

South Dakota Mines Student Association Senate

Minutes

Date: October 12, 2022

Time: 5:00

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Roll Call

P = Present E = Excused A = Absent

International Senator

Niven Feranades [P]

Graduate Senator

Samuel Kessinger [P]

Freshman Senators

Clive Uy [P]

Madelyn Siekmann [P]

Mario Dominguez [P]

Nicholas Lockwood [P]

Adedokun Alarape [P]

Junior Senators

Gage Espanet [P]

Ashlyn Kaul [P]

Eliza McCallum [P]

Royal Paulsen [P]

Abigail Van Ruler [P]

Nontraditional Senator

Ryan Cantz [P]

Veteran Senator

Wesley Quigley [P]

Sophomore Senators

Hagan Archer [P]

Brady Dumont [P]

Robert Hewitt [P]

Ben Lewis [P]

Senior Senators

Morgan Else [P]

Nicholas Wipf [P]

Olivia Jurens [P]

Patrick Rust [P]

Armand Lannerd [P]

Item	Primary Speaker
1. Roll Call and Approval of Proxies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passes unanimously 	VP Schleich
2. Approval of the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passes unanimously 	President Marshall
3. Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passes unanimously 	President Marshall
4. Open Floor Guests A. Nucor MI Building - President Rankin, Associate Vice President Roberts, Dr.Kellar, Provost Roberts, Dr.Spindle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>President Rankin</u>: There are questions and concerns about the location of the 	

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new MI building. I Sent out an email talking about this trying to be transparent we thought this was a 34-million-dollar building. We had to cut down the footprint of the building. With most of the utilities supply chain caused the price to raise massively. Found that 2 million could be saved by moving it to the Quad

- President Marshall: Could the 2.8 million in contingency funds have been used to finish the foundation work at the original build site?
 - Associate VP Roberts: Right now, the price of the building is 41.8 million with 3.8 million of that being bonded; and we're going back the legislature for another 4 million. Contingency is held by the contractor for unexpected things happening during the construction, we are hoping to use some contingency to finish off the building.
 - President Rankin: We can't use the contingency upfront.
 - Associate VP Roberts: Some will get spent due to unforeseen costs.
- Senator Hewitt: I've been speaking with constituents. In the future what are ideas for greenery?
 - President Rankin: The old MI building is going to be torn down to maybe be turned into green space. But there is some desire for parking there.
 - Associate VP Roberts: We did have some ideas of trying to partner with the fair ground for more recreational spaces.
- President Marshall: Since the location has been change and the building size

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has been reduced. Would going back to the state senate for more money made more sense?

- President Rankin: The 19 million dollars we got was maybe one of the biggest appropriations for a collage campus and it was due to the money gotten due to covid. All BOR campus are going in for a 29-million-dollar proposal. We are planning on going back this year for 4 million more dollars
- President Marshall: How many students were involved in the 2019 student master plan update?
- Associate VP Roberts: How we did the master planning process is we had steering groups and open sessions when the architects came to campus. We did have a student session for student input.
- President Rankin: We had alumni, students, and faculty look at this plan. We tried to make it very wide open.
- President Marshall: In the master plan it says that the site labeled F is not suitable for building at this time.
- President Rankin: Because we didn't pick it, we moved it for 10 years out because who knows what that next building will be.
- President Marshall: They also raise questions about similar locations with building A or building B would have been much higher of a priority considering they are still in consideration for a potential MI building. Despite the need for a pedestrian tunnel and a cross walk. The Higher cost of building F could not have been worth sacrificing the

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quad when compared to building B when the spare 5 million dollars could have easily funded a tunnel to the building.

- President Rankin: A and B are still places we would like to build in the future as we don't have any place for the campus to grow. A is the Dakota Building, B is the apartment complexes we don't own either of those the foundation does its looking to be 4 million for us to buy those so it wouldn't have been any cheaper.
- Associate VP Roberts: Another thing this building will be on our university loop for our boilers and coolers if we were to build else where we would have to build with its own boiler and cooler.
- President Rankin: We also talked about replacing the music building, but we didn't have another place to do music.
- Senator Siekmann: I know you had open forum, was there student input to change location?
- President Rankin: We looked at what the cost was then went back to the master plan.
- CFO Quizon: You mentioned you had 2.8 million bonded how would that affect tuition and how was that planned for initially.
- President Rankin: It wasn't planned for initially, we found we needed to put more money into the building it will not come out of student tuition dollars it will come out of general funds. The foundation has also been fundraising 12 million dollars for us, there's only 10 million dollars right

