

Student Senate Meeting

Wednesday, September 22nd 5:00 pm || Pearson Alumni Center

1. Roll Call and Approval of Proxies
 - a. Proxies for Senators Marshall and Dennis.
 - b. Senator Nix motions to approve proxies.
 - c. CFO Emery seconds.
 - d. Motion approved.
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Senator Naufal motions to approve agenda.
 - b. Senator Nix seconds.
 - c. Motion approved.
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approved.
4. Open Floor Guests
 - a. Counseling (Duane Kavanaugh):
 - b. Update on what counseling has been working on - made a lot of improvements service wise. Still providing counseling, couples counseling, group sessions. New group sessions: Hang Time - work on soft skills/how to interview/how to get out of a conversation/how to stop talking; Woke - mood disorders group/dealing with depression, anxiety, mood issues.
 - c. Increased assessment capacity, GAT7, PHQ9, added ADHD screening tools. Work with Amanda Lopez on ADHD. Still work with community referrals but have reduced that number. Students don't have to leave campus now for counseling, unless the issues are very serious and we can't handle it.
 - d. Since the beginning of the semester, 66 new students on top of everyone who returned and everyone from the summer. The last school year, had 933 sessions in office, 1300 virtual sessions, 147 new students and 21 walk ins. 170 hours of outreach doing training or meeting with other departments. So far this year, have had 289 in person sessions and 26 virtual sessions. Have changed hours to 7:30-5:30 or a little later depending on the situation – more accessible.
 - e. How are we going to be more active on campus? Both Kavanaugh and Chelsey Groseclose became QPR trained – how to deal with someone who is suicidal. Met with faculty staff and Greek life, eventually want to extend this to all freshmen. Participated in Chalk the Walk. Want to become more involved in the things that the town is doing and do those things on campus.
 - f. What's next? Mary Jo Farrington retired, she did prevention work in drugs and alcohol. The grant was renewed, creating a new job position, this new person will continue that work, sexual assault prevention, healthy living, and be the legs of the Wellness Committee. Started giving students a PSQI – sleep quality index. Sports department is also doing this.
 - g. Talking to Dr. Joe about increasing clinical staff and hiring one more counselor. Looking for interns for the spring.
 - i. Senator Tomac: Student counseling is open 24-7?
 1. Kavanaugh: No. Have a program called Stressed and Depressed Inventory. If someone needs 24 hour service, counseling works with Crisis Care in town.

- ii. Senator Naufal: Have the new programs Hang Time and Woke been advertised?
 - 1. Kavanaugh: Not really, they are mostly for the current students because we don't have enough staff to provide it to everyone right now.
 - iii. VP West: Did you get all the online scheduling and booking up and running?
 - 1. Kavanaugh: No. Will probably end up with Titanium. The problem is that it is not cloud based. This will allow students to schedule their own appointments.
 - iv. Kavanaugh: Want to have more student involvement in the Wellness Committee.
 - h. Marketing and Communications (Ann Brentlinger): Senate talked about all orgs rebranding and there are about 30 or 40 new student logos. This is more than the office can handle. Have found an independent designer, a Black Hills State student. She charges \$40 a logo with three revisions. Encourage orgs to get on top of it. For those who have already asked for a new logo, we have not forgotten. We are getting to them as soon as possible. The office is creating a checklist for orgs so they get everything they need that will have the logo on it. The office has already found licensed vendors.
 - i. Senator Braaten: So if the orgs need to be rebranded do they talk to you?
 - 1. Brentlinger: Yes so we can line them up with the independent designer and we make sure they stick to brand guidelines.
 - 2. VP West: With the \$55,000 we approved, there will be a funding request form. Orgs might not know what exactly they need so they can use the checklist and then we can give them the appropriate amount of money and then connect them with the independent designer and the appropriate licensed vendors.
 - ii. Brentlinger: With the rebrand, no matter where you go, you know it's South Dakota Mines, helps elevate our reputation and identity.
 - iii. VP West: Are we planning on handing off all new applications to this designer?
 - 1. Brentlinger: Possibly and we are also looking for a second designer.
 - iv. VP West: Need orgs to get the requests and designs done as soon as possible.
 - v. Senator Maag: Formula team doesn't have the old M anywhere, do they need to rebrand? Is this a question they can send to your office: This is our logo can we still use this?
 - 1. Brentlinger: Don't have to use our logo. If you want to, you can. If you do, you have to go through the licensed vendor.
- 5. Unfinished Business
 - a. None
- 6. New Business
 - a. None
- 7. Open Discussion
 - a. None
- 8. Chief Financial Officer's Report
 - a. Tomorrow Aiche and committee are meeting to talk about how they are doing in regards to SOAP and why they got \$16,000 in the last year. SOAP workshops start next Tuesday.
- 9. Vice President's Report
 - a. Have been taking reports from all the Chairs. This has been working well – if something needs to be discussed, we set up one on one meetings. If you have input of what should go in the rebranding form let me know. Freshman elections were today. Need a Graduate student.

