South Dakota Mines Student Association Senate

Minutes

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Roll Call

P = Present   E = Excused   A = Absent

International Senator		Nontraditional Senator	
Niven Feranades	**[P]**	Ryan Cantz	**[P]**

Graduate Senator		Veteran Senator	
Samuel Kessinger	**[P]**	Wesley Quigley	**[P]**

Freshman Senators		Sophomore Senators	
Clive Uy	**[P]**	Hagan Archer	**[P]**
Madelyn Siekmann	**[P]**	Brady Dumont	**[P]**
Mario Dominguez	**[P]**	Robert Hewitt	**[P]**
Nicholas Lockwood	**[P]**	Ben Lewis	**[P]**
Adedokun Alarape	**[P]**	Samantha Twing	**[P]**

Junior Senators		Senior Senators	
Gage Espanet	**[P]**	Morgan Else	**[P]**
Ashlyn Kaul	**[P]**	Nicholas Wipf	**[P]**
Eliza McCallum	**[P]**	Olivia Jurrens	**[P]**
Royal Paulsen	**[P]**	Patrick Rust	**[P]**
Abigail Van Ruler	**[P]**	Armand Lannerd	**[P]**

Item	Primary Speaker
1. Roll Call and Approval of Proxies • Passes unanimously	Senator Kaul
2. Approval of the Agenda • Passes unanimously	President Marshall
3. Approval of Minutes • Passes unanimously	President Marshall
4. Open Floor Guests A. ITS – Bryan Schumacher • <u>Bryan Schumacher:</u> I'm here to explain what's going on with Wi-Fi and where we're going with it. • <u>Bryan Schumacher:</u> Streaming and	

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the student Wi-Fi routers. The only solution for this is to ban personal access points Senators should talk to their constituents about this.

- <u>Dr.Spindle</u>: What will it look like if those access points are gone?
  - o <u>Bryan Schumacher:</u> It will look just like the rest of campus where you only see open and WPA.
- <u>Bryan Schumacher:</u> if this where to happen it would happen over a summer break.
- <u>Dr.Spindle:</u> We are about the only university in the country that allows personal access points.
  - o <u>Bryan Schumacher:</u> Yes, I think I can count on two hands how many campuses allow personal access points in the country.
  - o <u>Senator McCallum:</u> So, is this an issue in all dorms?
  - o <u>Bryan Schumacher</u>: Yes, all dorms excluding Rocker because they are not owned by the university and have private networking equipment.
- <u>President Marshall:</u> Would this be a university policy change?
  - o <u>Bryan Schumacher:</u> We don't have a policy so it would be an added policy.
- <u>President Marshall:</u> What would enforcement look like?
  - o <u>Bryan Schumacher:</u> It would have to be student policing because it's hard for us to know where the access points are.
- <u>Senator Alarape:</u> Is there a punishment for this?
  - o <u>Director Headly:</u> There is not punishment at this time. But the responsibility for that would be on senior staff.

- <u>President Marshall:</u> Do we know how other BOR schools have structed this policy
  - <u>Bryan Schumacher:</u> this is something I'm going to look into to try and make a policy for our campus.
- <u>Senator Uy:</u> I have an exchange student friend; he's complaining about bad internet in the library.
  - <u>Bryan Schumacher:</u> That is the issue we just fixed.
- <u>Senator Kessinger:</u> Would cellular hot spots operate in the same bands?
  - <u>Bryan Schumacher:</u> They do and would cause interference.
  - <u>Senator Lannerd:</u> When the Wi-Fi stops working students often use their own hot spots so it may take some time to break that habit.
- <u>Senator Lockwood:</u> I noticed people using hotspots to access personal google accounts.
  - <u>Bryan Schumacher:</u> That shouldn't be the case so I'll look into that.
- <u>Senator Lockwood:</u> is there any ideas for public involvement? Because I haven't heard of anyone knowing about the access points.
  - <u>President Marshall:</u> Mr. Schumacher is bringing this to us to inform the students. We are looking to have an open forum about a lot of the Ad Hoc committee activities including the Wi-Fi policy changes.
- <u>Senator Lewis:</u> At one point you mentioned about new laptops. Is there going to be student input about the model of the new laptops?
  - <u>Bryan Schumacher:</u> We would love for input. Issue is we cannot have two laptop models in the same year. If the

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student body as a whole said to move back to the touch screens, then we would do that.
 	
• President Marshall: I know DSU has two models, one for general student body and a more powerful model for the CS students have you thought of doing that?
   o Bryan Schumacher: With a sign up this might be an idea to try out, but it would have to be a sign up thing.
   o President Marshall: If we do this could we make this a registration hold?
   o Director Headly: We may just have to be really creative with new students, as even getting ID pictures is difficult.
• Senator Lewis: what's the best way for students to get their ideas to ITS
   o Bryan Schumacher: If we could get this group to start this, I think that would be the best way to get student engagement. However, if it costs too much money, I don't think the board would allow us to raise the fee.
B. Food Service Dr. Spindle
 	
• Dr. Spindle: The 24/7 market begins operation on Monday, a new register needs to be put in.
   o Director Headly: We are going to open this for flex money to be used to buy items.
• Dr Spindle: it is already stocked. But this is an honor system but there are cameras.
• Senator Paulsen: Do you worry about theft, and do you need your card to get in?
   o Director Headly: Yes, you need your	

student ID to get access to the building. • Dr Spindle: we are also working on the Miner Shack grill; we only need an electric company to come fix the grill. But we did find one we just don't know when they are going to come fix it.	

