# South Dakota Mines Student Association Senate

## Minutes

**Date:** September 6th, 2023  
**Time:** 5:00  
**Location:** Pearson Alumni Center

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### International Senator
- Niven Feranades [P]

### Nontraditional Senator
- Ryan Cantz [P]

### Graduate Senator
- Calvin Tohm [P]

### Veteran Senator
- Patrick Winter [P]

### Freshman Senators
- [P]  
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- [P]  
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### Sophomore Senators
- Adedokun Alarape [P]  
- Clive Uy [P]  
- Jordan Lannerd [P]  
- Nicholas Lockwood [P]  
- William Kuhl [P]

### Junior Senators
- Brady Dumont [A]  
- Hagen Archer [P]  
- Madelyn Siekmann [P]  
- Samantha Twing [P]  
- Duncan Pilling [P]

### Senior Senators
- Eliza McCallum [P]  
- Kaden Jerke [P]  
- Jordan Harter [P]  
- Yash Naik [P]

### Item 1. Roll Call and Approval of Proxies
- Passes unanimously  
  - **Primary Speaker:** VP Lewis

### Item 2. Approval of the Agenda
- Passes unanimously  
  - **Primary Speaker:** President Kessinger

### Item 3. Approval of Minutes
- Passes unanimously  
  - **Primary Speaker:** President Kessinger

### Item 4. Open Floor Guests
- None

### Item 5. Unfinished Business
- A. Resolution 23.F.001 Standing Committee Appointments  
  - Senator Archer: Will my committee
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<td>o President Kessinger: Yes, you will.</td>
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<td>• Motion to vote Senator Fernandes</td>
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<td>o Second Senator Alarape</td>
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6. New Business

- None

7. Open Discussion

A. Senior Senator Opening

- VP Lewis: Seeing as we have an opening, I have talked with two candidates one has backed out the other has agreed to join.
- President Kessinger: A google forum will be coming out for ad hocs please look at it. Also is anyone interested in parking appeals.
- o Senator Lannard: what is the parking appeals committee?
- o Senator McCallum: you meet once a month and discuss the appeals.
- o Senator Alarape: Do you know what time this is?
- o Director Headly: She hasn’t given times she’s just asking for names.

8. CFO Report

- finance had their first meeting today.
- Meeting with Dr.Spindle went well, we think that GAF allocations may start a bit sooner this year.

9. VP Report

- We had our first E-Board meeting, so long as that time continues to work, we will continue to meet then.
- For committee chairs, to avoid issues in the future please change the recovery email to the president email.
- committee chairs please let me know about the times you decided on for committee meetings, as we are not having office hours, we are trying to
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10. President’s Report

- Ad hocs only 4 of those from last year are ones run by Senate: Food Service, Parking improvement, Rebranding and Safety and Security. If there is not much interest in parking improvement, we may not work with it as much.
- For safety and security, we want to keep that going and we did just get cameras installed so maybe the committee could work on making sure that system is effective.

President Kessinger

11. Other Reports

- International Report
  - Senator Fernandes: quick update we have 24 new international students bringing us up to 111 international students.
  - Senator Fernandes: I’ll be in Contact with the International Student Center to reach out to students with a survey to present to the Senate.
- Veterans Report
  - Senator Winter: Some veterans brought up to me that they felt the current add drop date was a bit too soon to know about comfort level in a class.
  - Senator Twing: They can still drop their classes until about halfway through the semester, but if you’re adding a class after 10 days after the semester it’s near impossible to catch back up.
  - Senator Lannerd: I think it’s more about being able to drop, partially because the government isn’t good about telling you when and how much money you’re getting.
  - Senator Twing: I also use military

Senators Feranades, Winter, Tohm, Cantz
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- benefits, if you drop after the add drop date you must pay back that class out of pocket. That may be something good to bring up to students who use those benefits.
  - Dean Dlugos: the academic calendar is the same at all 6 BOR universities, so if we do want to go forward with this, we may want to bring this up with Student Federation.
- Graduate Report
  - Senator Tohm: Graduate office is doing promotional things.
  - President Kessinger: I also heard that the grad office is looking for someone to help with writing.
- Non-Traditional Report
  - Senator Cantz: none

12. Committee Reports
A. Constitution
  - Senator Uy: We have not yet met as a committee yet, I have 4 new orgs coming down the pipe: Environmental Change Club & Stainability Club, Chess club, Kingdom Sports, and Association of Technology Management, and Applied Engineering.
B. Public Relations
  - Senator Siekmann: No time that worked for the committee, so we talked over email, working on a pigskin problem for the upcoming game, this year we want to work on making a better setup to bring to fairs and things of that nature,
C. Governmental Relations:
  - Senator Archer: Going to start advertising for Freshman elections, we are also going to meet tomorrow.
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<td>• Senator Kessinger: make sure to tell freshman about the election on the 27th.</td>
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<td>• Senator Winter: Hang in there 15 weeks till Christmas.</td>
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