

South Dakota Mines Student Association Senate

Minutes

Date: August 30th, 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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Junior Senators

Brady Dumont [P]

Hagen 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 [A]

Clive Uy [A]

Jordan Lannerd [P]

Nicholas Lockwood [P]

William Khal [P]

Senior Senators

Eliza McCallum [P]

Kaden Jerke [P]

Jordan Harter [P]

[P]

[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. Becky Javinar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Twing</u>: What was the parking plan you came up with.○ <u>Becky Javinar</u>: we did come up with a plan for them and this will not	

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<p>affect student parking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Lannerd</u>: Is student safety ok with the parking plan partially blocking the road?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Becky Javinar</u>: yes, they were the ones who came up with it.• <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: is this going to affect ROTC at all?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Becky Javinar</u>: ROTC works out at 6am so it shouldn't be an issue.○ <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: Isn't 8-10 a pretty dead time for students?○ <u>Becky Javinar</u>: I'd say we have less than 10 people for that time period but this is based on the first week of school.• <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: this isn't something we have to vote for necessarily, this was just a nice gesture.• <u>Becky Javinar</u>: it is also going to be a max of 8 people.	
<p>5. Unfinished Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None	
<p>6. New Business</p> <p>A. Resolution 23.F.001 Standing Committee Appointments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>VP Lewis</u>: Some of you may notice that senator Cooly is not a senator this semester due to a class conflict.• <u>VP Lewis</u>: It should also be noted that committee appointments are subject to change, if you are unhappy with your appointment, please tell your committee chair.• <u>Senator Lockwood</u>: are the subcommittees being decided today?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: we're getting there.	
<p>7. Open Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>President Kessinger</u>: We are going to have to appoint a new senior senator,	

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- Senator Twing: Is that something he brought up to you?
- Senator Kessinger: No this isn't I came up with this.
- Senator Siekmann: is that an option for Amanda Cooley?
- VP Lewis: She expressed that she wished to step down.
- Senator Twing: What would be the process for finding a proxy for Senator Alarape?
- President Kessinger: We would just have to find a proxy for him and to wave the points for it each time.
- Senator Siekmann: Would he find a proxy, or would it be voted on by the student body?
- President Kessinger: I think the best thing we need to ask is are we interested in this at all?
- Senator Fernandes: Is this just going to be a semester long proxy.
- Senator Jerke: So, if we write this in can it happen every semester?
- President Kessinger: In theory yes but I believe this could be beneficial.
- Senator Dumont: I'm not saying this is a terrible idea, but it seems kind of pointless if there's only 2 months before a new administration.
- Senator McCallum: I feel that due to how long the senators serve during the spring semester I feel that it's worthwhile.
- Dean Dlugos: I feel that it could be worthwhile to ask the football coach to allow senator Alarape to come to

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<p>senate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Lockwood</u>: I would like to improve student senate and athlete relationships.● <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: Is there anything we need to do to get freshman elections underway.○ <u>Senator Archer</u>: I'm taking care of that.	
<p>8. CFO Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Meeting with Dr.Spindle tomorrow to discuss finance issues, and will also reach out to finance committee● Senator Siekmann: I know we all got the run down why SOAP was messy; it might be worthwhile to tell the student organizations about this.○ <u>CFO Van Ruler</u>: I'm going to include that in my SOAP workshop for the organization.	CFO Van Ruler
<p>9. VP Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Thank you to the committee chairs for responding to the when is good, looking at the times I'm leaning towards Thursdays at noon.● <u>Senator Twing</u>: when is our new office going to be ready.○ <u>Director Headly</u>: between September 12-20th	VP Lewis
<p>10. President's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● For office hours and committee meetings, I think were way more focused on giving students access to their committees then getting the office staffed full time. But we are really trying to get committee meetings to be more public. I feel that could be streamlined if we got better times for committee meeting.● This is the last semester for rebranding	President Kessinger

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<p>Pat Rust will help people who are on that committee, we also must staff beautification and parking appeals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For university cabinet, there's two big things. First, it's how memorials are purchased, the new plan is it costs \$1000 for a tree and \$5000 for a bench. The university is also planning on not putting names by memorial trees.• There's also going to be some changes with fees when it comes to renting rooms and blocking off parking lots for events put on by student organizations.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Director Headly</u>: Those fees are normally meant for when there's a lot of manpower. The new ones we were talking about adding to lot closures and the proposed amount is currently \$60 an hour.○ <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: So, the only fee being changed is for parking lots.○ <u>Director Headly</u>: Yes, but we are also changing how categories go for fees.	
<p>11. Other Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Fernandes</u>: We had international students' orientation. There was also a job search strategy session for students.• 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>: There is a new graduate organization.• Non-Traditional Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Cantz</u>: I'm very excited for another year on senate	Senators Feranades, Winter, Tohm, Cantz
<p>12. Committee Reports</p>	

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<p>A. Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Pilling</u>: There's 4 potential organizations in que. <p>B. Public Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: Working on the pigskin problem and finalize the Hardrocker discount list. <p>C. Governmental Relations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Archer</u>: Going to start working on the election pretty soon so fill out the when is good. I'd also like some government officials to come talk to us. <p>D. Student Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator McCallum</u>: I didn't get a transition report, so I'll figure that out. <p>E. Campus & Ad Hoc Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• none	
<p>13. Upcoming Senate Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Kessinger</u>: committee resolution is to be voted on next week.	
<p>14. Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Winter</u>: 0.32 years until Christmas.• <u>President Kessinger</u>: September 27 for freshman elections.	
<p>15. Adjournment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion to adjourn Twing.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second Jerke• Motion passes unanimously	