

South Dakota Mines Student Association Senate

Minutes

Date: November 1st, 2023

Time: 5:00

Location: Surbeck Center Ballroom



Roll Call

P = Present E = Excused A = Absent

International Senator

Niven Feranades [A]

Graduate Senator

Calvin Tohm [P]

Freshman Senators

Augustus Fink [P]

Jonathon Schock [E] Proxy Bailey Hollaway

Karson Lindwurm [P]

Nathan Sattler [A]

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. Kingdom Sports -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Kuhl</u>: What happened to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)?○ <u>Tim Wolfe</u>: FCA had 1 staff member	

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for all of South Dakota. Kingdom Sports has a staff member at every campus.	
5. Unfinished Business A. Resolution 23.F.012 Chess Club <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senator Alarape motion to vote.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second Senator Pilling• Motion passes unanimously. B. Resolution 23.F.013 Concrete Canoe Supplemental <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senator Alarape motion to vote.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second Senator pilling• Motion passes unanimously. C. Resolution 23.F.014 Exam during Career Fair <ul style="list-style-type: none">• President Kessinger: I did listen to the discussion about this, and it appears last week the only issue was the wording.	
6. New Business A. Resolution 23.F.015 Kingdom Sports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No discussion	
7. Open Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: I've had a constituent detail some issues with calculus 1: she has stated that students in calculus 1 require 100% on tests to pass the class and most of the students are not passing the class.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: to add some context this is the newest form of curriculum for calculus 1, where they have a universal syllabus, this seems like a bigger issue then the students that brought it to our attention.○ <u>Senator Fink</u>: As someone in this class, you have as many tries till end of semester for the required tests but you only get 4 tries for the non-required tests.○ <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: I had calculus 3	

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with Dr.Braman, this system is similar to her LTA's but each LTA only has 1 question compared to the large tests required for this class .

- Senator Archer: I feel like the calculus 3 system is unfair as well, I feel like the math department has larger problems overall when it comes to grading scales where some classes are on a 7-8 point system instead of a 10 point scale. From what I've heard the math department didn't want to get rid of the old system, so they just moved the goalposts.
- President Kessinger: I'm aware that this is a year of transition for the math department, and how many classes don't translate well to other STEM degrees, so if we were having trouble now it may become a bigger issue in the future.
- Senator Lannerd: I'm in Dr.Braman's class and this seems like a bad implantation of what I believe to be a good system.
- Senator Twing: I've talked to professionals in my field and most say that they've never used calculus 2 and 3 and the math departments push for perfection on tests seems to be far too much.
- Senator Siekmann: If these are supposed to be weed out classes, they shouldn't be weeding out so many people
- Senator Lockwood: I believe the reason why they changed it was due to complaints about the difficulty of calculus 1 whereas calculus 2 is usually the harder class.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: The previous 2 years here I had quite a few more complaints compared to this year where yesterday was the first time, I had complaints.○ <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: The person I talked to is trying to organize a group of students to bring this issue to the Dean.○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: I believe we can agree that this is a weird grading scale, so if this snowballs I wouldn't be opposed to Student Senate taking a stance on this.○ <u>Senator Jerke</u>: I believe a statement may be a good idea depending on what we find out.○ <u>Director Headly</u>: I believe that we have steps for students to try when they have issues with a class.○ <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: I'm fully supportive for what this group wants to do, but I'm also concerned as Friday is the last day to withdraw.○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: the date is a huge issue, what I believe a good next step is to get in touch with the math department after the students have talked to Dr.Kowalski, but I'd be happy to meet with students in this class over the next 3 days to try and resolve this issue.○ <u>Senator Fink</u>: There are also certain skill tests that cannot be retaken after Friday. So, the way this class is set up tests account for 60% of your grade but if you don't pass at least a few more then the required 4 tests.○ <u>Senator Uy</u>: I object to taking a stance until seeing the actual test.	
8. CFO Report	CFO Van Ruler

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thank you for passing the concrete canoe supplemental.• We will be looking at some stuff for SHED and rebranding.• Finance last week drafted a GAF talking points sheet which should be finalized by next week. We will be also scheduling another SOAP workshop due to the number of organizations that missed it.	
9. VP Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I'm reaching out to ranking to have him in as an open floor guest.• The other thing I'd like to see a show of hands for people coming to SHED	VP Lewis
10. President's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>President Kessinger</u>: could someone in India club please explain Diwali.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Nike</u>: Diwali is an annual event put on by campus including food and fireworks.• Rebranding is finally ending, I'll send out an email this week telling all clubs that if they haven't sent in something by Monday, they won't be able to get any money for rebranding.• As far as money goes, we have 2 large ticket items left and new money will have to be allocated for that, we will know a proper amount by next week.• <u>VP Lewis</u>: If anyone is curious the large ticket items, we were speaking of are trailer wraps.	President Kessinger
11. Other Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Fernandes</u>: none• Veterans Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Winter</u>: I messaged sometime last week about application fees for veterans, and he said it would be difficult to change BOR policy but	Senators Fernades, Winter, Tohm, Cantz

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<p>they also did mention that there could be a payback, chili cook off raffle tickets are on sale at the library.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduate Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Tohm</u>: Got the complaints back and will be going through them.• Non-Traditional Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Cantz</u>: no report	
<p>12. Committee Reports</p> <p>A. Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Uy</u>: no report <p>B. Public Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: we have our first ever spike and solve problem at the volleyball game.• <u>VP Lewis</u>: maybe in the future we should see about having the wall open during our meetings in the ballroom. <p>C. Governmental Relations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Archer</u>: we have been working on contacting people about the jury duty issue and will be going over our findings next week. <p>D. Student Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator McCallum</u>: Sent out the D2L poll yester day and the main complaints seem to be about due dates and fill in the blank quizzes. My committee will present the results next week. <p>E. Campus & Ad Hoc Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: For parking appeals, we met again and brought up the idea for a general parking committee and the ramp: they seemed open to a general parking committee, but they don't believe that the ramp spots will change.• <u>Senator McCallum</u>: there was supposed to be a SAC meeting tonight,	

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<p>but it was cancelled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Alarape</u>: wellness committee they finalized the wellness fair for the spring, and for parking appeals they made it clear that just because one person parks badly shouldn't make it, so you also park badly.• <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: Another thing that the parking committee would do is working on getting people to turn in their parking passes as they withdraw from school.• <u>Senator Nedved</u>: I had a friend who last year was put in rocker but late July after he already had a parking pass bought, they moved in.• <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: We already delt with this he wanted an orange pass, but he was offered a green pass which he did not want.	
<p>13. Upcoming Senate Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>VP Lewis</u>: If you are dressed in a costume stick around to have someone take a picture for the	
<p>14. Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Winter</u>: 54 days till Christmas.• <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: student commencement speaker will be Morgan Else• <u>Senator Twing</u>: next Friday ADPI will having a fundraiser.• <u>President Kessinger</u>: Diwali Night November 18th	
<p>15. Adjournment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senator Uy motion to adjourn.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second Senator Lannerd• Motion passes.	