- i. Senator Naufal: Can an undergrad doing an accelerated master be counted as a grad student?
- ii. VP West: Need to double check. There may be room for them though.
- iii. Senator Rust: What about someone who finished their masters and is getting a new bachelors?
- iv. VP West: Also investigating that.

10. President's Report

- a. Student Federation meeting on Monday.
- b. Secretary Reilly: Two things that were pertinent. SDBOR is looking at other platforms other than D2L. A student asked that since the Pfizer vaccine has been FDA approved, will the board mandate the South Dakota schools to get vaccinated? The board has said they are not comfortable with mandating vaccinations.
- c. Gotten really good feedback on involvement with athletics and Pigskin problem.

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

- a. International: In collaboration with ISI we are going hiking this Saturday to Devils Tower.
- b. Veteran: Vets club is doing chili competition Nov 9th in Surbeck. Nov 10th is Veterans day – speaker Adjutant General for the National Guard. Had a roundtable discussion about the Afghan war. Would like to see more involvement especially with two big bases in Rapid.
 - i. VP West: Is there school on Veterans Day?
 - ii. Director Headley: No.
- c. Graduate: None
- d. Non-Traditional: Talked to Director Headley. Will be sending out an email after homecoming ends.

12. Committee Reports

- a. Constitution: Met with a new potential club, everything looked good. Most likely will see a new resolution next Wednesday.
- b. Public Relations: Student Photo shoot 9/23 4:30-5:30 in the Quad and also 9/25.
- c. Governmental Relations: Freshman elections were today, thanks to everyone who tabled.
 - i. Senator Naufal: How many freshmen ended up running?
 - ii. GR Chair Else: 4
 - iii. VP West: Had someone accidentally sign up as senior and then another who was late to the game who is interested.
- d. Student Affairs: Met last Friday, main thing from that meeting was Shelby Guthrie. She wants to build a green house on campus. Talked to Director Headley about funding for the tampons – off the table, trying to find other ways to do that. Thinking about Pancheros fundraisers to fund the Hygiene Bank. Set up a meeting with Jarelyn Roberts for the hammock poles.
 - i. Director Headley: We can't spend GAF/SOAP money to replenish hygiene products.
- e. Campus / Ad Hoc Committees:
 - i. President Jurrens: Last spring there was a recommendation made to have an Athletic Finance Committee. We decided to not form it – the purpose and end goal were not clear.
 - ii. Proxy for Marshall: There was a lot of thought that went into this Ad Hoc committee. There are a lot of vets and sophomores who support this. What is the

point of Senate or voting on things? The end of it was to look at what the student enrollment is between athletics and students in general. What are we getting out of athletics? We are a STEM school.

- iii. Senator Maag: Agree with President Jurrens. This committee was the birth child of Senator Marshall. There was no clear problem statement or end goal of the committee. They wanted to investigate the return GAF is giving to the students via athletics – that is an unclear problem statement and doesn't give the committee a clear direction. If Senator Marshall wants to propose a much clearer problem statement with a much clearer direction with a more outlined purpose for the committee, that is something we should talk about. Without that, we can't move forward.
- iv. CFO Emery: On the CFO side, I don't have the attitude or time to breathe on athletics 24/7. In the spring, I get a sheet that says what they're spending money on and if I see something wrong with it, I talk to them. Until then, I don't see a point in the new committee itself.
- v. Senator Tomac: Can we wait to talk about this until Senator Marshall is present because this was his idea?
- vi. VP West: No one except President Jurrens has the authority to create an Ad Hoc committee. We have no written document with any outlines, goals, or objectives for this committee. Need written out information.
- vii. PR Chair Frazer: What about the resolution written last spring?
- viii. VP West: It can in no way force the hand of any administration, because the power to create committees lies with President Jurrens.
- ix. CFO Emery: When we had a transition meeting for CFO, if the committee was created, I would appoint a chair but I don't see a point in the committee.
- x. Senator Maag: Clarification – even if we make a resolution saying that the Senate approves the committee, it in no way forces President Jurrens to make it?
- xi. VP West: You cannot force the President's hand. The resolution has no bearing on creating the committee.

13. Upcoming Senate Business

- a. Senate bonding is October 3rd noon at Flags and Wheels.
- b. 14 weeks till Christmas.

14. Announcements

- a. Headshots on October 6th at 4:30. Ask that you wear professional attire. Will be going on the school website.
 - i. Constitution Chair Hagel: Will be at the arch. If the weather is not good, we will be in the ballroom.
 - ii. VP West: We are also taking a group photo.
- b. Senator Nix: We have a real homecoming this year so come.

15. Adjournment

- a. SA Chair Harroun moves to adjourn.
- b. CFO Emery seconds.
- c. Motion approved.