

# 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 [P]

#### Freshman Senators

Clive Uy [P]

Madelyn Siekmann [P]

Mario Dominguez [P]

Nicholas Lockwood [P]

Adedokun Alarape [P]

#### Junior Senators

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]

Samantha Twing [P]

#### Senior Senators

Morgan Else [P]

Nicholas Wipf [P]

Olivia Jurens [P]

Patrick Rust [P]

Armand Lannerd [P]

Item	Primary Speaker
<b>1. Roll Call and Approval of Proxies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passes unanimously</li> </ul>	VP Schleich
<b>2. Approval of the Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passes unanimously</li> </ul>	President Marshall
<b>3. Approval of Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passes unanimously</li> </ul>	President Marshall
<b>4. Open Floor Guests</b> A. Jeff Partridge – Regent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>CFO Quizon</u>: We are looking to petition the BOR for a GAF increase, what would be the best approach for us to do that?</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>Jeff Partridge</u>: what I want to hear from is you. I want to hear why the money is important and what the money is going to be used for. Generally, I want to hear from the student senates.</li><li>● <u>Senator Alarape</u>: You said that you worked as a senator, what else did you say you worked on.</li><li>○ <u>Jeff Partridge</u>: We worked on diversity equity and inclusion I worked on putting the opportunity centers into each campus.</li><li>○ <u>Senator Alarape</u>: What did you present as a board member.</li><li>○ <u>Jeff Partridge</u>: It started with what we were calling it. We had to step back and ask what we were trying to accomplish for students.</li><li>● <u>Senator Wipf</u>: Why is the tuition freeze so important to you?</li><li>○ <u>Jeff Partridge</u>: It's because we have a lot of competition with other states that might spend more on scholarships. I also have a heart for the student loan situation, I also look to it as an investment in your future.</li><li>●</li></ul>	
<p><b>5. Unfinished Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● None</li></ul>	
<p><b>6. New Business</b></p> <p>A. Review of 2024 South Dakota State Legislation</p> <p>I. <a href="#">HB 1030</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <u>Senator Uy</u>: What is the increase for?</li><li>○ <u>President Marshall</u>: This is for inflation.</li><li>○ <u>Senator Wipf</u>: This is also in joint with our university.</li></ul> <p>II. <a href="#">HB 1031</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <u>Senator Wipf</u>: This was approved in</li></ul>	

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2021 for \$7.5 million this is just an increase to \$8 million.

### III. [HB 1032](#)

- Senator Uy: How are 2031 and 1032 different
  - President Marshall: They are different facility.
  - Senator Wipf: This was also not approved last session.

### IV. [HB 1039](#)

- Senator Siekmann: is there a stipulation to how many years you have to serve before you can get these benefits.
  - President Marshall: it used to be you had to be done with AIT and serve for 6 months, but now you just need to finish AIT.

### V. [HB 1055](#)

- Senator Lannerd: Is this a scholarship for first time college students?
  - Senator Wipf: no this is for South Dakota high school students that are going to a BOR school and meet certain guidelines. this also hasn't changed since 2015 its \$1,000 for the first three years and \$2,000 for the forth year.
  - Senator Uy: What does it look like proportional to tuition?
  - Senator Else: I think its actually \$1,300 and \$2,600
  - Senator Wipf: If you get the scholarship before June 20<sup>th</sup> 2023 its \$1,300 and after July 1<sup>st</sup> it changes.

### VI. [SB 32](#)

- No clarifications

### VII. [SB 33](#)

- Senator Jurrens: It's actually \$7.8 million not \$4.4 million.
  - President Marshall: The reason for

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this bill is also inflation.

- Senator Wipf: sense this is controversial did anyone talk to constituent about this?
- Senator Alarape: Is this just to get the building finished?
- President Marshall: this is an increase just to get the building finished. We already got an appropriation from the state of South Dakota for \$19 million this bill increases that number to \$23.4 million dollars because of the inflation costs.

### VIII. [SB 35](#)

- Senator Dumont: is SERF owned by the state?
- VP Schleich: It's governed by the South Dakota Space and Technology organization. these 1\$3 million is for the new DUNE experiment specifically for a hallway for it. It's kind of owned by South Dakota and kind of owned by the federal government.

### IX. [HB 1044](#)

- Senator Lannerd: Is there clarification available on what majors this apply.
- Senator Archer: It didn't specify which majors I'm assuming people going into psychology and therapy degrees.
- Senator Van Ruler: Would this be added to preexisting scholarships or would this be separate?
- Senator Archer: If you refer to the bill it just says it will be reverted from the general fund so I think its just going to be a scholarship.
- Senator Wipf: it similar to the Dakota Corp scholarship to encourage people to go to school in South Dakota.

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- Senator McCallum: do we know how long this money is going to last?
- Senator Archer: we don't really know it just says that students need to fulfill certain requirements
- President Marshall: it could just be to fill the need for counsellors in south Dakota.
- Senator Wipf: Since we seem to be missing a lot of information GR will work to contact representatives about the bill.
- Senator Wipf motions to table discussion
- Second Senator McCallum
- Motion passes unanimously.

