

Student Senate Meeting

Wednesday, October 27th 5:00 pm || Pearson Alumni Center

1. Roll Call and Approval of Proxies
 - A. Field Mitchell proxy for Senator Flinders
 - B. Senator Nix motions to approve proxy
 - C. Senator Dennis seconds
 - D. Motion approved
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - A. Approved
3. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Approved
4. Open Floor Guests
 - A. New Mines Martial Arts Club
 - i. Sophia and Chloe: We have our own experience. I am experienced in Karate and Ju Jitsu, Chloe is experienced in Judo and Taekwondo. We have others who have offered to teach their own styles.
 - ii. Typical club meeting: line up, stretches/warmup, falling, main lesson (anyone who is a member in NMMAC longer than two semesters, is a black belt or has permission from their school to teach can teach a lesson), dismissal.
 - iii. What do they learn: self-defense, how to take falls, cultural significance of different styles, how to use techniques safely, grappling.
 - iv. Why is it important: Rapid City is dangerous, background in martial arts, low commitment physical activity, minimizing injuries, safe and controlled outlet, community with similar interests.
 - v. Demographic: generally male dominated, evenly spread across grades, diverse background.
 - vi. Safety: patting, waivers, mats, guidance, practice in a controlled environment.
 - vii. Common Questions: What style is the club? Access to all sorts of styles. Will you be awarding belts? No, we will encourage people to bring uniforms they already have. How will people line up? Most do by rank, we will line up by length of time in the club. How will running the club work? You will have to be a member for at least two semesters, be at least a black belt or have permission from your school to teach. Do you need prior experience? No.
 1. Senator Naufal: How can you make sure there is someone to teach every time?
 - a. Sophia: There must be an officer present for the club to happen that day.
 2. PR Chair Frazer: In regard to scheduling, is it planned beforehand?
 - a. Sophia: Meetings will be once a week. Either the VP or I will have a schedule plan for the next couple weeks. It can change though.
 3. Senator Dennis: What other certifications do the officers have to train others?
 - a. Director Headley: We always run things through Risk Management – Margaret in Facilities is a good person to talk to.

- b. Chloe: In Martial Arts, once you achieve a black belt ranking, the black belt itself is more of a certificate with which you have permission to teach.
 - c. Sophia: I have been teaching the kids class for three years.
 - 4. Senator Marshall: Do you have a safety waiver?
 - a. Sophia: I have one from school.
 - 5. Senator Zaug: Can you describe your background and the goals/future vision of the club?
 - a. Sophia: I have been in Martial Arts since 2016, I have trained in Karate and Ju Jitsu and have some experience in Tai Chi. I have had a brown belt for three years now. In terms of goals, there is no real end goal because it's a journey and you're always learning.
 - 6. Senator Dumont: If you aren't a beginner, what would you be doing if you already know the technique?
 - a. Sophia: We would have you do it a couple times, that way we know you can do it and then you can help other students. Or we can split up the class.
 - 7. Senator Arens: With the belt requirement for teachers, could someone who has only gone to your club teach a class? Or do they have to have gone to their own personal school first? Would there be certification?
 - a. Sophia: At a certain point, our club can become someone's personal school. And then once they've been here for a certain amount of time, they would be able to teach a class. And all the officers would have to agree on it. There would not be certification.

B. Study Dakota

- i. Kyle Bergevin: Study Dakota is a free online tutoring service provided by SD Mines students. Study Dakota is intended to support grades 3-12 in the Black Hills area. Our goal is to provide relief for parents and students by offering free widely accessible tutoring sessions and homework help in STEM subjects. Our tutors volunteering in this program are either current students of SD Mines or alumni. We originally started in January of last year. I am the remaining one of the four original who started Study Dakota.
- ii. Benefits of the program for the community: helping others in our community succeed and providing resources they may not have had access to (we believe this needs to continue even beyond the pandemic), strengthens the relationship between SD Mines and the Black Hills region as whole (we are looking at partnering with BHSU and letting the teaching students tutor), creating meaningful connections between Mines students and the community, and promoting STEM in public schools.
- iii. Budgeting: GoogleDomain: \$12, SquareSpace: \$10, GSuite: \$72, LearnToBe Platform: \$420, Background Checks: \$20 per tutor. Currently LearnToBe is letting us use it for free, but we want to be able to pay them.
- iv. Pretty even distribution of tutors between grades, along with the subjects they are comfortable tutoring. Some tutors are also comfortable tutoring AP courses. Active tutors: 1 Alumni, 3 Grad, 4 Senior, 3 Junior, 3 Sophomore, no freshmen yet, 1 community member. Creating well rounded engineers.

