

# South Dakota Mines Student Association Senate



## Minutes

**Date:** February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

**Time:** 5:00

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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

Guillermo Mendez [P]

Ashlyn Kaul [P]

Eliza McCallum [P]

Royal Paulsen [P]

Abigail Van Ruler [P]

#### Nontraditional Senator

Ryan Cantz [P]

#### Veteran Senator

Wesley Quigley [E]

#### 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    |
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| <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> <p>A. HLC Accreditation – Darcy Briggs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No questions/discussion</li> </ul> <p>B. Comic Book Club – Nicholas Stephan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Senator Kessinger</u>: How is student engagement and who is the faculty</li> </ul> |                    |

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| <p>advisor?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>Nicholas Stephan</u>: I've found a fair number of people who want to join, and our facility advisor is Matthew Whitehead.</li><li>● <u>President Marshall</u>: What's your break down for members as far as class standing?</li><li>○ <u>Nicholas Stephan</u>: I don't know everyone's standing but its not all seniors.</li><li>● <u>Senator Twing</u>: Do you have any hopes for events on campus.</li><li>○ <u>Nicholas Stephan</u>: I'd like for people to show off their work I guess.</li><li>● <u>Senator Fernandes</u>: how many student do you have so far?</li><li>○ <u>Nicholas Stephan</u>: we have 10</li><li>● <u>Senator Rust</u>: More of an idea if you would like to teach people to draw you could get SOAP funding for supplies for that.</li></ul> |  |
| <p><b>5. Unfinished Business</b></p> <p>A. Resolution 23.S.001 Clean Snowmobile Supplemental</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Senator Rust motion to vote</li><li>○ Second Senator Hewitt</li><li>● Motion passes with one abstain</li></ul> <p>B. Resolution 23.S.002 Junior Senator Appointment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Senator Kaul motion to vote</li><li>○ Second Senator Dominguez</li><li>● Motion passes unanimously</li></ul>  |  |
| <p><b>6. New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● No New Business</li></ul>  |  |
| <p><b>7. Open Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <u>Senator Alarape</u>: You know the water fountains that can fill water bottles does any one know who to approach about changing the filters.</li><li>○ <u>Director Headly</u>: I'm aware of this</li></ul>  |  |

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and will work with facilities to fix this

- VP Schleich: what would peoples thoughts be on a PR SA merger if there was to be a constitutional amendment?
  - Senator McCallum: So would this be a committee that's twice as large
  - VP Schleich: More then likely it would be slightly larger but perhaps we could make a new committee to move people to.
  - Senator Kaul: I think this is a good idea as SA and PR plan things together so it would be a lot more cohesive. The only thing I have to say is that if we were to do that we would need two co-chairs one to focus on planning things and the other to focus on social media.
  - President Marshall: I had a couple thoughts on this looking at the constitutional duties of SA. We are not using SA to their fullest as a lot of their duties have been given to the executive board and different Ad Hoc committees.
  - Senator Wipf: it's a mixture of what you both were saying we need to get rid of the double responsibility but we don't want people to fall under the assumption that someone else will do their job for them.
  - Senator Else: PR and SA overlap a lot but I feel if the committees get any bigger they would be hard to work with so we may just have to work on restructuring our committees a bit.
  - President Marshall: We are bringing forward constitution changes around the same time as our senator

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elections, so we need to vote on this as a senate before this gets pushed onto the next administration.

- Director Headly: we know the utilization of Surbeck has changed a bit, my question for you revolves around the piano that's in the Surbeck center its donated. Students like to play the piano but it also makes it hard for some students to study. But I need feedback on what to do.
  - Senator McCallum: could we just put it back into the ballroom?
  - Director Headly: potentially, but as busy as the ball room is this might be an issue
  - Senator Siekmann: depending on the urgency of this I know a lot of people that study there so I could ask them what their thoughts are.
  - Senator Wipf: from an administration stand point you're going to get more complaints about the piano. personally, I know a lot of people like hearing the piano.
  - Senator Twing: I used to study there but now I don't because someone goes there to play the piano.
  - Senator Lannerd: I personally like the piano but what kind of events is the piano used for?
  - Director Headly: It just depends, my other concern we are talking about moving it, every time you move a piano you're supposed to tune it which costs \$300.
  - Senator Hewitt: If they don't want to study there they could just go to the library.
  - President Marshall: We have the entire upstairs for study space the

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library is just for more space .

