

South Dakota Mines Student Association Senate

Minutes

Date: November 2nd, 2022

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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 [A]

Sophomore Senators

Hagan Archer [P]

Brady Dumont [P]

Robert Hewitt [P]

Ben Lewis [P]

Samantha Twing [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. National Society of Leadership and Success – Sam Hartway & Cooper Vermeulen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>President Marshall:</u> You do know you cannot get SOAP because you have a GPA requirement. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Director Headley:</u> It is still housed under us, but we still want to see it get recognized like the chapter from USD and SDSU. The speakers are open to all of campus and now that COVID is over our institution put in interest to host some of the speakers in the future.● <u>President Marshall:</u> We have partnered with Tau Beta Pi Honor Society before for events, but you have to come forward with a resolution for funding that outline how it will be for students' campus wide.	
<p>5. Unfinished Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● None	
<p>6. New Business</p> <p>A. Resolution 22.F.013 Student Organization Deactivations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>Director Headley:</u> I have done everything in my power to find contacts for these organizations. We have a week before we approve this, so if you know someone in one of these clubs and you know that they are active, they need to get their pages created or they won't be able to stay active.● <u>President Marshall:</u> IEEE is not being dissolved its IEEE Kappa Mu which is an internal honor society within Kappa Mu.● <u>Senator Lannerd:</u> I will get int contact with someone in the Amateur Radio Club.● <u>Senator Alarape:</u> the MTG club is still meeting.● <u>Senator Lewis:</u> Is the Aurum shutting down?○ <u>Director Headly:</u> we are working with	

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<p>them so once they figure some things out, they will come back.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Uy</u>: does it make sense for the entire student body to be contacted about this.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Director Headley</u>: that's a decision up to senate○ <u>President Marshall</u>: we'll put an email out next week about that. <p>B. Resolution 22.F.014 National Society of Leadership and Success</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No discussion	
<p>7. Open Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: For those on a meal plan, you should've have received an email from me. SD mines received more flex dollars then the other BOR universities as an apology from Sodexo, this money has gone into student accounts. Does anyone have any feedback about this?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Else</u>: I heard of inconsistencies about students receiving flex dollars.○ <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: it depends on the meal plan so its teared depending on that.• <u>Senator Alarape</u>: Talked to Jared Myers, he told me that many of the issues they had, and the information could be elaborated on is that they need to send their standing as a senior. They also don't know where they stand as far as the exam despite having gotten a preapproval letter. He said he doesn't know whether or not he's getting processed. Teachers were asked and none of them knew how to help. They also never got the link to register for a time and date due to it supposedly being sent out after registration. The seniors were	

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<p>wondering if they could talk to someone at the university to see if they could get this information changed to try and help seniors in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Director Headley</u>: Talk to Susan Satter who is the new testing coordinator to see if she can fix this issue.	
<p>8. CFO Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For the past 4 fiscal years we've been misled about how SOAP is generated, it used to be part of GAF but the account got destroyed and the money got transferred to the SOAP reserve this was initially \$875,000 dollars since that happened SOAP has come out of that fund, so we've been pulling from there for SOAP, any GAF not spent was automatically put back into that fund.• the money going into that fund has been dropping within the last fiscal year it dropped by about \$10,000, so Finance Committee needs to find a solution as this is not sustainable as we are giving clubs \$300,000 per year.• <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: So what has been taken out and what has been promised, what is the approximate number in the account<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>President Marshall</u>: About \$600,000, the reason I didn't know about this is because of funds returned during covid every year was about \$200,000 because there was a mandatory 50% of their budget returned. But now its noticeable.• <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: So, GAF money that comes into that account is from what the school hasn't spent or what clubs	<p>CFO Quizon</p>