- v. What students get from this: interview process for the club prepares them for interviews (modern hiring techniques emphasizes importance of communication and soft skills. Study Dakota gives you communication with diverse backgrounds, communication with parents, and with others in general - in particular, over an online platform - there are no in-person sessions), provides opportunities to gain volunteer hours, give students an opportunity to review the basics of their major and inspire future engineers.
 - 1. Senator Naufal: Who is the community?
 - a. Kyle: We had some teachers during the epidemic who offered their services. The one community member who is currently working with us is a teacher.
 - 2. Senator Arens: Is the main outreach just the Black Hills Area?
 - a. Kyle: We want to make sure we aren't getting too big. We are keeping it to the Black Hills area, but we are willing to spread to SD as a whole if it gets enough attention.
 - 3. Senator Fischer: Do the services help Mines students?
 - a. Kyle: We tutor grades 3-12, we don't tutor Mines students. It helps them with tutoring skills and soft skills.
 - 4. Senator Maag: Do you have an even spread all the way through 3-12? What is your typical grade range?
 - a. Kyle: We have had people from 4-12. The last five students we have tutored, we have had one in sixth, seventh, eighth, tenth, eleventh.
 - 5. VP West: How are you soliciting students?
 - a. Kyle: We have had teachers reaching out to us this semester to ask if we are still providing services. Debbie Rankin is teaching in Hot Springs, and she is spreading the word there. We have been reaching out to schools and giving them flyers. We are hoping as we develop our social media, we can partner with schools. We are hoping to have quizzes over social media with prizes.

5. Unfinished Business

A. Resolution 21.F.007

- i. Senator Quizon: I received information that Spindle is taking over this section of GAF.
 - 1. CFO Emery: The policy he drafted was approved on Monday and he will be here next week to answer questions. You are solely looking into student opinion, correct?
 - 2. Senator Marshall: It would be looking into student opinion and into the numbers like recruitment and admissions.
 - 3. CFO Emery: Student Health and Athletics are being allocated by Spindle.
 - 4. Senator Nix: What does a meeting look like for someone on this committee?
 - 5. Senator Marshall: That would be up to the chair, I was picturing tabling in lower Surbeck and gathering opinion from polls.

6. Senator Else: I feel like there is already a big divide between students and athletes, if we do this, we need to make sure it isn't attacking athletes.
7. CFO Emery: Assuming this is passed, I will be picking a chair and that chair will pick the other members. I want this committee to have results. For the people who are going to be on this committee, if it passes, research it out and come back with a document. I don't want this to be created after all this work and then we don't do anything with it.
8. Constitution Chair Hagel: I personally don't think this committee should exist. I looked at the numbers from 2019 - what we gave from GAF to athletics. We can't do anything about how money is given out, that is the athletic director's job.
9. SA Chair Harroun: I think any data is better than no data. If this is done right, then it could be beneficial. If you are selected but don't think you can do a good job, say no.
10. Senator Tomac: Can I give my time to Senator Marshall?
11. Senator Marshall: It may not have an effect, but it is important to push it forward. We can say as senators that we did our due diligence. The longer we ignore it, it won't get any better.
12. Senator Benzmilller: We keep throwing out around "student opinion". We as a student body are not familiar with what the funds look like in reality. How are we going to make sure that when we get the student body's opinion, it is educated and not based on false opinion?
13. SA Chair Harroun: I think that is part of our job as senators, to represent the students in a professional way.
14. Senator Nix: It was eye opening to get the student's opinion. Some opinion is better than no opinion and then we can do with it what we will.
15. Senator Fischer: Whoever is on this committee, it is important for them to know the issue and all the statistics on the issue and to have information on hand when you are gathering opinions.
16. Senator Benzmilller: Senator Fischer brings up a good point about educating the opinion. Can we make sure that the students have resources available to them to make it as easy as possible for them to be educated?
17. CFO Emery: Spindle could be a part of this, as well as myself. There are plenty of resources we can use to answer questions when they arise.
18. Director Headley: There is allocation data on the BOR website. And then using Spindle and finance people at the BOR level.
19. Senator Marshall: A big part of this is digging into those numbers and bringing them to light and educating the student body about them.
20. Senator Naufal motions to vote.
21. Senator Dennis seconds.
22. Senator Minerich and Constitution Chair Hagel dissent, Senators Maag and Naufal abstain.
23. Motion passes.
24. CFO Emery: Senator Maag is the chair of this committee.

B. Resolution 21.F.008

- i. SA Chair Harroun motions to vote.