- Senator Archer: I've heard comments from peers about how they enjoy the ambient noise, I feel like there is a lot of study space around even without upper Surbeck.
- Senator Alarape: What I understand we do have upper Surbeck as a study area but in the dorms, we have study spaces on every floor. I feel like when I study in Serbeck I enjoy hearing the piano. If the argument was that Serbeck is a hard place to study there are other areas.
- President Marshall: There is something to be said about upper classmen not having access to those smaller study spaces, and I've personally found it hard space for group study and group work as the rooms in the library are always full. Personally, I've found it frustrating in senior design to find study spaces.
- Senator Uy: Personally, I enjoy the music. And I would like to note even when the piano isn't playing its still pretty noisy in Surbeck.
- Senator Twing: was the piano specifically donated to be placed in upper Surbeck?
- Director Headly: it was donated to serbeck but we can't really move it down because every once in a while the drama club needs to use it.
- Senator Paulsen: There's a different level in tolerance to sound in each area on campus. I feel like Surbeck is more of a general space whereas the library is a study space meaning there's a different expectation for sound.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>Senator Lockwood</u>: Some people also do like background noise.</li><li>○ <u>President Marshall</u>: There's something to be said for setting expectations as far as sound for Surbeck like they have for the library.</li><li>○ <u>Director Headly</u>: We will listen to you and take your recommendations. The student union has been difficult for me because its been treated as a library because we didn't have a library for a while but this may change as we have more events in the building.</li><li>● Senator Hewitt motion to limit discussion<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Second Senator Lannerd</li></ul></li><li>● Motion passes unanimously<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>Senator Wipf</u>: We can put a lot more concerted effort asking people their opinion on this.</li><li>○ <u>President Marshall</u>: it may be prevalent to look into what we want Surbeck to be. The older people here would remember that Surbeck used to be very different .</li></ul></li></ul> |            |
| <p><b>8. CFO Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● SOAP applications are in and being reviewed the total request is about \$400,000. Last year we allocated 93% of the total requests and that came out to be roughly \$350,000.</li><li>● Finance committee will be looking over the SOAP constitution and I will be dividing our meetings into 30 minutes and 30 minutes where the first 30 minutes will be focused on finance related topics and the remaining 30 will be focused on SOAP applications.</li><li>● SOAP hearings will be Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 the schedule will</li></ul>   | CFO Quizon |

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| <p>be released by next Saturday. I have also reached out to Dr.Spindle about expenditures for the current fiscal year from the departments to help determine a good GAF price because we are looking to put in a GAF request in a month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I will propose if anyone is interested its required to have 4 to 6 senate members on that committee so anyone is interested feel free to email me to join the committee.</li><li>• <u>President Marshall:</u> If you're looking to change committee next administration this might be a good opportunity.</li></ul>                          |                    |
| <p><b>9. VP Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SHED and Mines Day at the Capitol has a lot more impact then people really know the governor even came to speak to me about how enthused she was to have people there.</li><li>• Moving forward with Student Fed looking to restructure SHED to try and have better connections to BOR members and legislators sooner instead of right before SHED.</li></ul>  | VP Schleich        |
| <p><b>10. President's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The impact we have is significant at Mines Day at the Capitol as well as SHED. Looking forward to looking with the President's Office for the next administration to have mines day at the capitol right after shed as well as possibly having a lunch downstairs to try and get the legislators to come down have more interactions with the students.</li><li>• <u>VP Schleich:</u> What did people think of the student Federation meeting?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>Senator Jurrens:</u> It was better than</li></ul></li></ul> | President Marshall |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ last year.</li><li>○ <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: I appreciated how efficient it was.</li><li>○ <u>Senator Kessinger</u>: I couldn't hear anything.</li><li>○ <u>Senator Dumont</u>: I couldn't hear anything either.</li><li>● We are looking to have more people run next year. I think it would be nice to have people a bit higher up in student Federation.</li></ul>  |                                      |
| <p><b>11. Other Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● International Report<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ No report</li></ul></li><li>● Veterans Report<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Marshall: Nemo outhouse race towards the end of February.</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, Kessinger, Cantz |
| <p><b>12. Committee Reports</b></p> <p>A. Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <u>Senator Kessinger</u>: we have Kai Psi presenting next week. We have reviewed constitutions for both comic book club and Kai Psi.</li></ul> <p>B. Public Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <u>Senator Else</u>: polos are here. I still have the sign-up sheet if you don't remember if you got one or don't remember just email me. They will cost 10 dollars.</li></ul> <p>C. Governmental Relations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <u>Senator Jurrens</u>: petitions for president and vice president are out and elections are March 8<sup>th</sup></li><li>● <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: when do senator petitions come out<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>Senator Jurrens</u>: They come out the</li></ul></li></ul> |                                      |



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| <p>8<sup>th</sup> and the election is on the 29<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>D. Student Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Senator Kaul:</u> We have our spirit Friday this Friday, and we need people to sign up to work the booth.</li><li>• <u>Senator Kaul:</u> We will have an open form on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March the day before petitions come out</li><li>• <u>President Marshall:</u> Do we know when we will have an open form for Safety and security, parking permits and internet.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>Senator Kaul:</u> Do we have any updates?</li><li>○ <u>President Marshall:</u> Parking improvements does, and we also have the resolution for the internet coming forward.</li></ul></li></ul> <p>E. Campus &amp; Ad Hoc Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Senator Paulsen:</u> safety and security is tomorrow at 5.</li><li>• <u>Senator Van Ruler:</u> If you haven't yet sign up to sit at the booth for the wellness fair.</li><li>• <u>President Marshall:</u> Parking, a new update plan is in the drive. There are only a few concerns committee members had. I want to get those brought up as soon as possible so we can get the addressed.</li></ul> |  |
| <p><b>13. Upcoming Senate Business</b></p> <p>A. Career Fair Employers Reception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>President Marshall:</u> Feb. 6th , 4-6 PM, Surbeck Ballroom, RSVP</li></ul>  |  |
| <p><b>14. Announcements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Senator Dumont:</u> Dell Sigma Psi is selling doughnuts in lower Subeck all proceeds go to the Hope Center.</li><li>• <u>Senator Hewitt:</u> 327 days till Christmas, February 17 and 18 is the music dinner dance. Its \$70 for a 3</li></ul>  |  |

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| course meal.  |  |
| <b>15. Adjournment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Senator Else motion to adjourn<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Second Senator Alarape</li></ul></li><li>• Motion passes</li></ul> |  |