

Student Senate Meeting

Wednesday, March 30th 5:00 pm || Pearson Alumni Center

1. Roll Call and Approval of Proxies
 - A. All senators present
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - A. Approved
3. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Approved
4. Open Floor Guests
 - A. Jason Erickson
 - i. With ITS, we have student workers who help us. They were the ones who installed the existing cameras indoors and they will help us install the outdoor cameras. There are 40-50 cameras proposed being installed. We will have to work with Facilities to make sure where we are placing the cameras will work. The proposed locations for the cameras might change. There are some locations for cameras that don't have networking and/or power. Some locations don't have 24/7 power. One idea was to look into solar battery operations. My idea is to get one unit in to see what works and then adjust the plan accordingly. The other problem we have is the availability of cameras. We purchased two cameras in December and haven't received them yet. I'm hesitant to buy everything upfront. However, with the supply chain issues, we might have to.
 1. Senator Benzmilller: When it comes to storage, Senator Marshall said the new cameras have more efficient data storage. If we get new equipment that would have more information coming in, what kind of burden will that have on storage capacity?
 2. Jason Erickson: We are storing things with a storage area network. We are using a free software. Storage-wise, there are limitations to the boxes - the number of cameras that can send information to it at one time.
 3. VP West: It seems everyone is on board with buying cameras a couple at a time. Would the server you want to purchase be compatible with everything we already have on campus and the cameras inside the building?
 4. Jason Erickson: Yes, the inside cameras no longer have support in the middle of 2025. With the rolling out plan, a person will get one box and set up the outdoor cameras and one or two indoor cameras.
 5. VP West: And just to clarify what "end of life" and "end of support" means for cameras.
 6. Jason Erickson: End of life typically means they no longer sell it. End of support means they no longer make updates for it.

7. Senator Maag: You said you want to do this in chunks, do you have a time frame?
8. Jason Erickson: Ideally, by the end of next summer would be the time frame for getting all the cameras up. The fall of 2023.
9. Senator Marshall: There are going to be priorities. We will get the parking lots covered first and high crime areas.
10. VP West: Have you been happy how the process has gone so far?
11. Jason Erickson: Part of it is product availability and there isn't anything we can do about that.

5. Unfinished Business

A. Resolution 22.S.018

- i. Senator Benzmilller motions to vote
- ii. Schleich seconds
- iii. Motion passes unanimously

B. Resolution 22.S.019

- i. Retracted by sponsor

C. Resolution 22.S.020

- i. Senator Marshall: Regarding questions from last time, I got exact quotes from two vendors. One of them was \$1000 more expensive and the other was \$6000 more expensive so we will be going with the cheaper vendor.
- ii. Senator Maag: I spent a lot of time thinking about this and I talked to some constituents. I think putting up more cameras is a great idea. I have two problems. Jason said they don't have the locations finalized. So, I think we should give them money as they buy the cameras and not all at once up front. The second reason is that I don't think Student Senate should be responsible for all \$130,000 of this proposal. I think we should share the bill with ITS and Facilities.
- iii. Senator Marshall: As far as locations are concerned, the heights are planned out, it just requires us to physically check if they will work out. I agree with you that we shouldn't have to pay for all of this. Facilities doesn't have the money for this right now. We have looked at grants but haven't found any. As far as splitting it up, we aren't committing to spending all the money. If we don't pass this now and put it off, we won't start installing until Spring of 2023 at the earliest given the availability of the cameras.
- iv. Senator Dennis: I agree with Maag about splitting up the money. I want to make sure that if we give them all this money, that the cameras will actually arrive.
- v. Senator Marshall: The camera that arrived over spring break is up and working.
- vi. Senator Dumont: I agree with Maag. I think a lot of the planned camera positions are unnecessary. I think we should focus on positions that have crime and overnight parking.

- vii. Senator Marshall: This is why the committee worked with subject matter experts. All the camera positions are where Campus Police suggested we put them. We can keep going back and forth and no one will be completely satisfied so I ask that you have confidence in the committee and Campus Police.
- viii. Senator Quizon: I agree with Maag and especially since you have come back with different numbers. I think the Finance committee should go over this. I agree that we need to start this process this semester and that the cameras should be bought in chunks.
- ix. Senator Quizon motions to table the resolution until the next Senate.
- x. Senator Dennis seconds
- xi. Senator Rust: I think we should at least get the most important areas covered first before the summer.
- xii. Senator Marshall: What do you want the Finance committee to do with this?
- xiii. Senator Rust: I don't think it's to find cheaper cameras, we just want to look at all the information.
- xiv. Senator Marshall: Everything has been checked by Jason Erickson through the vendors.
- xv. Senator Rust: Do you have the quotes?
- xvi. Senator Marshall: I can get them from Jason.
- xvii. SA Chair Flinders: We are putting this money into an account, and you can spend the money whenever you want and if you don't spend all of it, it just goes back into the Senate account?
- xviii. Senator Marshall: Yes.
- xix. Senator Benzmilller: I am in strong support of this bill. I think the biggest flaw is that we are paying for all of it. The second is which places we should put the cameras. And then that every detail isn't accounted for. I don't think these upset the precedence for setting new safety standards.
- xx. Arens, Benzmilller, Dennis, Fischer, Flinders, Frazer, Hagel, Mitchell, Marshall, McQuistan, Fernandes, Rust, Schleich, Zaug Dissent
- xxi. Motion fails, 10 for, 14 against
- xxii. Constitution Chair Hagel motions to vote
- xxiii. VP West: Everyone is trying to help fix the school in one way or another and I hope you all don't lose sight of that. If you feel like you need to talk about it more, that's fine.
- xxiv. Senator Maag: I want to stress that I don't believe that we should have to pay for all of this. Universities are here to educate students and keep them safe while that happens. I think we need to go to President Rankin and tell him that he isn't doing his job if crime is as bad as it is on campus. I think this should be done and allocated in chunks. There's no reason why the new Senate can't revisit this in a couple weeks.
- xxv. Senator Dumont: I agree with Maag. I asked my constituents, and most people weren't educated about everything in this bill.

- xxvi. Senator Marshall: Your position is freshman senator, correct? You represent the student body. If your constituents don't know about it, it is your job to educate them. If they aren't knowledgeable about it, it is a failure on your part. I have been tabling in Surbeck and you can ask the other senators about how much I've been talking to students about this.
- xxvii. Dean Dlugos: The BOR voted to freeze any price increase in tuition and fees for the next year. If the plan is to go to President Rankin or the Cabinet to ask for this money, then there will have to be cuts somewhere else.
- xxviii. VP West: I know they said that there will be no increase, but we were also given money to cover the increase in salary costs from the state.
- xxix. Senator Tomac: I will be voting for this. We were elected to be a voice for the student body and do things like this.
- xxx. Senator Dennis: I can't vote for this bill knowing that there is no plan for stage implementation. I want to see it laid out better.
- xxxi. Senator Melstad: A lot of people are saying we don't want to pay for it all and I agree with that.
- xxxii. Senator Quizon seconds
- xxxiii. Senator Marshall: I notice that the people who have been speaking against this are a part of the committee and have not attended the meetings. It would have been nice to have had this criticism earlier.
- xxxiv. VP West: Point of order, please don't point fingers.
- xxxv. GR Chair Else: We can just bring this up next senate so I will be voting against this bill.
- xxxvi. Senators Arens, Espanet, Minerich, Dennis, Dumont, Else, Maag, McQuistan, Melstad, Nix, Quizon, Rust, Schliech, Thooft, Tomac, Zaug dissent
- xxxvii. Motion fails, 8 for, 16 against

D. Senators Benzmilller, Arens, McQuistan POPP

6. New Business

A. Resolution 22.S.021

- i. Senator Tomac motions to suspend the rules
- ii. Senator Nix seconds
- iii. Rules suspended
- iv. Senator Tomac motions to vote
- v. Senator Nix seconds
- vi. Motion passes, Senator Zaug dissents

7. Open Discussion

- A. Senator Quizon: Thank you to our administration.
- B. Dean Dlugos: Last week I said the Cabinet would have the second reading on the CCTV cameras and it went through.

- C. VP West: I brought up to Student Fed about the grading policy. The next Senate will look into that. No school in South Dakota except BH has a policy in place for that. It will be your job to come up with a fair policy.
8. Chief Financial Officer's Report
 - A. None
 9. Vice President's Report
 - A. Thank you for letting me be your Vice President. We had a Student Federation meeting yesterday.
 - B. \$208 million was given to us by the state.
 - C. The support rate was eliminated. If you take a class at the University Center, you pay the same as you would if you took the class here or BH.
 - D. A new name for GAF has been suggested to change to Student Support fee.
 - E. The state gave us \$8.9 million to cover salary raises.
 - F. The Freedom Scholarship dropped its GPA requirement from 2.5 to 2.0.
 - G. There will be a small decrease in price for meal plans and a slight increase in housing costs.
 10. President's Report
 - A. Thank you all. I think you all did a great job.
 11. International/Veteran/Graduate/Non-Traditional Senator Report
 - A. International: None
 - B. Veteran: Elections for Vets club is this coming month.
 - C. Graduate: None
 - D. Non-Trad: None
 12. Committee Reports
 - A. Constitution: None
 - B. Public Relations: Our committee gave stickers around town and ran into six more businesses that aren't on the list. The list will be updated.
 - C. Governmental Relations: We have new senators.
 - D. Student Affairs: The second open forum for the semester was yesterday. The students that showed up were focused on safety.
 - E. Campus / Ad Hoc Committees
 - i. Athletics: Last semester, we sent out a survey. Here are the results. We got 350 responses.
 1. Most of our students are not athletes.
 2. Only 25% of the students say they don't attend athletic events.
 3. How enjoyable events are is pretty much a bell curve.
 4. 82% of students use campus athletic facilities. The funding we give to athletics goes a lot further than allowing students to attend athletic events.
 5. 64% of students have not participated in intramurals.
 6. How do you feel about your tuition money being spent on programs you don't use? It is a pretty even distribution from "don't like it" to "don't care".

7. How would you rate your level of understanding of GAF and how it is allocated? Most students have no idea.
8. I think that the next step for the committee is to educate students about how this money is used. We don't know how to do that yet. All of this information is on the Drive.
9. The new GAF committee is an important thing to join if you have an issue with any of this.
 - a. Senator Marshall: Do you think it would help to send out line by line budget to the students?
 - b. Senator Maag: I don't think it hurts to be transparent.

13. Upcoming Senate Business

14. Announcements

- A. Senator Marshall: Secret Santa.
- B. Senator Nix POPP

15. Transition

- A. Closing Remarks
- B. Dean Joe/Cory Remarks
 - i. Director Headley: Thank you for the great job you did. Senate is one of my favorite student orgs to advise.
 - ii. Dean Dlugos: When I realized I had to serve as a co-advisor for Senate, I didn't want to. It was a pleasant surprise how engaged and committed you all are.
- C. Certificates
- D. Oaths of Office