### X. [HB 1046](#)

- Senator Quigley: It mentions disability is it also in reference to mental disabilities such as severe PTSD that may make people incapable of day to day living.
- Senator Jurrens: It says full disability permanent in nature.
- President Marshall: So it might be going along with VA ratings.
- Senator Twing: I know VA ratings are based off of percentage, would that be 100 percent or is it not specified in there.
- President Marshall: it says total disability permanent in nature. Senator Quigley is better versed then I am with the VA rating system.
- Senator Quigley: It depends for instance with knee replacements if your deemed fit afterwards your disability will be taken away.
- Senator McCallum: If the national guard member already used their money for college would their

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children still get this?

- President Marshall: It's my understanding it's just for spouses and children.
- Senator Dumont: I believe this is just an amendment of a policy that the BOR already has.
- Senator Else motion to take a stance in favor
  - Senator Lannerd second
  - Motion passes unanimously.

### XI. [HB 1070](#)

- Senator Archer: a brief overview. Its establishing a center that creates a curriculum to teach American history, South Dakota history, and history of indigenous people to help teachers teach that to their students those subjects. Another part of that bill is also helping teachers teach civics, such as volunteerism, voting and informed discourse in what it looks like to be involved in civic life as an American citizen. This also creates a curriculum for university classes, comparing different countries political and social ideas. To oversee all of this they are going to create a nonprofit board.
- Senator Siekmann: I feel like the language of the bill is very narrow and doesn't seem to allow for a lot of difference in thought to the curriculum
- President Marshall: I would also like to note we don't know BHSU's stance.
- Senator Archer: what about it seems narrow to you
- Senator Siekmann: I can't say exactly but it just feels narrow.
- Senator McCallum: There is also a

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sentence that talks about American exceptionalism and how America rose to greatness. I feel the indigenous people of south Dakota wouldn't appreciate how this would be taught as America was built on the backs of people who aren't here anymore because of colonialism.

- Senator Kessinger motions to table discussion
  - Second by Senator Uy
- Motion passes unanimously

### XII. [HCR 6002](#)

- Senator Siekmann: would this bill force any action outside of researching or would it cause programs to be put in place.
  - Senator Wipf: It's not a bill but a resolution so it's just encouraging things to be brought to mind.
  - Senator Uy: It only recommends research?
  - Senator Wipf: Yes, it only recommends research.
- Motion to take a stance in favor Senator Else
  - Second Senator McCallum
- Motion passes unanimously.

### XIII. [HJR 5001](#)

- President Marshall: This is changing the process in how initiated measures are handled in this state. This was most likely brought but because of the marijuana bills being shut down two times, and there being talks of bringing it up in the upcoming session. This bill essentially adds the space of one general election between similar ballot measures being brought up. This is a good chance for especially those of us who live in South Dakota to discuss

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this and possibly take a stance on this.

- Senator Lannerd: Just to clarify if this would pass in the next election marijuana could not be added and would have to wait.
- President Marshall: It could come up on the next ballot, but after this is approved it could not come up till after the next general election.
- Senator McCallum: I'm just confused on why people would want this and would be against people bring this up again and again.
- President Marshall: One could speculate they want to take away from the will of the people
- Senator Uy motion to stand against
  - Senator McCallum seconds
- Motion passes unanimously.

### XVI. [SB 45](#)

- Senator Jurens: there is an annual report the BOR has to give on intellectual property and ideas and it would just get rid of this
  - President Marshall: essentially there are two people who have to give information on speakers coming to campus.
  - Director Headly: from the legislature perspective this is just to make sure they know what's happening on campus, as far as I know the reports are just a spreadsheet of events, part of this is also keeping track of how they are funded.
- Senator Wipf: What were their specific issues with providing these reports?
  - President Marshall: It bogged down their office quite a bit. But obviously our office hasn't had to deal with



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political things.

- Senator Siekmann: this is for to promote intellectual diversity correct.
- Director Headly: Yes, it would just remove the need to send a report.
- Senator Jurrens: do we know what the report is being used for?
- Director Headly: I don't know
- Senator McCallum: could someone look into what the reports are for.
- Senator Wipf: GR can investigate what the reports are for.
- Director Headly: how I'm interpreting this this isn't coming from the universities saying that this takes a lot of time. This is from the legislature saying that they don't need this.
- Senator Lannerd motion to table discission
  - Second by Senator Kaul
- Motion passes unanimously

### XV. [SB 55](#)

- President Marshall: I put this in here for a very Similar reason for HJR 5001 because it could effect the government process in South Dakota for a very long time.
- Senator Twing: are we for or against this?
- President Marshall: This is just for discussion.
- Senator Twing: Alaska has ranked choice voting and as a voter its been nice to have and it makes my voice feel heard.
- Senator Lockwood: Ranked choice voting seems to give more options to voters and has been used in Alaska and main without issues, so I don't see the point of prohibiting it.
- Senator Lannerd: This wouldn't effect

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Federal election voting. This also gives lesser-known candidates or parties a chance.

