South Dakota Student Federation
December 7 | 7:00 CT
Minutes

- Roll Call & Approval of Proxies
  - Absent: Schoon
  - Proxy: Rasmussen for Schoon
  - Motion to Approve: Converse
  - Second: Swanson
  - Voice Vote: Approved

- Discussion & Approval of the Agenda
  - Motion to Add Discussion of Alcohol Sales Policy and Discussion of Dining RFP to New Business: Shane
  - Second: Converse
  - Voice Vote: Approved
  - Motion to Approve: Brust
  - Second: Converse
  - Voice Vote: Approved

- Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes
  - Motion to Approve: Converse
  - Second: Swanson
  - Voice Vote: Approved

- Special Guests
  - BOR Update
    - BOR introductions
    - Learning Management System Update
      - We have been with D2L since 2007 without a full RFP process
      - On a 1-5 scale, the average satisfaction with the platform is 3
      - RFP going out on February 1st, with a 30-day deadline and two-week comment period, with student try-out period in April
  - Study Abroad Insurance Review
    - 2014 was the last time this RFP was issued
    - Committee has been created (International Student dir. typically)
  - BOR Policy Transfer Review
    - Clarifying language in 2-5 transfer of credit policy (as well as 2-25, 2-26, 2-27, and 2-31)
    - Make the policy more student-centered
○ Tuition and Fee Project
  ■ Stand by for more information
  ■ Feel free to reach out for comment on tuition

○ Legislative
  Dr. Janelle Toman & Nate Lukkes
  ■ Student Federation should not feel required to side with the BOR positions
  ■ Legislative package is not completely approved yet
  ■ Topics of interest will most likely be brought by others
    ● Guns on campus, CRT, transgender bathroom bill
  ■ School of Mines certainly has a number of students who is pro-campus carry
  ■ A lot of conversation about CRT
    ● The impact is most likely going to touch on the academic affairs, not only student life
    ● Current BOR academic freedom stance touches on the importance of controversial topics and conversation
      ○ It is very pro-academic freedom for faculty
  ■ Question: Does the BOR have a stance on constitutional carry on campus?
    ● Four years ago was the last time BOR took a position on this issue, which was anti-legislation
    ● BOR will not take a position of its own volition, it will only be as a reaction to the legislature
  ■ Question: are you expecting large budget cuts?
    ● Not at all, the Governor’s address today was very good for the regental institutions
    ● The system is in a great place financially
    ● This 6% salary raise may come to fruition through a tuition increase
  ■ Question: Have there been more discussions on the online course rates vs. in-person?
    ● SB 134 passed last session which removed the requirement of the self-support rate
    ● The following discussions have been about how we find the right rate for online courses
    ● Campuses will differ for what the right rates are, but we are striving to find the right balance for the whole system
  ■ Question:
    ● A GAF payoff was not in the Governor Noem’s budget, so it would need to be a separate bill initiated by the Board
  ■ Question: SD Freedom Scholarship updates
    ● First meeting of the Freedom Scholarship Board was in mid-November
    ● SDCF formed a University Advisory Council to represent the BOR and other private institutions in the state
    ● Another board meeting upcoming
  ■ Every Thursday during legislative session, there is a conference call that all campus leadership is welcome to join

● University Reports
- Black Hills State University  Keegan Baatz & Myndi Weidenbach
  - Library renovation is ahead of schedule
  - Beginning a provost search committee
  - Only have two on-campus security
  - Hired a Director of Student Success Center
  - Beginning a five-year Strategic Planning Committee
    - First meeting in January with listening sessions

- Dakota State University  Nathan Ord & Jonathan Derenge
  - Report

- Northern State University  Jacob Swanson & Laine Converse
  - Governor’s address mentioned the removal Lincoln and Briscoe Halls by Fall of 2024
  - Finals begin tomorrow and I’m ready
  - Happy holidays!

