The regular weekly meeting of Dakota State University’s Student Association Senate was held on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 8:04 pm in the Regents room.

PR Chair Lucas motioned to approve minutes. Senator Alholinna seconded. The motion passed.

Beacom College of Computer and Cyber Sciences (BCCCS) Representative Vertullo motioned to amend and add Research Committee to the agenda. PR Chair Lucas seconded. The motion passed. Senator Bigger motioned to amend and add Diversity Committee to the agenda. Senator Harmer seconded. The motion passed.

Administrative Assistant Oeltjenbruns reported that she had spoken to Patti Weber about polos and jackets for the new Senators; they are still three weeks out. The plaques and badges for the new Senators were delivered.

PR Chair Lucas reported that the new GAF web page is now online, and the web page will be improved over the next couple of weeks. The Marketing Team is concerned over students’ emails being on the updated Clubs and Organizations page. A poster is also being made from all the October college reports. PR Chair Lucas also updated the Senate on Student Senate business cards. There was great interest by the Senate for them; however, Senator Garippo and President Williams stated that the Senate must vote to allocate the funds for the business cards.

Vice President Johnson was absent, so President Williams reported on his behalf. A response was sent to the South Dakota School of Mines Student Senator about how the Student Senate budgets and distributes its funds. The International Club was also sent the funding for their bowling night. A receipt will be needed from the bowling alley after the event.

President Williams reported he was preparing for the FED call on Friday. BCCCS Representative Vertullo will take the call with President Williams as neither Vice President Johnson nor Senator Harmer is available. They will be voting on the Federation Resolution to support the Dakota Promise and faculty compensation. They will also discuss information availability and access on campus, Native American enrollment and outreach, and free speech written testimony.
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College of Arts and Sciences Representative Guillory will meet with Dr. Jones next week. She also met with Patti Beck to attempt to get tutors for Digital Arts and Design majors. Funding for the year is locked in however, and Patti Beck cannot ask for more funding for tutors until next year. GAF has an emergency fund for such cases. Patti Beck will have to approach the GAF committee to receive it.

BCCCS Representative Vertullo reported that the Collegiate Penetration Testing Competition team has returned from the national competition in New York. Although the team did not place, the team represented DSU well and had an overall positive experience.

SRO Audit Committee reported that the soft deadline has passed for SRO applications. Four responses have been received and two have been approved. Work is continuing on the GAF page to make it more accurate and better explain to students how and why funds are allocated.

The Research Committee reported that the President’s cabinet has ordered a review of all DSU policy with the aim of a consistent format across all policies. The issue was brought up about how the committee should handle research misconduct. It was decided that the dean of the appropriate college should handle the matter. Changes are planning to be made to student representation on the committee. The committee is concerned that International Students are not being accurately represented on the committee as it is felt that they do most of the research on campus. Senator Harmer adamantly stated that one Senator must remain on the committee. Senator Garippo asked that a formal statement from Senate be written on this matter. Senator Harmer motioned to have the Research Committee Representatives write the statement. PR Chair Lucas seconded. The motion passed. There was discussion about committees attempting to remove the Student Senate representatives with the DSU policy update.

The Diversity Committee reported that November is Native American Heritage Month. There will be a showing of movies next week celebrating it. They are working on hanging up more posters to advertise the movies. They also discussed changing the Diversity web page with an events calendar and up-to-date information.

The Faculty Advisor spoke to the architects of the new residence hall. 507 students completed the survey so far for the new residence hall. The survey will close at midnight, and the survey results will likely be made public.
The Faculty Advisor also reported that some Resident Assistants and Officer Abraham had misinterpreted the BOR firearms policy; Senator Alholinna cleared up the issue. The firearms policy will be explained during Resident Assistants’ training and the Faculty Advisor will meet with Officer Abraham to clarify the policy.

Officer Abraham and the Faculty Advisor will be in charge of interviewing and filling the eight available positions for the Campus Watch Program. The new hires will begin patrolling campus in January. The Campus Watch will be patrolling six nights a week for four hours; however, the specific hours have not yet been set. There is a marketing plan to put up posters with contact information and sending out emails.

Concern arose over lack of security cameras in the north parking lot near the Dakota Prairie Playhouse. There have been reports of break-ins and vandalism to cars in that parking lot. The Faculty Advisor stated he would look into the possibility of installing cameras in the parking lot.

Various Senators reported issues of not receiving emails from the institutional committees they are on. The Senate will be contacting Susan Slaughter and will reach out to the chairs of each committee and remind them that they have a Student Senator on their committees and the Senators should be notified of upcoming meetings.

Senator Harmer asked the Senate to notify him if any SROs had not received emails from him about SRO applications.

The next meeting is on November 14th, 2018.

BCCCS Representative Vertullo motioned to adjourn the meeting. Senator Van Driel seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

1 https://dsu.edu/assets/uploads/policies/01-81-00.pdf