The regular weekly meeting of Dakota State University’s Student Association Senate was held on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at 8:04 pm in the Regents room.

Graduate College Representative Bolt motioned to approve the Minutes. Public Relations Chair Lucas seconded. The motion passed.

Senator Harmer moved to amend the Agenda to add Banner Committee to the Committees section. Public Relations Chair Lucas seconded. The motion passed. Public Relations Chair Lucas motioned to approve the Agenda. Senator Harmer seconded. The motion passed.

Administrative Assistant Oeltjenbruns reported that she did get a Google Drive set up for internal use, but the Google Drive links can’t be used on the Senate website. She also reported that the Recording Secretary position is open and has a priority deadline on August 31st. Applications are available on Handshake or on the Student Senate website.

PR Chair Lucas reported that the Student Senate website is up again. Just go to dsu.edu, student life, and then select student senate. He also reported that the Student Senate social media accounts, which include Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, have had regular updates. PR Chair Lucas mentioned that the Activities Fair was on Wednesday, and he extended thanks to the Senators that helped as well as to those students who stopped by the booth and those who came to the meeting. PR Chair Lucas mentioned the tri-fold poster board that has been hung up outside the Student Senate office. Once 2018 statistics have been released, new posters will be printed including a monthly newsletter.

Vice President Johnson reported that he kept up with the budget reports throughout the summer. Most of the expenditures were stipend pay for the exec team and travel for Board of Regents meetings this summer. There is about $21,966 left in the Senate budget as the school year kicks off.

President Williams welcomed everyone back. He reported that he worked with Administrative Assistant Oeltjenbruns and PR Chair Lucas this summer on the website, tri-fold board, name plaques, badges, polos, and jackets. He also extended a thank you to Steve Bartel for working with Student Senate on getting the board put
up. He also mentioned that Student Senate will be more rigid with Robert’s Rules. Senator Harmer will present on it next week.

The Faculty Advisor also extended a welcome back to everyone. He mentioned that an Accreditation team will be on campus in late October. The Faculty Advisor also discussed possibly bringing an active shooter trainer to campus. He asked the Senators to brainstorm possible dates and times to host the training. A preliminary statement for a new residence hall was taken to the Board of Regents this summer and got approved. Interviews for architects will be taking place. Esports doesn’t officially have a varsity athletic team yet, but it is moving in that direction. There is potential that the esports team will be using the old alumni room as practice space. The university purchased the Heartland tech center. A few of the MadLabs will start working out of there, and some of the football coaching staff will be utilizing some space there as well.

President Williams met with Dr. Jones from the College of Arts & Sciences, and President Williams will continue to meet with the deans for the open positions until the positions are filled. The art gallery in the library will be returning. They are working on starting a debate team for Fall 2019; as of now, they are looking for a debate coach. The new Cyber Leadership and Intelligence degree has 12 students so far with many pending.

Senator Harmer reported for SRO Audit Committee. The committee presented at the all club officer meeting. The SRO Application and FAQ will be on the Student Senate website, pending definition of Institutional Organization. The committee extended a permanent invitation for PR Chair Lucas to be a non-voting member on the committee for all the PR-related work the committee will be doing this year. The committee will be working on a constitutional template for SROs. They will also be meeting with Mandy in 2 weeks to help her create a policy on the creation of new clubs.

Senator Alholinna reported for Election Committee. The Committee approved the election regulations. Senator Harmer moved to amend the election regulations to add to section H All other Election Regulations "All campaign materials are implicitly approved by the committee”. Senator Alholinna seconded the motion. The motion passed. Senator Harmer called for division of the house. The vote passed.
Applications can be turned in to Student Services or SAElections@dsu.edu. Graduate College Representative Bolt motioned to approve the election regulations. PR Chair Lucas seconded. The motion passed.
Senator Harmer reported for Banner Committee. Banner is replacing Colleague and WebAdvisor. They are behind schedule on student data migration. Students will be impacted when registration opens in October in that they will only be able to register for Spring 2019 classes. November 1st is still the current deadline for the financial aid implementation. The new system will hopefully still be implemented over winter break.

Vice President Johnson assigned Senators to the faculty committees. There are some open spots left for the open positions. Senator Harmer mentioned re-forming the Food Service committee. Sodexo has members from the residence halls filling the committee. Senator Van Driel and the freshmen Senator will be on the Food Service Committee. Senator Harmer moved to approve the assignment of committees. PR Chair Lucas seconded. The motion passed.

Vice President Johnson presented on GAF. GAF supports student functions including co-curricular activities, homecoming, and campus newspapers. There are 5 Senators and 3 faculty on the GAF Committee. There will be a GAF reference page on the Student Senate website.

Administrative Assistant Oeltjenbruns presented on how office hours will be tracked. She will post a cheat sheet in the Student Senate office.

President Williams has been asked to join a committee for re-vamping the DSU website. He and the Faculty Advisor have been asked to get two different groups of students together for the committee to get opinions from. Senators and students at the meeting volunteered to be in those groups.

Homecoming is on September 29th. Senator Harmer motioned to nominate Administrative Assistant Oeltjenbruns as the Student Senate Homecoming Queen candidate. PR Chair Lucas seconded. The motion passed. Vice President Johnson motioned to nominate Beacom College of Computer and Cyber Sciences (BCCCS) Representative Vertullo. Graduate College Representative Bolt seconded. The motion passed. President Williams asked for ideas for the Student Senate parade float. Senator Harmer motioned to move the homecoming float responsibility to the PR committee. Vice President Johnson seconded. The motion passed.

Constitution Day is on September 17th. Senator Harmer mentioned that we are mandated by law to do something for Constitution Day. PR Chair Lucas motioned to defer the organization of Constitution Day to Public Relations Committee. Senator Harmer seconded. The motion passed.
Day of Service is on September 26th. President Williams would like for Student Senate to do a project together. There was discussion on ideas. Vice President Johnson motioned to move the current matter to the next meeting. PR Chair Lucas seconded. The motion passed.

There were two Board of Regents meeting this summer. At the meeting in May, there was a lot of discussion about the freedom of speech survey results. Other state universities allow their students to keep their school emails for life, which DSU has started. DSU also had 2 Ph.Ds approved and 1 Ph.D intent to plan (for a Ph.D in Cyber Operations). A preliminary facility statement for the residence hall was approved at this meeting. At the June meeting, Senators Alholinna and Harmer were asked to give an oral statement on freedom of speech. Items from that BOR meetings can be found at the link in Appendix A. The University of Chicago has a “gold standard” for a freedom of speech policy. You can find the letter from the University of Chicago in Appendix B. The DSU faculty senate is in the process of passing a statement, and Student Senate will need to pass a resolution soon. There were also concerns brought up around religious and political groups, which affects our constitution. There is also a pre-emptive discussion happening at the FED level.

Senate Pictures will be happening at the next meeting.

Senator Applications opened tonight. They are available on the Student Senate website.

The next meeting is on September 5th, 2018.

Vice President Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting. PR Chair Lucas seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:54 pm.
Appendix A:


Appendix B: