quizon: Since we officially changed our name to South Dakota Mines, shouldn't we change that on the document?
 - i. VP West: South Dakota Mines is the official nickname.
 - b. PR Chair Frazer: Has there been any progress on rebranding?
 - i. VP West: I have had people coming to me. This survey will go out to the public. Concrete Canoe talked to me so they could get their trailer wrap. If you have orgs that need it quickly, please email me. I send them to Ann, and she sends them to the designer.
 - ii. PR Chair Frazer: How long is the timeframe for a logo design?
 - iii. VP West: I think about a week or two.
 - c. Senator Melstad: I got 14 responses from the polo poll.
 - i. VP West: I got this information today for prices per size. I can send it out to everyone tonight so we can order them next week. Have it done by next week.
 - d. Senator Naufal: Is it possible to get square tables for all of us?
 - i. VP West: Facilities will charge us a set-up fee because they don't have enough here.
- 8. Chief Financial Officer's Report
 - a. The resolution for headshots. The committee is done for the fall. We are waiting for supplemental requests. SOAP apps are due December 19th - the Saturday after finals week.
- 9. Vice President's Report
 - a. I would appreciate it if you met with committees before meeting with constituents. It isn't good to argue in front of students/with students. The last football game is where we draw \$100 for someone who got a correct answer to one of the Pigskin problems. Is there anything you want me to say to President Rankin? Right now, we are asking whether we have a lobbyist for the school; a committee update about the cameras Safety committee is working on and will be purchased; a Student Federation update that President Jurrens will talk about. We are meeting tomorrow at 1:30.
- 10. President's Report
 - a. The GAF proposal is being voted on in the Cabinet on Monday. Dr. Spindel will be here to talk to us next Wednesday. Next week we are wearing costumes to the meeting. There are some Student Federation positions that are open: Executive Director and Chairperson. Please come talk to me if you are interested. We need a photo, bio, and resume by Sunday if you are interested.
- 11. International/Veteran/Graduate/Non-Traditional Senator Report
 - a. International: Reminder if you are planning on doing OPT (Optional Practical Training), please sign up for that as early as possible. The application can take about 3-4 months so the earlier you sign up the better. OPT is like a work visa. After you graduate, you sign up and work for a year. If you are a STEM major, you can extend it for two more years. After that, you need a work sponsorship and apply for a work visa - H-1B visa.

- b. Veteran: Chili cookoff Nov 9th. \$15 for entry fee, \$5 for taste testing.
- c. Graduate: None
- d. Non-trad: None

12. Committee Reports

- a. Constitution: We had a meeting on Monday, and we are having two more meetings tomorrow.
- b. Public Relations: I created a poster. I met with the committee on Tuesday about Hardrocker Discount program. I will email businesses about whether they participate and then make an advertisement with a list, so students know who gives discounts. The posters will go outside the office and walls, and I will give some to the freshmen to hang up in the dorms.
 - i. Senator Nix: If you give them to me, I can give them to Res Life.
 - ii. Senator Naufal: The pictures are up on Teams, can we have them up on social media accounts?
- c. Governmental Relations: We are still contacting the city. We started talking about SHED.
 - i. Senator Melstad: I talked to Dale; he is with the street division. He said he doesn't do crosswalks. He gave me another number of a man in the traffic division.
- d. Student Affairs: We are still working on the hammock poles - meeting with Marshall about materials, Braaten will do the CAD work. I am graduating in December. There will be a new SA Chair in January.
- e. Campus / Ad Hoc Committees
 - i. Safety: Meeting tomorrow at 11:00 in the Senate office. Jason Erikson is bringing in cameras we can look at, we are testing one at the King Center and a couple over the bike racks.
 - ii. Financial Aid: Meeting on Tuesday for a general meeting.

13. Upcoming Senate Business

14. Announcements

- a. PR Chair Frazer: 66 days till Christmas
 - i. Senator Nix: Do we know when we are getting our names?
 - ii. VP West: Will talk to Senator Marshall.
- b. Director Headley: Lisa Carlson sent an email out. On Monday from 6-8 PM we are doing stress relief after midterms. There will be a free movie (Knives Out), four food trucks on the lower ramp of the stadium, yard games, and baby alpacas.
- c. VP West: Spaghetti feed Friday night 4-7 PM in the Newman Center basement. \$8 ahead of time, \$10 at the door. Everything going to one of the Robbinsdale bartender's daughter's death. Murphy's Pub is having a benefit dinner for her in a few weeks. There will be gift cards and raffle items.

15. Adjournment

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