5. **Unfinished Business**
A. Resolution 22.F.011 Grubbys Garden Club Supplemental
• Senator Hewitt motion to vote
  o Second Senator Paulsen
• Motion passes unanimously
B. Resolution 22.F.012 STEAM Club SOAP Funding
• Senator Lannerd motions to vote
  o Second Senator Fernandes
• Motion passes unanimously	

6. **New Business** • none	

7. **Open Discussion**
• Senator Alarape: I got approached by a Senior bout the FE exam. Felt that the instructions on the website where not the best.
  o Senator Lannerd: I've not taken it, but you do go through a lot of forums, I found the instructions to be okay.
• President Marshall: Is it just the instructions on the SDSMT site?
  o Senator Alarape: Yes, that's the idea I got.
• Director Headly: This might be a good chance for student testing to have informational sessions.
• President Marshall: Senator Alarape what where his issues?
  o Senator Alarape: Yes, this seemed to be an issue, he mentioned other	

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Seniors were having issues on this. • <u>President Marshall:</u> If you could get specifics next week, we could get to fixing this.	
8. CFO Report • Still working on figure out how much money came from GAF and got put into SOAP • got an email that says back in 2019 funds got moved for an account called GAF Allocations. But haven't received information on how much GAF we received this year	CFO Quizon
9. VP Report • Student Fed is having all BOR schools take the mental health survey sent out to our campus earlier this semester • The BOR is drafting a resolution based off of VP Schleich's proposal	Senator Kaul
10. President's Report • contrary to my update two weeks ago the mental health initiative is back in our hands. • VP Schleich and I will be attending kick off session later will be putting updates out later about revisions within the 2019 strategic plan there was a statement of there being a walking problem not a parking problem. This same plan however does not have adequate security with only moves to add fencing and more lighting. • There was university cabinet meeting, we only voted on approving some IT policies which were just standard, they are making minutes available to the student body so read those if you get the chance.	President Marshall

11. Other Reports	Senators Feranades, Quigley, Kessinger, Cantz

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• International Report
  o No report
• Veterans Report
  o <u>Senator Quigley:</u> Chili cook off next week.
• Graduate Report
  o No report
• Non-Traditional Report
  o No report
	Senators Feranades, Quigley, Kessinger, Cantz

12. Committee Reports A. Constitution • <u>Senator Kessinger:</u> two clubs presenting next week. Fencing and LS.L. • <u>President Marshall:</u> Any bylaw updates? B. Public Relations • <u>Senator Else:</u> Football game this Saturday and we are going to do the pigskin problem. Can anybody be there during half time to collect answers? C. Governmental Relations: • <u>Senator Jurrens:</u> meet with Dr. Keegan from CARA looking to set up a scholarship for senators. D. Student Affairs • <u>Senator Kaul:</u> open forum went well, not a ton of students but still some good information. • <u>Senator Kaul:</u> spirit Friday again next Friday but there's only going to be stickers, so I need volunteers for that. • <u>Senator Kaul:</u> We are in charge of the hygiene pantry being restocked so where thinking of doing a hygiene drive. o <u>Director Headly:</u> There is stuff to refill it in the mail room.	

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E. Campus & Ad Hoc Committees
• Senator Archer: Housing committee meeting. Additional student housing, off campus student housing, and how we can deal with different kinds of students coming, as well as temporary student housing for next year. We also talked about whether we want to be more of a residential or commuter campus. Safety was also talked about, according to crime reports it's not as bad as we think.
• Senator Archer: We also talked about how we can improve the off-campus housing search. We also talked about placement policy, so things like refunds and concerns with international students because it's hard to get checks oversees so looking to get money back to them is difficult. Looking at Temporary housing: the school looked at a piece of land over by Placer but can't put anything over there, so they're looking to put modular housing over there.
• President Marshall: Next week I'll pencil in a discussion about the housing issue, because there's a lot from Mines students about concerns with housing.
• Senator Lockwood: Not much to report from Surbeck: no liability concerns with the you cook stations as there's no open flame and it has the same risks as a waffle maker.
   o Senator Siekmann: Is there a timeline for the Miner Shack opening?
   o Director Headly: What we are waiting for is the electrician to fix the refrigeration nearby. We will be	

sending out an email about setting up the app. What they have to figure out is how students can pick up food while the food lockers are on order. ○ Senator Twing: I think she was asking about hours ○ Director Headly: The hours are going to be changing from 10am - 10pm • President Marshall: Update for parking committee finally got some updates I'll be sending out an email about meetings before open forums start.	
13. Upcoming Senate Business A. Senate Halloween Costume Contest, October 26th Senate Meeting	
14. Announcements • Senator Rust: If everyone could stay back to help clean up after meetings that would be helpful • Senator Siekmann: Heathers put on by the drama club is next week • Director Headly: Emily Nix is the student commencement speaker; the finial is also done. • Senator Quigly: 8 ½ weeks till Christmas. • Senator Kessinger: My thesis is coming up if anyone wants to hear it.	
15. Adjournment • Senator Else motion to adjourn ○ Second Senator Fernandes • Motion passes unanimously	