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<p>haven't spent? And is that fund our only source of student club budgets?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>President Marshall:</u> The money in the account comes from both. And yes, it is our only source of funding.● <u>Senator Wipf:</u> So, because of covid we got more money into that account.○ <u>President Marshall:</u> Yes, that is correct because of the reverted funds it kept the account approximately the same.● <u>Senator Wipf:</u> So, in three years if we continue as we are we won't have any more money?○ <u>President Marshall:</u> Yes, this is correct.● <u>President Marshall:</u> Been looking with Dr.Spindle to find a solution to the funding issue. We talked about both cutting club funding or raising the GAF.● <u>Senator Lannerd:</u> Do we know why it was removed from GAF funding. Also are we allowed to arbitrarily add an amount to everyone's tuition?○ <u>President Marshall:</u> It would have to go through the BOR and GAF fee itself would have to be raised, but they are allowing us to request to increase fees. This is going to be a discussion for Finance Committee. This will also depend on who we put onto the GAF Act Committee.● <u>CFO Quizon:</u> How GAF works is different departments are paid for through student dollars, i.e. your general activity fee. This generally goes to things that help all students. In the spring semester these departments come in to give a presentation to the GAF Allocation Committee to apply	
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for funding. Based off those the GAF Allocation Committee approves how much funding goes towards every department.

- President Marshall: how it breaks down is a \$50 fee per credit hour half of which goes to bonded building. Every area of GAF is competing for a piece of this budget.
- President Marshall: There are things that are auxiliary that cannot be state funded these things are things like Surbeck Center, Student Engagement, and Student Health.
 - Director Headley: Things that are auxiliary need to make money and cannot be state funded.
- Senator Uy: To have more access to GAF do we have to cut down on things?
 - President Marshall: Yes or increase GAF or a combination of these things.
 - VP Schleich: I'd like everyone to note that the fiscal year 2023 is about the same as fiscal year 2022 so cuts were already made because we didn't have a GAF increase.
 - Senator Lannerd: There was a wage increase, but no GAF increase so cuts were already made, and they were difficult to get approved.
- President Marshall: For Ad Hoc's try and be a bit conservative until we can get SOAP sustainable.
- VP Schleich: If things continue as they are student orgs can look into possibly getting endowed or possibly alumni donors.
- CFO Quizon: This isn't necessarily our problem to solve entirely. Dr. Spindle

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<p>is very concerned about this. So we are just trying to provide student based solutions.</p>	
<p>9. VP Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Fed is meeting this Sunday, we will be continuing to going over mental health initiative. We will have a second meeting in November. For now the plan is to just send out that survey made by myself and senator Kaul to all BOR schools to have more data to present.	VP Schleich
<p>10. President's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• VP Schleich and I were part of the University Strategic Plan review session for the plan written from 2019-2023. I am going to be talking to Jade Herman, looking to get two more students on the committee. I sat on campus culture and VP Schleich sat on academics, there is another one on research and goals for the campus and another for outreach. If I get that approved Ill reach out to people.• Stuck close to the previous strategic plan, but with more of the specifics, I'll try and get all those talking and discussion points out to everyone.• Ill be sending out a SHED survey, it's the last weekend in January. This is to go to Pierre to attend a student FED meeting in person, we will be voting prior to going so we can go and vote accordingly. Ill be getting people from the GR committee and anyone who is interested lobbying passes so people can go talk to legislators. Fill out this survey by Saturday.• <u>Senator Siekmann:</u> is there personal cost to attend this?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>VP Schleich:</u> you get per diem for	President Marshall