- Senator Kessinger: I'll be voting yes on this one if it helps people with their decisions on this bill.
- Senator McCallum: so this is prohibiting this right. So if we vote for this nothing would change right?
  - President Marshall: This would prohibit it so if residents ever wanted to start ranked choice voting but it would make it so they would have to repeal this before ranked choice voting could be implanted.
- Senator Twing: I would also like to say with ranked choice voting you don't have to vote for everything on your ballot.
- Senator Uy motion to table
  - Senator Twing second
- Motion passes unanimously

### XVI. [SB 59](#)

- Senator McCallum: I'm confused by why it only says \$1 to be allocated.
  - President Marshall: it's a placeholder for appropriations.
  - Senator Siekmann: What's the point of it being a placeholder why don't they just ask for the money they need for this program.
  - Senator Jurrens: I think the placeholder is that some amount of money has to be moved. This effects high school more than higher education. It's important but we don't have to take a stance.
  - Senator Lannerd: there is a statement that states that: "The Department of Education may only award a grant to a school district in an amount equal to, or

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<p>less than, the amount of matching monies that the school district has secured from local sources on a dollar-for-dollar basis for the project". So this isn't just free money and there has to be motivation on the parts of the people who want the grants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>Senator Siekmann:</u> This does state that this is to encourage higher education.</li><li>○ <u>Senator Jurens:</u> I just meant that this money goes directly to the high schools.</li><li>● <u>Senator Lannerd:</u> what are the limits to the money the bill can grant?</li><li>● Senator Else motions to table<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Second Senator Lockwood</li></ul></li><li>● Motion passes unanimously</li></ul>	
<p><b>7. Open Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <u>Senator Wipf:</u> For the bills that GR is going to look into and the questions asked please reach out with specific questions.</li></ul>	
<p><b>8. CFO Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● All soap applications have been roughly reviewed, 3 clubs that submitted on the day it was due who were mission one of the sections, I've offered all of them an opportunity to email me an updated version with that part included.</li><li>● finance meetings will be at 5pm on Tuesdays</li><li>● University Board committee had our first meeting. It was very general Dr.Spindle asked if I saw any place to take money from. I want to be clear that I am not here to take money for any place I'm just trying to ensure equality of our budget.</li><li>● <u>Senator Wipf:</u> So, is that question by</li></ul>	CFO Quizon

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<p>Dr.Spindle implying that they have no plan?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>CFO Quizon</u>: We have a plan but it's not official so I will share when and if it does become official.</li></ul>	
<p><b>9. VP Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Over the weekend some of us got together to work on the senate strategic plan, we will be meeting again to work on it some other time.</li><li>• More next week on SHED.</li></ul>	VP Schleich
<p><b>10. President's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There will be controversial bills coming up next week</li><li>• Caleb Weiland president of Student Fed asked us to send out a notice to our legislators about us coming to the capitol.</li></ul>	President Marshall
<p><b>11. Other Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International Report<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ none</li></ul></li><li>• Veterans Report<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ No report</li></ul></li><li>• Graduate Report<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ No report</li></ul></li><li>• Non-Traditional Report<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ No report</li></ul></li></ul>	Senators Feranades, Quigley, Kessinger, Cantz
<p><b>12. Committee Reports</b></p> <p>A. Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Senator Kessinger</u>: no report.</li></ul> <p>B. Public Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Senator Cantz</u>: Had our first meeting we have to give out stickers for Hard Rocker Discount. We also want to grow our social media a bit more</li></ul> <p>C. Governmental Relations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Senator Jurrens</u>: I'll send out some tips for lobbying. Next Wednesday please plan on being here for a while because we have our mock shed right after the</li></ul>	

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<p>meeting.</p> <p>D. Student Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Senator Kaul</u>: Monday there will be an open form about bills, I have also left it open for other topics. Spirit Friday will be February 3<sup>rd</sup>.</li></ul> <p>E. Campus &amp; Ad Hoc Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>President Marshall</u>: reached out to members of parking committee with a when is good.</li></ul>	
<p><b>13. Upcoming Senate Business</b></p> <p>A. Dinner with President Rankin and BHSU Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>President Marshall</u>: January 24<sup>th</sup>, 6pm.</li></ul> <p>B. Students for Higher Education Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>President Marshall</u>: January 29<sup>th</sup> – January 30<sup>th</sup></li></ul> <p>C. Mines Day at the State Capitol, January 31<sup>st</sup></p> <p>D. open forum January 23<sup>rd</sup></p>	
<p><b>14. Announcements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Senator Hewitt</u>: Christmas is 341 days away.</li><li>•</li></ul>	
<p><b>15. Adjournment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Motion to adjourn senator Jurrens<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Second senator Dominguez</li></ul></li><li>• Motion passes unanimously.</li></ul>	

Foot Notes:

To Declare an Emergency: the funds will be given as soon as the bill is signed