

South Dakota Mines Student Association Senate

Minutes

Date: September 27th, 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]

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None	
5. Unfinished Business <p>A. Resolution 23.F.004 Environmental Change and Sustainability Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senator Alarape motion to vote	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second Senator Fernandes● Motion passes unanimously	
6. New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">● None	
7. Open Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>President Kessinger</u>: BOR meeting next week on the 4th and 5th of October so if you can think of anything important, please tell us.● <u>Senator Twing</u>: I've had some students ask about the security cameras and where they are.○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: Cody Marshall said that he was willing to follow up on that as he knows the most about them.● <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: Following up on the talk about the rescheduling is when it isn't a test from the test center such as the FE exam.	
8. CFO Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Thank you for filling out the GAFAC forum. We should see a committee and a resolution put together in the upcoming weeks.● Met with a few clubs, they talked about SOAP workshop, so we will get that set up for the second week of October.	CFO Van Ruler
9. VP Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Thank you for going to the meeting and greet for employers on Monday night.● President Kessinger and I had a meeting with the executive Board of student federation where we explained our standing with our GAF situation on campus to explain why we voted down their tuition freeze. We found during that meeting that our situation was dollar wise less than other	VP Lewis

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<p>universities. We will be rewriting that resolution not including fee freezes, while knowing that the BOR will more than likely deny us as they are firmly against fee increases. Therefor we need to do some campus outreach to try and show support for a fee increase. We are looking for \$1.19 per credit hour increase.</p>	
<p>10. President's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are going to try and educate campus, so students understand the benefit of GAF and SOAP. We need to have at least 2 open information sessions for students and a simple majority vote to petition the BOR for an increase. I don't believe that we will get an increase this year, but if we do all this we may be able to argue for this better.• <u>Senator McCallum</u>: I found that our fees are about in the middle of the pack for BOR universities<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: If we had tracked our GAF and increased our schools whenever we could have we would have one of the higher GAF prices.• In our meeting with Dr.Rankin we talked a lot about GAF. According to him the BOR is a lot different than it was in the past, we don't know if this is going to make them more willing to increase GAF.• Went to the Forman press club where they debated on mining in the back hills, Dr.Rankin thought it would be a good idea to set up a Forman press club on campus to discuss mining in the black hills with Dakota Gold<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: So, you want us to	<p>President Kessinger</p>

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<p>host a Q and A club about different topics one of which is mining?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: Yes, that is correct.	
<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>: Is it possible for us to wave the application fee for veterans at all?○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: I don't know?○ <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: It is free application week right now.○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: as far as I know there is a period of time where applications are free but if you apply at any other time it will be \$30.○ <u>Senator Twing</u>: I think it's a good thing to bring up waving the application fee for veterans or active duty personal.○ <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: So often we get emails talking about how military friendly we are and we lose a few points on those polls because we don't have free applications.• Graduate Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Tohm</u>: Graduate writing center coming along.• Non-Traditional Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Cantz</u>: no report	<p>Senators Fernades, Winter, Tohm, Cantz</p>
<p>12. Committee Reports</p> <p>A. Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Uy</u>: did a bit of work on the organization file system. We have 5 clubs to finalize their constitutions, and we have one organization coming in next week.• <u>Director Headly</u>: to add to your report	

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B. Public Relations

- Senator Siekmann: We are going to do another pigskin problem at the home game on Saturday the 7th so there will be a sign up for that.
- Senator Siekmann: I have the dates of the meetings that will be in the ball room November 1st, & 15, December 6th, January 17th, February 28th and March 6th.
- Senator Twing: for setup is your committee going to do that
- Senator Siekmann: I was told to ask about it when those meetings get closer.

C. Governmental Relations:

- Senator Archer: We emailed back and forth to the county court and were told that its up to the judge's discretion whether or not to give a student an exception, but right now they are not doing so, I was going to talk to a student currently dealing with this tomorrow but he was called into jury duty.
- President Kessinger: There are also special kinds of jurors and may or may not be able to get out of jury duty.
- Senator Archer: Today is election day so we will be appointing senators next week.
- Senator Uy: when does election close today?
 - Senator Archer: 9pm
- VP Lewis: President Rankin also mentioned that he may be able to leverage some influence to get the issues with jury duty dealt with.

D. Student Affairs

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator McCallum</u>: spirit Friday went well we are hopefully going to do that in the library.• <u>Senator McCallum</u>: I'll be sending out a poll about student satisfaction about things on campus.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Uy</u>: are you still planning on taking up the D2L issue?○ <u>Senator McCallum</u>: Yes I am. <p>E. Campus & Ad Hoc Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>President Kessinger</u>: If you haven't reached out to your committee advisor please do so.• <u>VP Lewis</u>: Was there an update with the parking appeals committee?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: they will have a meeting in October.	
<p>13. Upcoming Senate Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>President Kessinger</u>: BOR is here next week.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Pilling</u>: what time is the BOR meeting next week.○ <u>President Kessinger</u>: all day I believe?	
<p>14. Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Winter</u>: 2119 hours till Christmas	
<p>15. Adjournment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• McCallum motion to adjourn.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second pilling• Motion passes.	