

South Dakota Mines Student Association Senate

Minutes

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Roll Call

P = Present E = Excused A = Absent

International Senator

Niven Feranades [P]

Graduate Senator

Samuel Kessinger [E] [Trevor Bormann]

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 [E] Chris Poches

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]

Samantha Twing [P]

Senior Senators

Morgan Else [E] Philip Hauck

Nicholas Wipf [E] Jacob Zaug

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 • Motion to approve proxies' Senator Rust • Second Senator McCallum • 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. CubeSat Team Stirling Wallace	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>CFO Quizon</u>: what's your membership look like as far as class make up?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Stirling Wallace</u>: Mainly freshman are interested.• <u>Senator Twing</u>: has this been done before at other universities?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Stirling Wallace</u>: Yes, this is nationwide.• <u>CFO Quizon</u>: I'm thinking of doing a soap workshop of new organizations would that be beneficial to you?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Stirling Wallace</u>: Yes, that would be beneficial.	
<p>5. Unfinished Business None</p>	
<p>6. New Business A. Resolution 22.F.011 Grubby Garden Club Supplemental<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No questionsB. Resolution 22.F.012 STEAM Club SOAP Funding<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Rust</u>: Is any of the funding needed soon?• <u>CFO Quizon</u>: They said it was not a rush.</p>	Senator Rust, CFO Quizon
<p>7. Open Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: part of the role of Student Senate is to select a commencement speaker for both this December and next May. Each senator gets 3 votes but cannot mark 1 speaker more then once.• <u>Senator Rust</u>: I brought this up at commencement committee today, maybe sending out a forum to the senior class and have them vote on the top two this might make a bit more sense as they know their fellow seniors more than we do. We can't do it for this graduation but maybe later.• <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: Spring commencement	

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we may have 3 times as many people. How about we do this process then and send out the top 10 for seniors for them to vote on.

- Senator Alarape: I think it would be better for the senior class to vote on their commencement speaker.
- Senator Jurrens: Just seeing results on student elections I think it would be better for the Senate to vote on the commencement speaker.
- Senator Lannerd: I think we should vote then send out the top candidates
- Senator Rust: So essentially, we vote then the seniors vote on the top two then the commencement committee actually picks the speaker.
- Dean Dlugos: If you guys would like we could that this semester too.
- Proxy Hauck: Maybe we could do it similar to how homecoming elections are done.
 - Senator Rust: That's kind of what's going on, it's just the final person has to be chosen by the commencement committee.
 - Senator Twing: I think what he's saying is people should run for commencement speaker
 - Proxy Hauck: yes, that is what I was thinking, where an email gets sent out to the senior class.
- Senator Alarape: How does commencement committee chose who speaks?
 - Senator Rust: Usually what happens is from this list the top 3 will be chosen by the committee by who they believe would be the best speaker.
 - President Marshall: There are some staff on the committee, there are two

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<p>senior senators on this committee as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: Yes, staff from admissions, and The Rocker Shop, we also look at resumes.● <u>Senator Alarape</u>: Do you think we should ask the top 3 why they believe they should be commencement speaker?○ <u>Senator Rust</u>: It's not necessarily that we don't trust President Rankin, I just think this would give students a little bit more say.● <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: So, am I going to take the top 10 from tonight and send that to the seniors?● <u>Senator McCallum</u>: So is that just for anyone who's graduating.○ <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: Yes, this is for seniors, PhD, and graduate students.○ <u>President Marshall</u>: How about we just send this out to the graduating seniors.○ <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: If we want to switch things in the spring, we can do that.● <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: Can we formalize this in the future, so we know where our discussion today leads?○ <u>President Marshall</u>: I'll get back to you on that.	
<p>8. CFO Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● People in the student body have expressed concern about the location to the Nucor building● during President Jurrens administration a tree fund was created, which \$25,000 was allocated towards. This is usually only used for Arbor Day. I got an email about that fund; it sounds like it might be used to help replace the trees cut down during the Nucor building	CFO Quizon

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<p>construction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ISE supplemental, wasn't presented today due to a previous supplemental last year that got passed for the full \$5,000 but some of the funds carried over to this year.• <u>Senator Lannerd:</u> Have they given a location for where the trees are going to go?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>CFO Quizon:</u> I was only asked today where the funds are.○ <u>President Marshall:</u> Clarification this was for Ash Board to replace trees as they age because many of the trees on campus are ash trees.	
<p>9. VP Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update from student fed concerning the mental health initiative. I was in contact with Executive Katie Conzet. All they've said as far as BOR taking over the initiative is that they're worried that this may compete with other funding priorities so this may cause make it hard to get funding for the initiative through the BOR but we will try and remain optimistic.• <u>Senator Kaul:</u> Is there anything that can be done without funding?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>VP Schleich:</u> If the BOR can't provide we might do our own thing but that would need a lot more planning.○ <u>President Marshall:</u> USD is doing a few things policy wise such as mental health sick days no questions asked, we could look into that.○ <u>Proxy Hauck:</u> I believe USD approved 2 mental sick days to be used.○ <u>Dean Dlugos:</u> This is looking more positive for starting next year. Brett	VP Schleich

