

South Dakota Mines Student Association Senate

Minutes

Date: January 24th, 2024

Time: 5:00

Location: Pearson Alumni Center



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 [P]

Karson Lindwurm [P]

Nathan Sattler [P]

Parker Smith [P]

Junior Senators

Duncan Pilling [P]

Hagan Archer [P]

Madelyn Siekmann [P]

[P]

[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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None	
6. New Business A) 24.S.020 - Junior Senator Appointments	

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- Senator Alarape motion to suspend rules.
 - Second Senator McCallum
- Motion passes
- Motion vote Senator Pilling
 - Second Senator Schock
- Motion passes

7. Open Discussion

A)Commencement Options

- Dean Dlugos: looking ahead at the December commencement, its scheduled for December 21st, the president's office if looking to move it a week earlier. The issue is that if we do move it sooner it would have to be in the gym.
 - Senator Alarape: so hypothetically you could walk the stage despite being on the edge of failing?
 - Dean Dlugos: yes that is correct
- Senator Siekmann: when is the final day of term?
- Senator Lannerd: so is the spring semester of 2025 starting later?
 - Dean Dlugos: I don't know.
- Senator Pilling: The only issue I see is that if people want to watch people walk, they may be caught by weather. On the other hand if they walked earlier, they would still have finals.
- Dean Dlugos: my feeling is that if our normal space was open, we should just do that.
- Senator Pilling: should we just hold it mid-week?
- Senator Alarape: If it was me, I'd prefer to graduate in the monument.
- Dean Dlugos: we did have a conversation about moving it to save costs but looking at this last graduation we did fill up the monument.

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B) Shed Bill Tracker

SB 45

- Senator McCallum: Where would this be at
 - President Kessinger: Its mainly for renting time on a quantum computer for research not so much for buildings.
- President Kessinger: This bill is specific to Mines. And many researchers here would love to work with one.
- Senator Uy: Do you know where this allocation is coming from?
 - President Kessinger: I believe this is from the general fund.
- Senator Pilling: So that \$6 million if we don't use it by 2029 it just goes back to the state and not back to the board.
- President Kessinger: I believe the Student Federation opinion of this is in support. But we do need to vote on an opinion.
- Senator Alarape motion to take a stance in support.
 - Second Senator McCallum
- 1 abstain motion passes.

HB 1012

- Dean Dlugos: this already passed the house and now needs to go to the senate.
- Senator Alarape motion to stand in support.
 - Second Senator McCallum
- Motion passes

SB 150

- Senator Alarape: Was this the same bill we talked about last year.
 - Senator Archer: I believe it was the same we talked about last year. I

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think they may just be giving money for upkeep.

- Senator Lannerd: So you say this for upkeep so do we need to continue to pay for a certain amount of time?
 - Senator Archer: I believe this is just to allow for people to help maintain it.
- Senator Alarape: They did have a bill last year to build a new facility so this may just be for repairs on the old facility.
- Director Headly: if this is approved this would go to the BOR, and anything not spent by a certain time would go back to the state.
- Senator Uy motion to take a stance in favor
 - Second Senator McCallum
- Motion passes

HB 1022

- Senator Jerke: where would the money be going once its given to the department of Ed
 - President Kessinger: from my understanding a lot of this funding would be used to pay for courses for teachers. So, this money may go to in or out of state universities for this.
- Senator Lannerd: so this is mainly going to go to courses to help teachers learn how to teach literacy. From my experience it ended up just being a vacation.
- Senator McCallum: so, these funds would be used just for continued education not current education?
 - President Kessinger: yes this is true
- Senator Smith: does this have to do with what governor Nome was talking about with finances?

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- Senator Alarape motions to take a stance in favor.
 - Second Senator Archer
- 5 abstain, motion passes.

HB 1049

- Senator Naik: How much money do they want?
 - President Kessinger: it's not specified.
- Senator Archer: the pre-meds I know are confused why BH is building a pre-health department here.
- Senator Naik: is there a reason why they are doing it in Rapid instead of their main campus?
 - President Kessinger: the bill didn't specify
- Senator Lannerd: We have premed facilities, so I feel that they are taking away from possible students
- Senator McCallum: I believe there would be more from BH about this.
- Senator Pilling motion to table
 - Second Senator Sattler
- Motion passes

SB 1

- Senator Pilling: does this go for grad students?
 - President Kessinger: there is no chance, we are not employees.
- Senator McCallum: who does this apply to?
 - President Kessinger: teachers, vocational instructors and school counselors
- Senator Lannerd: they were giving partial funding for required courses now they are paying for optional courses.
- Senator McCallum: is there an amount of money on this one?

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Senator Sattler</u>: it's just paying half of the tuition.• Senator Lannerd this bill does say for a max of 6 credit hours• <u>Senator Uy</u>: it does not appear just for optional.• <u>Dean Dlugos</u>: so this doesn't cost any money up front. The hope is that with the discount they would take more optional classes. for teachers to take these courses○ President Kessinger: no teachers still have to take these courses.• <u>Senator McCallum</u>: so I believe this is a dual purpose of working on professional development but also allows for work on a masters• <u>Senator Uy</u>: from my understanding this is already in place they are just amending it.• Senator McCallum motion to take a stance in favor<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second Senator Lannerd• 2 abstains motion passes <p>SB 29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jerke motion in favor<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Second Lockwood• 1 abstain motion passes <p>HB 1113 –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alarape motion to table○ Thom second• Motion passes	
<p>8. CFO Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• thank you all for working of the GAF issue.• SAOP presentations are scheduled for the 3rd and 4th they will be in the classroom building 204 E	CFO Van Ruler
<p>9. VP Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The facility tour we discussed is	VP Lewis

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<p>scheduled; it is on February 8th at 3pm mountain time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Sattler</u>: is it confirmed that the secret pool is on the tour.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>VP Lewis</u>: I believe it is• An announcement for SA senate will be featured this semester	
<p>10. President's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting tomorrow with President Rankin. We will bring up a new policy that was changed by the BOR it covers communications and branding. The other universities were very concerned.	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>: no report• 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>: we have a water ski club pending. this should be interesting for finance as they want to purchase a boat. <p>B. Public Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Siekmann</u>: thank you to everyone on my committee for advertising the GAF vote, the vote is tomorrow. <p>C. Governmental Relations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator Archer</u>: Thank you for getting the SHED bills through. <p>D. Student Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Senator McCallum</u>: I will have a table in the library tomorrow morning to push people to vote.	

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E. Campus & Ad Hoc Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lannard: will meet with the manager of Sudexo.	
13. Upcoming Senate Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None	
14. Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winter: 336 days till Christmas	
15. Adjournment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion to adjourn Uy• Second pilling• Motion passes	