



## Agenda

**Tuesday, March 27th, 2018  
Spearfish, SD**

**7:00 [Mountain Time] – Formal Meeting**

**I. Welcome:**

**A. Roll Call of Universities**

- i. Black Hills State University
  1. Justin Logue
  2. Ariel Pozorski
- ii. Dakota State University
  1. Hunter Brindley
  2. Proxy
- iii. Northern State University
  1. Proxy Tyler Harris
  2. Proxy Zack North
- iv. South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
  1. Aaron Campbell
  2. Jake Oberprillar
- v. South Dakota State University
  1. Aly Helms (Called In)
  2. Taylin Albrecht
- vi. University of South Dakota
  1. Teagan McNary
  2. Josh Anderson

**A. Approval of Agenda**

**B. Approval of Minutes**

**C. Report of Universities**

**a. BHSU**

Executive Elections a few weeks ago for their Student Senate, Inauguration April 18<sup>th</sup>, Senator Elections April 11<sup>th</sup>, hosting pie in the face fundraiser as a Student Senate – originated to help pay for old Presidents Medical Costs – now the proceeds go to her memorial scholarship, 2 years ago restructured GAF allocation process - retention up by 6% and occupation up by 5-6% in residence halls; working to install solar panels on one of the halls; working on GAF transparency document – as comprehensive as possible; developing land acknowledgement initiative to be read a commencement and freshman orientation

**b. DSU**

Spring Fling starts in the middle of April – community outreach and volunteering with a large celebration at the end; CCDC team won regionals and will be moving on to Nationals; just updated their Constitution - 40 pages and a 7 week process; elections start in 2 weeks for Executive Team and entire Senate; purchasing gowns for people Graduating - \$5500 towards that initiative; creating a committee to keep track of organization constitutions

c. NSU

Ratified new constitution after SHED – 5 week process that was ratified on the 25<sup>th</sup> – included a rebranding of their Student Senate – now Student Government Association; student organization review committee met and completed their review process; student budget allocation committee meeting and nearly complete; elections taking place in the upcoming weeks; retention rate is up to 77% and setting a goal to have 80% retention; application rate up 12% and acceptance rate up 16%; developing a town hall series to reach out to students to gather what they want from the Senate

d. SDSM&T

Recently held Executive Board Elections; ESports is now under athletics – not NCAA sanctioned but will allow them to find space and get additional funding, will require them to go through gamer addiction training, can be used as a marketing tool for incoming students, etc.; Hosting ASCE regionals next week; President Renkin will have inauguration next fall; looking to have GAF increase to cover Surbeck expansion facilities and maintenance; considering going to 2-day elections; SDSU has a student member on their chamber of commerce and want to implement in Rapid City; got funding for their concert and will be putting that on in the Fall

e. SDSU

Working through their budgeting season - oversees 2.6 million dollar GAF budget, will approve overall budget April 9<sup>th</sup>; working to implement bike share program on campus and throughout Brookings; held Executive Board and Student elections; have 13 at large positions that will be filled in the next week, looking to find a better election process to get more student interest; Basketball Teams were very successful and made it to NCAA tournament; looking to have approval from Board of Regents for Union renovations; next Executive Team will be working to develop a 5 year GAF plan; Spencer Harwood (Student Federation Chair) got married last week!

f. USD

Held Executive Team elections and had the highest voter turnout they have seen, looking to keep interest high and keep improving turnout; continuing on with Presidential Search; working through budgeting process for student organizations; Dean of Law School has announcement intention to step down so will develop a search committee; will be looking for new Men's Basketball coach; discussing in their senate about retention of school emails after graduation, at SDSU if you are inactive on your school email for more than 6 months it is deactivated

D. Executive Team Reports

a. Chair

b. Executive Director

1. Talked to Deb about overcharging for dues and she said she would correct it by the end of the year

2. Legislative Supper - \$1489.99 (214.86 service charge and 1275.13 for food). This is nearly \$90 over budget. Do we want to make any modifications to our budget for next year?
3. Robert sent me an ordinance requiring Chair to publish an end of the year transition report, but it is not currently listed in our Constitution and Bylaws.
4. Final feedback?
5. Working with new Executive Director in the transition

