

South Dakota Mines Student Association Senate

Minutes

Date: December 6th, 2023

Time: 5:00

Location: Surbeck Center Ballroom



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 [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
1. Roll Call and Approval of Proxies <ul style="list-style-type: none">Passes unanimously	VP Lewis
2. Approval of the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">Passes unanimously	President Kessinger
3. Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Passes unanimously	President Kessinger
4. Open Floor Guests <p>A. Dr. Rankin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>Senator Twing:</u> Last semester at shed we asked for more funding to finish the MI building did we get that funding?	

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- President Rankin: yes, we did. We received \$4 million, and we took a loan out for \$3.4 million. We are in a good place to get that done. We still need to find 1 million to tear down the old MI building.
- President Rankin: how is Sodexo at this moment?
 - Secretary Garcia: I've received reports of expired food items.
 - President Rankin: I know that there are some issues with the smoothie machine.
 - Director Headly: yes, that is getting fixed.
- Senator McCallum: have you heard anything about a GAF increase?
 - President Rankin: during a meeting with presidents, I've heard the same thing that you all have heard. All six campus use GAF differently so it's hard to get a consensus about a need for an increase. The legislature is very concerned about affordability so we may see the freeze continue on.
- Senator Twing: we passed a stance about not having exams on or near the day of career fair.
 - Senator Rankin: I feel it makes sense to make that request so I feel its valid.
- President Kessinger: there have been plans to increase enrolment on all levels. There have been some concerns on getting more graduate students with the current stipends.
 - President Rankin: we were above 2800 students before the pandemic. We found that we can have about 3150 students. One change to get more graduate students, you don't

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<p>have to pay tuition if you got an assistantship.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: It's my understanding that we're kind of pushed on undergrad housing.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>President Rankin</u>: Its balancing act. When we made the student goals there wasn't as much of a housing issue. I don't see us building more housing. But more housing in general needs to be built.• <u>CFO Van Ruler</u>: we talked about expanding undergrad degrees do you see this happening.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>President Rankin</u>: part of the problem is resources. For many degrees when we added things, we didn't need to get more staff or labs. We should soon have an online master's in systems engineering.• <u>President Kessinger</u>: I learned that Colorado school of mines has trademarked 'mines' .<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>President Rankin</u>: our attorney said that we should continue using 'mines'. We are working on branding. You may get a survey in the next few weeks on branding in general.• <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: I've had people in my department express issues with finding internships with BME companies.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>President Rankin</u>: our marketing team is working on this with alumni.• <u>Senator Twing</u>: I'm aware that Montana tech used to be Montana Mines could you see us doing that?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>President Rankin</u>: I don't see that happening because we have the technical colleges and people could	
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be confused about that. If you look at the trademark filing its only for merchandise.	
5. Unfinished Business A. Resolution 23_F_018 ISEE Supplemental <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lockwood motion to vote.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second Senator Twing.• Motion passes 1 against	
6. New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None	
7. Open Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Twing</u>: I've seen this complaint about people reserving all the time slots for a study room. So, I've had people ask to limit the number of times slots.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Alarape</u>: another option could be to limit the times that people could reserve rooms.○ <u>Senator Twing</u>: I think that if you're determined to have a study room the time you can reserve a room won't matter.• <u>Senator Uy</u>: I know we talked about food being served with limited portions what's happened with that?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Director Headly</u>: this has been resolved. We are watching food costs. For finals week we adjusted hours.• <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: they seem to have reduced options for many stations.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Director Headly</u>: they did some assessment and now they only put the top items out.• <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: so, I know we get a special days for the calendar. I've found this to be inaccurate.• <u>Senator Archer</u>: I feel that we need to adjust hours. Because I've gone to the minter shack in the morning when it's	

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supposed to be open and it's not open yet.	
8. CFO Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In the governors address it was stated there will be a 4% salary increase in state employees• The school is positive on all BOR indicators. We are considering new revenue areas such as new degrees and increase in graduate enrollment. as well as more professional training opportunities.• <u>Senator Alarape:</u> Just curious is the process for constitution committee the same as the finance committee.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>CFO Van Ruler:</u> we do define need before giving clubs or related entities money.• <u>Director Headly:</u> all departments to present to the finance committee.• President Kessinger: have you ever turned down a supplemental?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>CFO Van Ruler:</u> yes, we have.• <u>Senator Lockwood:</u> When it talks about the introduction of graduate degrees how rapid is it going to be?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ President Kessinger: my understanding is there are places on campus that have room for more graduate degrees.○ <u>CFO Van Ruler:</u> we also have significant facility turnover at this moment.	CFO Van Ruler
9. VP Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• So next week at Brookings. There is a certificate request for quantum computing at Mines.• There is a purchase request for an x-ray photon spectrometer. We are also going to be covering budgets for individual universities so Heather	VP Lewis

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<p>Forney is going to give an update at this meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: who exactly is Heather Forney?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ VP Lewis: She is the vice president of budget for the BOR she was the vice president here at mines.	
<p>10. President's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Met with CAMP lot of structuring needs to happen still we haven't had any pushback yet.	President Kessinger
<p>11. Other Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Fernandes</u>: no report• Veterans Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Winter</u>: no report• Graduate Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Tohm</u>: congratulate all graduating PhD students• Non-Traditional Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Cantz</u>: no report	Senators Fernades, Winter, Tohm, Cantz
<p>12. Committee Reports</p> <p>A. Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Uy</u>: a quick summary we added 6 new organizations and deactivated 6 orginazations and received 6 other requests that never followed though. Adding orgs does cost more money. <p>B. Public Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: this week our senator of the week is Karson Lindwurm. PR is going to hit the ground running next semester with the organization fair and it is the 11th of January. We have SHED and mines day and we will be putting together our materials for that.• <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: the rest of the chairs and I have been looking for a	

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<p>way to drum up support for a GAF increase. And we will try and heavily involve athletics and CMAP and other groups that are effected.</p> <p>C. Governmental Relations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Archer:</u> essentially done with this semester. Compiled that email to send out the legislature about jury duty. We are also going to hit the ground running as we have SHED so we will be looking that the bill tracker. <p>D. Student Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator McCallum:</u> we will just be helping Senator Siekmann out with the GAF vote. <p>E. Campus & Ad Hoc Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Piling:</u> met with Cody Marshall about cameras. We have 18 total camaras up. There are 2 or 3 more that need to go up for the first phase. We have some camaras that are going to be put up on light poles for phase 2.• <u>Senator Alarape:</u> parking appeals met. Thank you to commuters for responding to the email in regard to the ramp parking.	
<p>13. Upcoming Senate Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secret Santa	
<p>14. Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Winter:</u> 19 days until Christmas.• <u>Senator Archer:</u> secret Santa after this we will start at 6.	
<p>15. Adjournment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senator Alarape motion to vote.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second Senator Kuhl• Motion passes.	