

# South Dakota Mines Student Association Senate

## Minutes

**Date:** November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Time:** 5:00

**Location:** Surbeck Ball Room



### Roll Call

P = Present E = Excused A = Absent

#### International Senator

Niven Feranades [P]

#### Graduate Senator

Calvin Tohm [P]

#### Freshman Senators

Augustus Fink [P]

Jonathon Schock [P]

Karson Lindwurm [P]

Nathan Sattler [P]

Parker Smith [P]

#### Junior Senators

Brady Dumont [P]

Hagan Archer [P]

Madelyn Siekmann [P]

Samantha Twing [A]

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 [E] Proxy: Morgan Else

Jordan Harter [P]

Yash Naik [P]

Issaac Nedved [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 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. ATAME – Eduarmar Flores &amp; Jed Sieverding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><u>Senator McCallum</u>: what is your membership breakdown is?</li><li><u>Eduarmar Flores</u>: There are some</li></ul> |                     |

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| <p>Freshman and Sophomores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>CFO Van Ruler</u>: You will have to use fundraising money for food you cannot use SOAP</li></ul>   |  |
| <p><b>5. Unfinished Business</b></p> <p>A. Resolution 23.F.014 Tests during Career Fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Motion to vote Senator Dumont<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Second Senator Naik</li></ul></li><li>• Motion passes 3 against</li></ul>   |  |
| <p><b>6. New Business</b></p> <p>A. Resolution 23.F.011 ATMAE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No discussion</li></ul>  |  |
| <p><b>7. Open Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Director Headly</u>: I did email facilities; they are working though their inventory. They are going to be switching back to previous suppliers for toilet paper.</li><li>• <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: We did get the email for course evaluations. The due date is dead day, I disagree with this I feel like they should be due after finals as they are a large part of course evaluation.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>Senator Nedved</u>: I don't think the final is that important, I actually feel that it's more important to give the evaluation beforehand.</li><li>○ <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: I feel that for lower-level classes its less of an issue, but for upper-level courses it is important.</li><li>○ <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: there are instances of instructors having polices set before dead day then rescinding them after dead day, this is why finals are very important.</li><li>○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: Dean Dlugos is this due date an arbitrary day?</li><li>○ Dean Dlugos: regardless of the</li></ul></li></ul> |  |

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| <p>decision of when the date is, we do have complaint processes in place. You can also do a grade appeal or a complaint.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: I recognize that nothing can be done about this at this moment.</li><li>○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: I feel that this could be just a communication with the provost about the due date of course evaluations.</li><li>○ <u>Senator Lockwood</u>: It's also important because exams are designed to test a student's ability which makes it hard for students to respond to the final. I feel that it's unfair for students to not be able to give feedback about the final.</li><li>○ <u>Senator McCallum</u>: do you want one of the senators to email the provost or should we email as students?</li><li>○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: I feel that just emails as students should get the point across.</li><li>● <u>President Kessinger</u>: last week I met with the head of the math department about the issues with calc 1. I feel the results were positive. The big points of that were around how the syllabus was made around this section. In the past it was done differently. This semester they didn't provide an answer book until late into the semester.</li></ul> |                      |
| <p><b>8. CFO Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Last SOAP workshop was last night. There were just as many clubs as there were in the first two SOAP workshops.</li><li>● BOR is working to stress test financial stability with a group in Colorado. So, if you have any issues with this institution and its financial stability</li></ul>  | <p>CFO Van Ruler</p> |

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| please reach out to me.  |  |
| <b>9. VP Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• President Rankin is coming on December 6<sup>th</sup>.</li><li>• President Kissinger and I will be meeting with a BOR representative to discuss the GAF issue.</li><li>• The 5<sup>th</sup> of December the Governor is having a financial address before the legislature. With her goals for the budget of the state.</li><li>• Please show up to the open house after this meeting as well.</li></ul>  | VP Lewis                               |
| <b>10. President's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proxied for VP Lewis at Student Federation today. The executive director for the BOR Nate Lucus was there. He mentioned YAL has contacted the BOR on multiple issues. Firstly, campus carry, as well as on campus housing requirements. Just keep in mind this is something happening on other campuses. Also brought up the jury duty issue, other universities haven't had to deal with this issue, so it was brought up to be proactive. For Easter Monday there wasn't much of a response</li><li>• <u>Senator Archer:</u> For the jury duty issue. Another reason we need to bring it up to the state level is because this is an issue students from other places in the state are dealing with.</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> the Diwali event is this Saturday at 5pm.</li></ul></li><li>• Veterans Report<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>Senator Winter:</u> I communicated with the university about refunds for</li></ul></li></ul>  | Senators Fernades, Winter, Tohm, Cantz |

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| <p>veterans I was told that they would do some digging.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Graduate Report<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>Senator Tohm</u>: no report</li></ul></li><li>• Non-Traditional Report<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <u>Senator Cantz</u>: No report</li></ul></li></ul>   |  |
| <p><b>12. Committee Reports</b></p> <p>A. Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Senator Uy</u>: We only have about 4 organizations left.</li></ul> <p>B. Public Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: I received some information from Professor Dowding. On the Saturday after Thanksgiving the parade of lights is happening. The Alumni center is putting together a float and wondered if anyone from senate wanted to join in</li><li>• <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: thank you to everyone for participating in the ribbon cutting event.</li></ul> <p>C. Governmental Relations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Senator Archer</u>: I'm going to work on contacting Pennington County senators.</li><li>• <u>Senator Archer</u>: Christmas party is December 6<sup>th</sup> I'll send out another email about that with more information.</li></ul> <p>D. Student Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Senator McCallum</u>: Emailed the office for inclusion about the international issue.</li></ul> <p>E. Campus &amp; Ad Hoc Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• none</li></ul> |  |
| <p><b>13. Upcoming Senate Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• President Kessinger: Pancheros fundraiser.</li><li>• Director Headly: January 9<sup>th</sup> is leadership awards nomination</li></ul>   |  |

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| deadline. Please nominate people.  |  |
| <b>14. Announcements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Senator Winter: we still have <math>3.456E^{21}</math> femtoseconds until Christmas.</li><li>• Dean Dlugos: I'll send an email out about the viewing part for the Governor's address.</li></ul> |  |
| <b>15. Adjournment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Senator Alarape motion to adjourn.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Senator Lannerd second</li></ul></li><li>• Motion passes</li></ul>  |  |