- South Dakota School of Mines & Technology  Livvi Jurrens & Jacob West
  - Report

- South Dakota State University  Anna Shane & Rachel Schoon
  - Outreach month
  - Passed election by-law amendments to lessen the barriers to running for SA
  - Resolution 21-12-R Alcohol Sales Policy passed

- University of South Dakota  Alexandra Feiner & Katie Brust
  - Renovating the Health Sciences building
  - Beginning a search for Multicultural Affairs administrator and Opportunity Center Director
  - Wellness Center renovations have been recently announced
  - Tearing down Julian and Brookman Halls soon
  - Two football players are down in Florida representing for Play of the Year at the Sports Illustrated awards show

- Officer Reports
  - Chair  Caleb Weiland, Chair
    - Please reach out for any questions!
  - Executive Director  Carson Sehr, Executive Director
    - Thank you to President Dunn, Dr. Willis, Andy, Rachel, Anna, and all of SA for our gracious reception
    - Thanks to all of our special guests tonight for sharing your information with us
    - And absolutely not least, thanks to all of the Directors for making the trek up to Siberia, especially Keegan and Myndi from BH
    - I’m giving my report to the regents tomorrow a little after 3
    - SHED Sunday night social, Red Rossa or slight possibility for Drifters in Pierre
    - After meeting tonight, please give me a rough estimate for how many from your institution will be attending SHED
    - Deb here at SDSU has been great with getting me up and running with our current budget; she sent out the request for dues to each institution after our first meeting, and every school has paid, so yay! No one has a delinquent account!
As you saw, I am introducing my budget proposal for the next fiscal year tonight, as is required by our governing documents. Also on the Excel sheet is the current budget, and you will see that they are identical. I do not necessarily intend on the final budget being identical to this year’s, but the budget is not to be approved until March, so we have plenty of time for amendment and revision based on your feedback and my experience as I actually pay for SHED, etc.

- New Business
  - FY23 Budget Proposal  
    Carson Sehr, Executive Director
    - First Reading by Chair Weiland
    - Discussion
  - Dining RFP Discussion  
    Caleb Weiland, Chair
    - Aramark’s presentation was very lackluster
    - Sedesco presentation was fantastic
    - Sodexo was far more interested in getting the community involved
    - Sodexo likes the 24-hour and self-serve options
    - Many concerns from international students about dietary restrictions
    - Sodexo is favored based on presentation and Aramark seemed too pre-packaged and not tailored to the universities
    - We request that the grantee of the RFP is open to student feedback
    - We are pushing for commuter plans, and that won’t happen if the food is getting worse
    - The successful vendor will reach out to the campuses on December 14th
    - Everyone on the committee looked at all responses to the surveys, and they were highly valued
    - DSU: food quality is good with Sodexo, but the main issue is staffing
    - January 27th will have the approval of the final dining contract on the agenda
  - Alcohol Sales Discussion  
    Caleb Weiland, Chair
    - 11/30 NSU passed a resolution 10-1 in support of alcohol sales
      - More safety and security measures
      - Alcohol sales revenue currently goes to student scholarships
    - SDSU has passed a resolution 22-1
      - Safety was the biggest concern
      - Revenue will go into athletic/student affair slush fund
    - BHSU is most concerned about security protocol
      - Just implemented a beer garden to the left of a goalpost, but it isn’t sold at concessions
      - Revenue would go to student scholarships
      - Possible wristband punches
    - USD--many concerns about mental health and enabling alcoholism
      - GAF-funded alcohol awareness training as possible solution
      - Mental health services would be a great source for this revenue
    - DSU passed the resolution
      - Focus on safety is needed
    - Mines will implement the changes if that is passed
If the Board takes this up, it could be passed after two meetings, and then the authority is given to the universities.

- Announcements
  - None

- Adjournment
  - Motion to Adjourn: Baatz
  - Second: Weidenbach
  - Voice Vote: Approved