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<p>now.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Kaul:</u> We wanted to hold an open forum addressing these problems would there be interest on your part in attending?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>President Rankin:</u> Sure, we would be happy to do that.• <u>Senator Siekmann:</u> There is a large amount of outrage due to this project what will you do to combat this?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>President Rankin:</u> We've felt like we communicated if you have suggestions we are open to hear that because we've felt that we've been transparent. I believe one of the complaints that students have been ignored by the president's office, but we've actually only had two emails.• <u>Senator Lewis:</u> Is there a place to see the plans?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>President Marshall:</u> I sent those out in the transparency email. So maybe sending that out would be good so maybe have a spot for it online would be good or send it to all students though email.• <u>President Rankin:</u> We were caught by surprise by the concern. If you have suggestions about communications, please let us know.	
<p>5. Unfinished Business A. Resolution 22.F.008 South Dakota Mines Trail, Hike, and Bike Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senator Hewitt motions to vote<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Senator Kaul seconds• Motion passes unanimously	
<p>6. New Business A. Resolution 22.F.009 Sophomore Senator Appointment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senator Rust motions to suspend the	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> rules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senator Hewitt seconds ● Motion passes unanimously ● Senator Else motion to vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senator Rust seconds ● Motion passes unanimously B. Resolution 22.F.010 Standing Committee Appointments 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Senator Hewitt motion to suspend rules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senator Archer seconds ● Motion passes unanimously ● Else motion to vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Second Senator Archer ● Motion passes unanimously 	
<p>7. Open Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Senator Kessinger:</u> anyone been on Yik Yak? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Senator Archer:</u> Yes, it's where a lot of the complaints came from. 	
<p>8. CFO Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next week we will see two supplementals one for Grubby's Gardening Club and one for ISE and their regional funding. ● I will have a chat with the PR committee. 	CFO Quizon
<p>9. VP Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student fed met twice and met with Dr.Maher. ● At a standstill with mental health at the state level. BOR took it from us and are looking for funding. We are dead in the water till they get back to us. ● There may be a tuition freeze next semester. ● <u>Senator Lannerd:</u> Does this tuition freeze mean a GAF freeze? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>President Marshall:</u> They are not raising other fees but GAF could go 	VP Schleich

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<p>up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>CFO Quizon</u>: I have one thing to add. GAF will probably go up with the new bonded MI building.○ <u>President Marshall</u>: No it comes from university overhead.● <u>President Marshall</u>: If we want to maintain current SOAP support, we may need to increase GAF. CFO Quizon is looking into that working with the finance office for next year.	
<p>10. President's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Heads up, there may be a legal initiative this week. Article 6 section 3 of our constitution allows a petition of 100 signatures of students that support a resolution that upon presentation to me and verifying of the petition the resolution will be pushed out to student vote. Please keep that on your radar for the coming weeks.● Student Fed was covered by the VP report.● <u>Senator Uy</u>: What could result from that petition<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>President Marshal</u>: Our power is limited, but if it's voted on and approved it will be adopted by our senate as our formal stance depending on the student body.● <u>Senator Jurrens</u>: What is the petition asking for?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>President Marshall</u>: They are still drafting the petition they were missing some key parts like the petition being only students, the signatures being physical, and was directed more towards administration rather than action items our senate can actually take care of.	President Marshall
<p>11. Other Reports</p>	Senators Feranades, Quigley, Kessinger, Cantz

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ No report• Veterans Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ No report• Graduate Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Kessinger</u>: The graduate students are not upset about the Nucor building.• Non-Traditional Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ No report	
<p>12. Committee Reports</p> <p>A. Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Kessinger</u>: No report. <p>B. Public Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Else</u>: We got 366 responses for the survey we sent out. Most people don't know what the Hardrocker discount is and that the list is not up to date so we will be working with marketing on getting it better known and updating the list. <p>C. Governmental Relations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Jurrens</u>: No report. <p>D. Student Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Kaul</u>: We are switching the open form on mental health to one on the Nucor building I'd like to have them there so the date is up in the air. <p>E. Campus & Ad Hoc Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>President Marshall</u>: Who's on commencement, and who's the contact?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Senators Rust & Else.• <u>Senator Else</u>: Kowalski.• <u>President Marshall</u>: how's rebranding?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Rust</u>: good I might need to find more contacts for that.○ <u>Marshall</u>: if you need more resources, I can reach out to other senators who might know people.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ VP Schleich: Did you get my email about Jacob B. West as a contact, I'm not sure if you want to peruse that avenue.● <u>Senator Paulsen</u>: Sent out another when is good so I'm waiting on that.	
13. Upcoming Senate Business A. Rocker Trail Ribbon Cutting <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Marshall: 13th of October at 11am	
14. Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>Senator Hewitt</u>: Christmas is in 74 days don't know if we want to do anything for that.● <u>Senator Jurens</u>: don't forget about the costume contest in two weeks● <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: Family week is in two days so attend some events Sodexo is also providing free brunch on Saturday from 9-11:30● <u>Director Headly</u>: tomorrow from 9-4 Starbucks Serenade is open for free. Starting Friday, it will charge for drinks.	
15. Adjournment <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Senator Rust motion to adjourn<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second Senator Lannerd.● Motion passes unanimously	