

# South Dakota Mines Student Association Senate

## Minutes

**Date:** September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Time:** 5:00

**Location:** Pearson Alumni Center



### Roll Call

P = Present E = Excused A = Absent

#### International Senator

Niven Feranades [P]

#### Graduate Senator

Calvin Tohm [P]

#### Freshman Senators

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[P]

#### Junior Senators

Brady Dumont [P]

Hagan Archer [P]

Madelyn Siekmann [P]

Samantha Twing [P]

Duncan Pilling [P]

#### Nontraditional Senator

Ryan Cantz [P]

#### Veteran Senator

Patrick Winter [P]

#### Sophomore Senators

Adedokun Alarape [P]

Clive Uy [P]

Jordan Lannerd [P]

Nicholas Lockwood [P]

William Kuhl [P]

#### Senior Senators

Eliza McCallum [P]

Kaden Jerke [P]

Jordan Harter [P]

Yash Naik [P]

Issaac Nedved [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 Lewis
<b>2. Approval of the Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Passes unanimously</li></ul>	President Kessinger
<b>3. Approval of Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Passes unanimously</li></ul>	President Kessinger
<b>4. Open Floor Guests</b> <p>A. Counseling - Duane Kavanaugh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No discussion</li></ul> <p>B. Environmental Change and Sustainability Club - Emily Emond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><u>Senator McCallum</u>: How many people</li></ul>	

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<p>have joined?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>Emily Emond</u>: I'd say about 20 are coming to meetings, but we have about 60 on the email list.</li><li>● <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: Do you have an advisor?</li><li>○ <u>Emily Emond</u>: Dr.Stone is our advisor.</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. Resolution 22.F.002 Tau Beta Pi Headshots</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <u>Director Headly</u>: Last year we just left this in the SA003 account, as they are an honors society, they don't have an account.</li><li>● Senator Alarape motion to friendly amend.</li><li>● <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: So, is this also senate headshots?</li><li>○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: This could be as this event is for 7 hours, it be best for everyone to just find a time for this.</li><li>● <u>Senator Uy</u>: in what way does tau beta pi host this</li><li>○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: They do all the leg work.</li><li>● Senator Alarape motion to suspend rules.</li><li>○ Second Senator McCallum</li><li>● Motion passes</li><li>● Motion to vote Senator Alarape.</li><li>○ Second Senator Archer.</li><li>● Motion passes unanimously.</li></ul> <p>B. Resolution 22.F.003 Senator Appointments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: Will committee appointments happen later?</li><li>○ President Kessinger: Yes, they will.</li><li>● Motion to suspend rules Alarape.</li><li>○ Second Senator Pilling</li><li>● Motion passes</li></ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Motion to vote Senator Alarape.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Second Senator Archer</li></ul></li><li>• Motion passes unanimously</li></ul>	
<b>7. Open Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: There is a change in Pennington County for jury duty, in the past if a student was summoned a student could come to my office and the county could exempt them. They changed that policy due to an increase in medical excusals, so students are no longer exempt.</li><li>○ <u>Senator Archer</u>: I think we should talk to the county about this.</li><li>• <u>President Kessinger</u>: Committees should be filled out by the end of this meeting.</li></ul>	
<b>8. CFO Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Happy homecoming if you are interested in GAFAC please fill out that forum.</li></ul>	CFO Van Ruler
<b>9. VP Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thank you for passing the headshots resolution, the photographer said they would be available from 10am – 7 pm on the 19<sup>th</sup>.</li><li>• Brian our graphic designer has been heading the rebranding effort. Many Organizations are still looking for rebranding, we will set up an ad hoc for that.</li></ul>	VP Lewis
<b>10. President's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We have the WISE meet and great on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September all of senate is invited.</li></ul>	President Kessinger
<b>11. Other Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International Report<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>Senator Fernandes</u>: no report</li></ul></li><li>• Veterans Report<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>Senator Winter</u>: no report</li></ul></li></ul>	Senators Feranades, Winter, Tohm, Cantz

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- Graduate Report
  - Senator Tohm: still looking for a writer.
- Non-Traditional Report
  - Senator Cantz: I had a meeting with financial aid and learned that non-traditional are not eligible for merit-based scholarships. I believe this might be a BOR policy, but I think that non-traditional students should be aware of that.
  - President Kessinger: To add to that I was a transfer, I thought there was merit-based financial aid but there was not. So, I believe it's a larger issue that should be brought up.

### 12. Committee Reports

#### A. Constitution

- Senator Uy: This week we were able to make a new constitution template. We have another organization who think their constitution is sufficient. We are waiting on three other organizations to bring in their final drafts.
- Senator Uy: Looking at some polices in the handbook we noticed some discrepancies that we will be trying to fix.

#### B. Public Relations

- Senator Siekmann: Thank you for helping me with the pigskin problem. I'm looking for people to help hand out the problem during the game.

#### C. Governmental Relations:

- Senator Archer: We are getting information out for freshman elections. We have had one person submit their petitions. We also work on the issue with jury duty.

#### D. Student Affairs

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Senator McCallum</u>: we will do a spirit Friday next Friday. So, I'm not sure about prizes.</li><li>○ <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: I believe we used up all of the shirts at the career fair.</li><li>○ <u>Senator Twing</u>: we also cannot find the tablecloth.</li><li>• <u>Senator McCallum</u>: I'll send out a signup sheet next week.</li></ul> <p>E. Campus &amp; Ad Hoc Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• President Kessinger: the ad hocs are almost full, food service, Surbeck, and wellness still need members.</li></ul>	
<b>13. Upcoming Senate Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>	
<b>14. Announcements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Senator Alarape</u>: come support the football team.</li><li>• <u>Senator Pilling</u>: show up to the whitewash on the hill at 2pm on Friday.</li><li>• <u>Senator McCallum</u>: go vote for homecoming king and queen.</li><li>• <u>Senator Winter</u>: 103 days till Christmas.</li></ul>	
<b>15. Adjournment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Motion to adjourn Senator Uy.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Second Senator Twing</li></ul></li><li>• Motion passes</li></ul>	