Student Senate Meeting

Wednesday, October 6th 5:00 pm || Pearson Alumni Center

1. Roll Call and Approval of Proxies
   a. Proxy for Senator Braaten.
   b. Senator Quizon motions to approve proxies.
   c. Senator Melstad seconds.
   d. Motion approved.
2. Approval of the Agenda
   a. Approved.
3. Approval of Minutes
   a. Approved.
4. Open Floor Guests
   a. Casting club:
      i. Mission – safety-oriented instruction from experienced leadership, dedicated workspace and equipment, focused time and budget, academic demonstrations. 102 students interested – METs, MEs, GEOs, EEs, CSCs. Can assist with sculpting (wax, clay, wood carving), sculpture casting (pewter figures, bronze statues), designing/prototyping, 3D printing (3D model to metal casting), metal recycling (aluminum cans, copper wire), jewelry making (rings, gem setting), ingot casting (bullion, decorative).
      ii. Future interaction with other orgs – blacksmithing, 3D printing, STEAM, any org with requests.
      iii. Funding – supplemental, fundraising, AFS Student Chapter Grant (Foundry Educational Foundation), SOAP for consumable material and equipment maintenance, NUCOR has also voiced some interest in funding/contributing. Fundraising through selling merchandise, commission projects, hosting competitive events, open pour nights/raffles.
      iv. Potential – expand capabilities of foundry, greater capability for personal and academic projects, will hopefully become a part of a bigger professional society like AFS.
4. Unfinished Business
   a. Resolution 21-F-004
      i. Senator Naufal motions to vote.
      ii. SA Chair Harroun seconds.
      iii. Motions passes unanimously.
5. New Business
   a. None
6. Open Discussion
   a. Senator Zaug: At football games everyone parks across the street on St. Joseph and walks across. Can we make a cross walk for safety?
      i. SA Chair Harroun: I think that is especially relevant given that we host so many high school games.
      ii. Senator Marshall: We should bring it up to the people doing the stadium renovations.
      iii. Senator Maag: Can we put up a cross walk that goes nowhere?
iv. VP West: There have been several complaints about the intersection by Einsteins because it is really hard to see to pull out. There have been a couple of accidents/near accidents. Need GR to talk to the city about that intersection and ask how we could add a crosswalk.

v. Senator Nix: All the intersections are blind over by the Rockers.

vi. Senator Marshall: If we can’t afford to put in a skywalk, then having overhead flashing lights in addition to the side ones might help.

b. Senator Nix: Do we still have the powerpoint that explains senator expectations?

i. VP West: I sent it out to the freshmen.

8. Chief Financial Officer’s Report

a. SOAP workshops went well – 74 orgs attended. Blacksmithing club sent me a supplemental request today and we will talk about it in our meeting tomorrow. Last year the Welding Society put in a request for the plasma torch, this is for the table that the torch goes on. The plan was that AWS would pay $750, Blacksmithing would pay $750 and NUCOR would sponsor $5000 and then AWS would get money from their district.

i. Senator Marshall: The district backed out. They got $5000 from NUCOR and AWS and Blacksmithing still has funds earmarked for this. They are trying to come up with the money for the part that the district was supposed to cover.

b. Meeting with Mine Rescue team because they requested over $10,000 in SOAP last year.

9. Vice President’s Report

a. Sent out an email to freshmen about committees. Please get back to me by Friday. We will get you on Ad Hocs as well. Senate polos – Melstad said he would send out the survey to everyone. When I last talked to the bookstore, there were no materials. The price should be about $10 a person.

i. SA Chair Harroun: Would it be possible for Senate to buy extra and then people can check them out if they need to?

ii. VP West: Yes. I am trying to get a maroon color with a white logo. I will also make sure there are mens and womens cuts.

b. CFO Emery and I are working on the allocation of new logo design funds. Please send us recommendations.

10. President’s Report:

a. The proposal that was presented last week about the GAF committee was approved.

i. Director Headley: It went before exec council and then it will go before the cabinet. It is in process.

ii. Senator Marshall: Will this create more work for finance?

iii. CFO Emery: It will make my life easier. Now there are more people working on it. The cabinet meeting is the last Monday of every month.

iv. Director Headley: Assuming it moves forward, it will help processes. Encourage people to keep inviting guests to speak to Senate.

v. Senator Naufal: Is Senate losing power because of this in any way?

vi. Director Headley: No. All the other BOR schools are set up in a similar manner. They are allocated so much of the GAF to allocate to student orgs. It is aligning with the other BOR institutions and the expectations of the BOR.

vii. CFO Emery: In the spring, we will still get to vote on the allocations. We will still see the numbers.

viii. Senator Naufal: Is that vote unanimous or majority?
ix. CFO Emery: Majority. Come spring I will draft a resolution that we have to pass as a Senate. Assuming it passes, all the allocations are placed. It is the same with SOAP.

x. Director Headley: The president has to sign off on everything.

xi. Senator Marshall: I am curious how this will affect the total pool of money being allocated. I am worried to see the implications and see if it will hurt the clubs being funded.

xii. VP West: We still get to make recommendations, it will be good to have non Senate members on the committee. CFO Emery sits on the board as a voting member.

xiii. Director Headley: This would be a good question up to Dr. Spindle - how to make sure the orgs are being taken care of.

xiv. President Jurrens: VP West and I are meeting with Dr. Spindle so please let us know if you have questions.

xv. Senator Nix: What does the student representation look like on that board? Is it Senate members or just students?

xvi. CFO Emery: CFO, 5 students appointed by the president recommended by the student Senate for one year terms, three employees - one NFE, one CAS, one faculty for three years terms, the Dean of students, and VP of finance.

xvii. Senator Marshall: Can we have Bill Spindle come in and talk to us?