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<p>reimbursement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Congrats to senator Kessinger for presenting his thesis.	
<p>11. Other Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Fernandes</u>: talking to Kaity for Residence Life about housing for international students, there is not enough housing on campus for international students so we looked into commuter passes for students who stay off campus to use the shuttle system this could help students that live off campus. Also talked about looking into getting Hard Rocker discounts for the bus, maybe include students from other universities.○ <u>President Marshall</u>: Senator Else if you could approach housing on this, and Senator Archer and Senator Twing could you two talk to Senator Fernandes about this.• Veterans Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>President Marshall</u>: Next Tuesday Vets Club chili cook off, \$15 to enter a chili, if you want to taste some chili its \$5 to try all of them including a bowl of the house chili. There is allow a raffle that includes a PS5. For proceeds, 50% go to the cornerstone mission the other 50% goes to scholarships.○ <u>Senator Else</u>: I will also be making chili so please try it.• Graduate Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ No report• Non-Traditional Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ No report	<p>Senators Fernandes, Quigley, Kessinger, Cantz</p>
<p>12. Committee Reports</p>	

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A. Constitution

- Senator Kessinger: In theory there is a fencing club, that wants to exist.
 - Senator Hewitt: So, you could say that's on the fence

B. Public Relations

- Senator Else: pigskin problem last weekend, good turnout there. Also, for senate polos only fill out the survey if you don't have one. We also started a senate TikTok

C. Governmental Relations:

- Senator Jurrens: Doing a raffle for the BH basket ball game on November 28th

D. Student Affairs

- Senator Kaul: The stickers didn't come in time for the spirit Friday, which is now on the 18th we will also try and have an open forum before winter break.

E. Campus & Ad Hoc Committees

- Senator Twing: Housing committee talked to Kaity Walsh: the temporary modular housing thing is something they are not currently pursuing.
- Senator Else: Parking Appeals met. They changed policy so the first shift officer is going around and taking videos of the cars in overnight lots, and the second shift is also going around those lots and if the same cars have been there since the previous shift, they give tickets.
- Senator Cantz: Met with KTEQ they are trying to build a podcast network and are trying to get people to come in from different departments. They are also looking to bring some high school DJs. They are also looking to broadcast some live shows including local

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bands and students.

- Senator Cantz: my take is that we live in the age of streaming, and many students seem to not know that we have a radio station, also many of the problems they have such as licensing are due to them being a radio station. It just feels like they should switch to trying to start the podcast network and slowly change it to a multimedia network. I feel like if they switched to streaming it would be more likely that students would actually tune in.
- CFO Quizon: I don't know if KTEQ has a YouTube channel so maybe propose to them that they upload their shows and content to that channel
- President Marshall: They came in the spring asking for \$10,000, there's the Turk which is the advisory board for them. This isn't the only time they did this.
- Senator Kessinger: There is a huge push in KTEQ to move to streaming. the goal is to set things up like apple podcast, but they don't have plans on how to do this.
- Senator Alarape: I think the podcast idea would be cool if I'm going to listen to something I'd rather do it on my convenience.
- VP Schleich: has anyone tried to listen to this?
- Senator Kaul: I listened to it last night.
- Senator Hewitt motion to limit discussion 2 minutes
- Second Siekmann
- Motion passes unanimously.
- President Marshall: how could you like to bring this forward to them would

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<p>you like to set up a meeting?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Cantz:</u> Yes, a meeting would be good.○ Senator Kessinger will go to the meeting.○ <u>Director Headley:</u> It is one of our initiatives to support student media, so if they want to improve, they need student input. From an alumni perspective there's probably a lot of people who want to support it.○ <u>President Marshall:</u> if you could bring something forward that would be good.	
<p>13. Upcoming Senate Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● None	
<p>14. Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>Dean Dlugos:</u> We will be bringing two finalist candidates for Director of Inclusion they will have 45 minutes available to meet with any senator, there will also be an open forum. For our meeting on the 16th our partners at Monument Health are coming to present to extend their contract for 3 years, they are proposing a small increase to \$150,000 per year, they also have agreed to give us a gift of \$2,500 a year for wellness initiatives.● <u>Senator Siekmann:</u> Come see Heathers this weekend.● <u>Senator Hewitt:</u> 53 days left till Christmas, we might want to get something going for that.	
<p>15. Adjournment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Senator Kaul motion to adjourn○ Senator Dominguez seconds.● Motion passes unanimously.	