- ii. Senator Tomac seconds.
 - iii. Senator Dumont and Proxy Mitchel abstain.
 - iv. Motion passes.
6. New Business
- A. Resolution 21.F.009
 - i. Senator Nix: Is there a reason why they are called the New Mines Martial Arts Club?
 - 1. Senator Marshall: The old club has been deactivated and the old dojo wants them completely separate in affiliation from the old club.
 - B. Resolution 21.F.010
 - C. Resolution 21.F.011
 - i. Senator Marshall: Is this managed by Facilities?
 - 1. Braaten: Yes
 - ii. Senator Naufal: Is this Tree fund related to the tree stump?
 - 1. VP West: This came about because of Storm Atlas in 2013.
 - iii. Senator Thooft: Is this just for this year?
 - 1. Director Headley: Until it is used up.
 - iv. PR Chair Frazer: What kind of trees are we getting \$25,000?
 - 1. Director Headley: It will last for several years.
 - v. GR Chair Else: Why is it \$25,000?
 - 1. VP West: Past precedence - it was what was passed last time.
 - vi. Senator Benzmiller: Is it just toward the purchase of trees or the maintenance?
 - 1. VP West: Facilities has leeway for bringing in trimming. Usually, it is used to purchase brand new trees.
 - vii. Senator Fischer: I would love to see more detailed use for the money because \$25,000 for a tree fund is kind of broad.
 - 1. SA Chair Harroun: While more details are certainly helpful, it isn't necessary.
 - viii. Senator Zaug: Do we have jurisdiction over the type of trees they buy?
 - 1. VP West: There was an intern – Ian Helgeson - and an architect that does campus planning. They take into consideration the location and type of trees.
 - ix. Senator Marshall: There is a tree disease coming through that will affect a lot of trees that are on campus.
 - 1. Senator Fischer: With that, a lot of places do tree injections for disease.
 - 2. VP West: None of that is taken into account. The reason for this is to keep the tradition going of keeping our campus beautiful.
 - 3. Senator Marshall: We can bring it up to the point of contact for Beautification.
 - x. GR Chair Else: Is it Beautification that decides how the money is spent?
 - xi. VP West: Facilities decides and Beautification hears about it for Arbor Day. Last year, we were aware of all the locations. We can get that information at the next meeting.
 - D. Resolution 21.F.012
 - i. Senator Dennis: We want to install three cameras in the King Center. Wide frame lens for the parking lot, a narrow lens for the bike rack, and another for general use. We hope to implement more later. We plan to send out a survey to the

students to ask where they think the final cameras should go. For now, these are for a trial run.

1. PR Chair Frazer: Is it a dynamic or static camera?
 2. Senator Marshall: These will be automatic motion sensing and can zoom in. They chose the King Center because they caught someone on camera but didn't have good enough resolution to identify. This is for a trial run to see if these are good. And then we would go to the student opinion and get a full implementation in the spring.
 3. Senator Maag: Friendly amend for grammar - "many countless constituents", strike the word "countless".
 4. Constitution Chair Hagel: Friendly amend for grammar – add the word "been" before "many".
 5. Senator Naufal: Friendly amend for grammar - changed "instillation" to "installation".
7. Open Discussion
 - A. None
 8. Chief Financial Officer's Report
 - A. The Newman club sent an email about a week ago about a concern that they thought they submitted a SOAP application; they did not. They have an event, SEEK, but since they didn't apply for SOAP, the most they can get in supplemental funds is \$750.
 9. Vice President's Report
 - A. I emailed everyone the survey, it was sent out to all org VPs and Presidents. Please encourage everyone to fill out that form.
 10. President's Report
 - A. None
 11. International/Veteran/Graduate/Non-Traditional Senator Report
 - A. International: None
 - B. Veteran: Chili cookoff Nov 9th. To sign up, talk to PR Frazer. Veteran salute on the 10th. We got good fundraising from the Rush game.
 - C. Grad: None
 - D. Non-trad: None
 12. Committee Reports
 - A. Constitution: Met with Study Dakota and New MMAC. We are talking to other orgs who are close to the deactivation deadline. We will have a list of clubs. We will have resolutions to deactivate. They will have until the day we approve the deactivation resolution.
 - i. Headley: Renewal was due October 1st. I feel confident that everyone on the list is done for now.
 - B. Public Relations: I got updates about the Hardrocker Discount program. You can type in "Hardrocker Discount Program" on the SD Mines website to see pictures and what discounts businesses have. Senator Dumont noticed some of them are not there. The website needs an update.
 - C. Governmental Relations: We are still trying to call the city. They are giving us the run around, so we are going to just go down there. We are thinking of bringing someone in to talk about lobbying.
 - D. Student Affairs: Meeting time is now every week right after the Senate meeting.
 - E. Campus / Ad Hoc Committees

- i. Surbeck: Looking at things in the short term: purchasing a PS5 for the game room, some games, and a secondary TV. Different signage for rooms that automatically update.
 - 1. VP West: There is a senior design project in the computer science and engineering department that is making digital paper door signs for McLaury. If that goes well, it could expand into Surbeck.
- ii. Inclusion: Meeting tomorrow 10 AM in Surbeck.

13. Upcoming Senate Business

14. Announcements

- A. Senator Marshall: 5.03e⁹ milliseconds until Christmas. Sending out the email with the link to get your person.
- B. Selection of Student Speaker for December Commencement
- C. Dean Dlugos: Each commencement has a speaker along with a student speaker. The list is posted in the Senate office. Decide who you want to nominate. We will bring your final choice with one or two backups to the Commencement committee.
 - i. SA Chair Harroun: There are two speakers?
 - ii. Dean Dlugos: There is a commencement speaker invited by the university and then a student speaker.
- D. Costume Contest Winner: Hooray, Paycen

15. Adjournment

- A. Senator Quizon motions to adjourn.
- B. Senator Zaug seconds.
- C. Motion approved.