11. International/Veteran/Graduate/Non-Traditional Senator Report
   a. International: Yesterday we had two immigration attorneys come to the school – talked about work visas, green cards, and permanent residency. We have a possible scholarship for international students: Make You Mark International Scholarship Contest. All full-time international students in active F, J, M, U, T, R, A, or Q visa-holders and DACA recipients currently enrolled in a SEVIS approved US institution are eligible. $1500 for five winners. The deadline is November 1st. We went to Spearfish Canyon last Friday.
   b. Veteran: Had a meeting this last Monday, talked about Veterans for America conference and fundraising to attend. Vets club has a new logo. Chili cook off is Nov 9th 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Proceeds are going to Sergeant Colton Levi Derr Foundation – works with PTSD vets and families. Getting donations for the raffle and will start tabling in Surbeck for it. Veteran salute is on November 10th.
   c. Graduate: None
   d. Non-Trad: There was an email sent out to get ahold of non-traditional students – had four replies.
      i. Director Headley: They have created a report that automatically updates as people enroll/graduate and it needs to be made into a mailing list so we can use it.

12. Committee Reports
   a. Constitution: We have an interesting situation with the Martial Arts orgs. We are meeting with them tomorrow at 5:00 PM.
   b. Public Relations: Hardrocker Discount Program – looking for businesses where students can get discounts.
      i. VP West: There are stickers somewhere in the office that say Hardrocker Discount Program that we give to businesses to put in their windows.
   c. Governmental Relations: Meetings are set at 4:00 on Mondays now.
d. Student Affairs: Committee will not be meeting this Friday. We have been working on the hammock pole project. The design submitted by Adam Namyst will go in front of chem building. The design submitted by Theta Tau will go near McLaury. After we decide officially where they will go, we will get a quote for building them, and then this committee will ask Senate for some money and hopefully have them by Christmas break.
   i. Senator Benzmillier: Can we use blacksmithing club?
   ii. SA Chair Harroun: We will be talking to AWS and Blacksmithing and if they can’t make them, we will go with a commercial company.
   iii. Senator Dumont: Will people think these are just art?
   iv. SA Chair Harroun: Because these were designed by student orgs, there will be plaques that say “hammock poles designed by …”.
   v. Senator Benzmillier: Will there be other things like tables near them?
   vi. SA Chair Harroun: Not at this moment, but that is a good idea.

e. Campus / Ad Hoc Committees
   i. Campus Security: We have had some new interest in the committee. We will be getting a resolution together for test equipment for Campus Security, Facilities, and IT to test before we present to the student body.
      1. VP West: You should email out to the student body what exactly you come up with.
   ii. Presence: We have a video posted on the school website.
      1. Director Headley: I sent it out to all orgs and will reach out again to get their feedback. They will be meeting with IT next week to make sure there are no issues. If we go with it, we will sign a 3 year contract with them in December.
      2. Senator Marshall: Have you just watched the video or have you demo’d it. Is it easier to use?
      3. CFO Emery: There is a site called Atlantis where you can demo it. Presence is a possible candidate to replace Mines Link.
      4. Director Headley: From a data perspective, it is important for the university and for the students associations. We don’t have a lot of red tape for students tape for orgs to go through, but I think we should firm up event processes. They can advertise on it and track attendance. They can add this data to SOAP presentations.
      5. CFO Emery: We have Mines Advantage - if you go a career event, you swipe your card, any skills that pertain to that event, will automatically update on your profile. It combines Mines Link and Mines Advantage.
      6. Director Headley: We used to use card swipes. We used to use those at the Career fair and then it would automatically update your Mines Advantage. This new system is connected directly to Banner.
      7. Senator Benzmillier: Are room reservations accessible on this app?
      8. Director Headley: Not currently, but we can work on that. Does everyone know about the online room scheduler?
      9. Senator Naufal: Does the app track if a student joins an org?
      10. Senator Quiizon: Yes, officers can also access who attended their event.
      11. VP West: The scheduler could be a cool project for a computer science senior design.
iii. Director Headley: Sent out an email about fundraising opportunities at the Monument for orgs - concessions. There was a session about Senate Bill 55 – we are looking for a unified food service contract across all universities in SD. The current food contract will be done June 30, and the new one will start July 1st.
   1. Senator Harroun: Is there any student input on that committee?
   2. Director Headley: Students have responded to the survey with comments and feedback.
   3. Senator Marshall: Senate Bill 55 is not as big and scary as we thought it would be. There will be a lot of changes though.
   4. Senator Benzmiller: When it comes to the universal food plan, is there a way to determine universal quality?
   5. Director Headley: Yes. There will be a contract across the system but there will be unique services for each university.

13. Upcoming Senate Business
14. Announcements
   b. VP West: SHED (Students for Higher Education Days) is February 7th tentatively.
15. Adjournment
   a. Senator Quizon motions to adjourn.
   b. CFO Emery seconds.
   c. Motion approved.