E. Discussion

a. Constitution/Bylaw Changes

1. Motion to approve Bylaw changes as proposed (Moved by Taylin seconded by Ariel)
  - a. Move to add under Article II Section 5: Duties and Powers of Executive Director with identical language under Article II Section 6: Duties and Powers of the Chair “Shall compile a transition report to present at the final meeting of each term” (Moved by Teagan, seconded by Taylin)
    - i. Amendment passes
2. Passed 12-0 unanimously

b. Budget Approval

1. Ally moves to approve budget B, Justin seconded
  - a. Move to amend budget B to take \$200 from travel and move it to dinner with the Legislators totaling \$500 in travel and \$1600 in dinner (Moved by Teagan, seconded by Taylin)
    - i. Teagan: Important to have budget for travel but budget has been tight for legislative dinner
    - ii. Aaron: would feel more comfortable with \$600 in travel to encourage the Executive Director to spend more time in Pierre
    - iii. Hunter: agrees with Aaron that there should be more money to send them to Pierre
    - iv. Justin: believes the travel budget has never been used in the past
    - v. Hunter: Would like to see Executive Director and/or Chair attend meetings at their University so it wouldn't just be traveling to Pierre
      1. Amendment passes
  - b. Move to amend budget B to take \$250 from Chair position to Executive Director to total Executive Director Salary of \$1000 and Chair \$500 (Moved by Teagan, seconded by Taylin)
    - i. Teagan: Important to pay both positions but duties not split equally
      1. Amendment passes
2. Passed 12-0 unanimously

c. Executive Director Election

1. Nominations:
  - a. Matt Yetter – Nominated by Teagan
    - i. Political Science, Criminal Justice major of USD; believes it is important to have a strong lobbyist in Pierre

with our Legislators as more and more bills are proposed that impact higher education

- ii. How would you increase communication within the Student Federation?
    - 1. Would send out a sample agenda at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting and a finalized version a week in advance
  - iii. Do you have any prior lobbying experience?
    - 1. No
  - iv. But you were in attendance of SHED?
    - 1. Yes
  - v. Other experience that makes you a good candidate?
    - 1. Second year serving on SGA in their Student Senate
  - vi. Teagan: Matt is very passionate about Senate; very driven individual and he was throwing out statistics about the bills that were dropped this last session
  - vii. Taylin: Even though we only have one candidate, he seems like a very strong candidate and I believe he would do a good job representing the Student Federation
- b. Matt Yetter approved as next Executive Director

2. Oath of Office

d. Election of Chair

- 1. Move to postpone election of Chair to next Student Federation meeting (Moved by Taylin, seconded by Teagan)
  - a. Taylin: the chair election process was changed in the bylaw changes tonight and we felt it would be unfair to have this position elected tonight
  - b. Teagan: I agree
- 2. Motion Approved – Election of Chair postponed until next meeting
  - a. Taylin: New Executive Director will be running the next meeting and will appoint someone to fulfill their duties during the meeting until a chair is appointed

F. Announcements

- a. Teagan: put together a transition document for SHED
- b. Tour is Led by Ariel and Justin tomorrow at 11
- c. Having a social after this meeting at Killian's
- d. Taylin: Have seen freedom of speech topics coming up in legislative session and this is something both the Board of Regents and ourselves generally feel that they don't want to be reflected in state law – Want to change Board of Regents policy to prevent seeing so many bills that impact the higher education system such as the free speech bills.
- e. Aly: Saw that many of us were included in an email from Conrad Adams about tuition in schools – tuition increase of \$5 per credit at each University.
  - 1. BH responded to Conrad Adams in regard to fee increases – faculty salaries are very important for University success but didn't want the students to have to bear that burden if there was an alternative option, however didn't think that State help would be feasible

G. Adjourn