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<p>Kavanaugh is acting as an adjunct for the Master’s Program for Counselling for the SDSU branch in town, so we may have 3 or 4 master level students wanting to join our department as interns. Kavanaugh is also looking into making us a practicum site, as we don’t have to pay for either that might be good.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Senator Siekmann:</u> If the BOR doesn’t approve will this be dead in the water? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>President Marshall:</u> This can be brought back up, it’s part of senate bill 55, its evolved into different focuses within the BOR for improvements so it’s still there and is still within the consciousness of the BOR. • <u>VP Schleich:</u> another thing they do at USD, they have mental health peer mentors, talked to Rob Sales about bringing that into our mentor programs to test it out. They also require all student organization executives to know basic mental health information as a preventative measure and they can’t apply for SOAP without it. • <u>President Marshall:</u> For the RA’s maybe they can make residence life mental health further reaching. 	
<p>10. President’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal initiative about the Nucor building has not been brought up. 	<p>President Marshall</p>
<p>11. Other Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fernandes: The India Club started preparing Diwali event. We host about 400 students. It is November 19th at 5pm • Veterans Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ no report 	<p>Senators Fernades, Quigley, Kessinger, Cantz</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduate Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ No report• 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">• No report <p>B. Public Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator McCallum</u>: Got the gift cards for the pig skin problem and are looking at making sure all the Hardrocker discounts are correct. <p>C. Governmental Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Jurrens</u>: We are going to local business looking for donations for a fundraising raffle. <p>D. Student Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Kaul</u>: Tomorrow is the Nucor building open forum. President Rankin and Jerilyn Roberts are both going to be there. At 5pm in the Surbeck ballroom. <p>E. Campus & Ad Hoc Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Rust</u>: Commencement committee. This fall will not be moved but they are looking to move commencement up by a week. Looking to move it to the weekend before finals end. Looking for input Senator Else stated that this would stress her out more. I feel like it should stay as it is.○ <u>Senator Espanet</u>: they do it the weekend before other places and it would be more fun but would probably be more stressful.○ <u>Senator Rust</u>: if it was the weekend before finals, it would be different but our finals are split but they want to move it to the weekend in between	

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finals.

- Senator Jurens: I think it would be good, because seniors often don't have that heavy of a finals schedule.
- Senator Twing: With the spit finals, not everyone has finals that second week. Last year I noticed some people had to buy hotels because we have to move out 24 hours after the last finals even though they had wanted to see graduation.
- Proxy Hauck: could you propose to residence life that students should instead have to leave 24 hours after commencement.
- Senator Lewis: Traditionally seniors are allowed to stay extra long in the dorms.
- President Marshall: It looks like we may have to argue our case to residence life regardless.
- Senator Rust: Dean Dlugos they just want to change this for the fall correct?
- Dean Dlugos: Yes that is the impression I got.
- President Marshall: What about food service I know you guys met.
- Senator Uy: we discussed a few things: talked about the noodle station which is still being shipped. Dining hall will stay as it is. The shack will have an order ahead idea soon though the everyday app. The shop in Rocker Square is done besides the cameras
 - Senator Lockwood: The order ahead was talked about. For the 24 hour market. We are going to need to monitor how that works because of the lack of staff.
- President Marshall: I heard about the You Cook station. How does everyone

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here feel about the you cook station?

- Senator Hewitt: I think it will foster independence.
- Senator Siekmann: I think it's a good idea we always need more food options.
- Senator Alarape: I think its good as long as it doesn't take too much time
- Senator Espanet: How many stations for the You Cook station.
- Dean Dlugos: 2 burners.
- Senator Siekmann: I think the greater priority is going to be keeping the 24-hour convenience store as stalked as possible.
- Senator Twing: I think the You Cook station brings unnecessary risk to the dining hall with the possibility of burning food and setting off the fire alarms.
- President Marshall: now is the time to act because they will soon install this.
- Senator Lannerd: What's the difference between this and the stations in the dorms.
- President Marshall: They provide the ingredients.
- Senator Alarape: the practicality of where it is seems to be an issue to me.
- Senator Fernandes: Are there any plans to increase the time open for the Miner Shack
- Senator Uy: They are planning on extending hours for the Miner Shack. The You Cook station is also only going to be open during meal hours so there will be supervision.
- President Marshall: They are planning on keeping the Miner Shack open from 10 to 10.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Twing</u>: Is there going to be someone teaching people to cook by the You Cook station?○ <u>Senator Uy</u>: I don't think so.○ <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: will there be a liability waiver?○ <u>Senator Twing</u>: I know the previous food provider. They did have someone behind the counter cooking the item for them. The line was also really long so would that cause issues?● <u>Senator Marshall</u>: When is the food service committees next meeting?○ <u>Senator Lockwood</u>: They said sometime next month.○ Senator Van Ruler: There is a problem with them advertising right now is if something is gotten rid of.○ Dean Dlugos: Is it worth having someone from Sodexo coming in to answer these questions?○ <u>Senator Lockwood</u>: I didn't hear anything about a liability waiver.○ Alarape: another idea is to mitigate lines if there was a way to reserve a time that would possibly solve the line issue.	
<p>13. Upcoming Senate Business</p> <p>A. Senate Halloween Costume Contest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>President Marshall</u>: Next Meeting on the 26th● President Open forum tomorrow● Top commencement speakers: Joseph Schutte, Samuel Kessinger● <u>Senator Lewis</u>: will there be a chance for senate polos?○ <u>VP Schleich</u>: I will take care of that.● <u>Senator Hewitt</u>: concert in the music center Friday at 7.	
<p>14. Announcements</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Quigly</u>: 67 days until Christmas so a good time to practice your “thank you for the gift” face.• <u>VP Schleich</u> : voter registration forms in the senate office.	
<p>15. Adjournment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion to adjourn by senator Rust<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second by Senator Kaul• Motion passes unanimously	