The regular weekly meeting of Dakota State University’s Student Association Senate was held on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 8:00 pm in the Regents room.

Graduate College Representative Bolt motioned to approve the minutes. Senator Harmer seconded. The motion passed.


Administrative Assistant Oeltjenbruns reported that there was a comment in the comment box from a student who was concerned about the size of the paper for the comment box. She also is looking into adding the plaques to the wall of the Senate office.

PR Chair Lucas reported that he is pushing changes to the website and working on the monthly poster for February.

Vice President Johnson reported that the Senate’s budget has $11,518 left. They plan to ask for more money for next year due to adding the Finance Chair’s salary. The next big expenditures will be sending people to the next BOR meeting, a movie night, and emergency funding for clubs. The budget had $1,390 allocated for the Recording Secretary’s salary. There is $963 remaining. The Finance Committee will be in charge of the budget in the future. For this year, there are plans to make a pseudo-committee for GAF. Vice President Johnson motioned to create a seven-member committee to create the budget for next year. Senator Garippo seconded. The motion passed. Vice President Johnson appointed Senator Garippo, Senator Harmer, PR Chair Lucas, College of Arts and Sciences Representative Guillory, Administrative Assistant Oeltjenbruns, President Williams, and Vice President Johnson to the committee. Senator Garippo motioned to approve the appointments. Senator Harmer seconded. The motion passed. Vice President Johnson and Senator
Garippo met with District 8 legislative members with President Griffiths, the Faculty Advisor, and other members of the President’s cabinet. They informed the legislators that the Senate was against HB1087 and gridlocked on SB122. HB1087 passed the House of Representatives and SB122 died in the Senate.

President Williams reported that he is in contact with Kelli Koepsell and plans to have her come to the March 20 Senate meeting. An email will be sent by Senator Van Driel or the Faculty Advisor informing Donna Fawbush that Senator Garippo is on the Food Pantry Committee. Interviews were held for the new Alumni Director. It was narrowed down to two candidates and the pick will be announced on Thursday.

The Faculty Advisor reported he met with the head chef of Sodexo and they will be doing a food survey in a couple of days. He also met with Steve Bartel on the heating and cooling issues in the 8-Plex. Steve Bartel didn’t know there were currently issues but knew there had been some in the past. He suggested the issue might be that students don’t know how to run their thermostat. Corey Braskamp is looking into getting rid of the ice near Richardson Hall’s door. Risk Management Committee discussed sharps hazard disposal bins. The committee is considering a few different options that include plans to put bins in bathrooms and outside dorms and possibly have personal bins for students available upon request. The students would bring the full bins to the nurse who would put them in a giant bin to be incinerated. The bins can either be put in all 56 restrooms or put on the first floor of all residence halls and academic buildings and advertise the personal bins. It will cost the campus about $2,000 a year plus the disposal rate. The campus will need to be informed to only put sharps in the bins, not trash.

BCCCS Representative Vertullo reported that he hasn’t met with Erin Kahler yet about the Beacom door locking time. Tom Halverson said the doors aren’t unlocked 24/7 because of the safety hazard.

Constitution Revision Committee reported that the amendments from last meeting will be sent out to comment period on Thursday and open until March 9.

PR Committee reported that PR Chair Lucas and Senator Alholinna went to the Madison movie theater to talk to the owner about renting out the theater. It would cost $450 to rent out the theater for one night. LCA plans to rent out the theater for Avengers: Endgame in April. It was decided that the Senate would talk to LCA about co-sponsoring the Avengers: Endgame movie night and possibly talk to Computer Club about co-sponsoring a Captain Marvel movie night. Senator Alholinna motioned to reach out to a different club to co-sponsor the Captain Marvel movie night. Senator
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Hamer seconded. The motion passed. PR Committee will meet on Friday to plan out more events.

SRO Funding Committee reported that they are currently meeting.

GAF Committee met to decide which IOs had to present. They plan to reach out to all IOs who haven’t presented in the past and have them present. They want to get statistics on how those IOs affect students. An email was drafted with President Williams, Administrative Assistant Oeltjenbruns, and Senator Harmer present to all IOs about presenting to GAF Committee. The Faculty Advisor informed Senate that the community center recently hired a new director who doesn’t know anything about presenting to GAF Committee. The presentation can be statistics on how often students use the community center and another person can present if the director doesn’t feel comfortable.

Student Federation Bylaw Committee has their first meeting on February 24. They will meet once a month.

Banner Committee reported that registration with Banner will open March 18. They are starting with seniors and working down to freshmen.

Implementation Council met and planned out DSU goals for 2025. It was split into six groups and Vice President Johnson is head of the Students section. DSU wants to be a research institution, but not solely do research. The goal is to have Senate push the questions out to students and get the conversation started. The questions were sent out to Senate and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Risk Management Committee met today. They discussed sharps containers, committee documents, and the active shooter awareness program for next year. Seventy emergency procedure booklets have been placed around campus. Railing was added to the south entrance of East Hall. Every clerical desk will have a first aid kit. They also talked about adding security cameras to the parking lot. Officer Heath Abraham was looking into possible grants to pay for the cameras.

Other Senates at South Dakota public universities have faculty advisors on their Senate. There was discussion about what positions would be a good addition to Senate as a faculty advisor.

The VP of Student Affairs Committee hasn’t been formed yet according to the Faculty Advisor, who hasn’t heard anything. Student Senate will be on the committee.
Resolution 18-07-R in support of SB140, a bill to help increase Native American enrollment in South Dakota public universities, was introduced. Vice President Johnson motioned to amend the resolution to say “Dakota State University’s” instead of “Dakota State Universities,” say “South Dakota’s population is comprised” instead of “South Dakota’s population comprises,” say “Therefore be it resolved” instead of “be it resolved,” remove the plural possessive from “Students’ Association,” and add “Senate” to the Student Association title. Senator Harmer seconded. The motion passed. Even though SB140 will likely pass, a student still wanted the Senate to make a resolution for it. Senator Garippo suggested President Williams and Vice President Johnson ask the FED Director if he heard from BOR about the bill. If not, it proves BOR “isn’t doing their job”. Senator Harmer motioned to declare an emergency on 18-07-R. PR Chair Lucas seconded. The motion passed. Vice President Johnson motioned to move the resolution into final disposition. PR Chair Lucas seconded. The motion passed.

Constitutional amendment 18-24-C had its first reading. The amendment amends Article VI Section 7. It makes exceptions for undergraduate and graduate students for Senator eligibility.

Regulation for all-student emails was discussed again. Policy on all-student emails is extremely broad and “time sensitive matters” can be interpreted differently. Career Services are the biggest abuser of all-student emails. PR Chair Lucas counted eleven all-student emails from them over four days. Students usually get multiple emails because they got the time wrong multiple times. It was suggested that Career Services information be put in the activities post or have an opt-out option for Career Services emails. It was recommended that the Faculty Advisor or Provost approve all-student emails. The Faculty Advisor will speak to the Director about education on when an all-student email should be sent out. As for the emergency broadcast system, students are still unsure why a student death was sent out over the emergency broadcast system. Students can choose their preferred method for how they receive those messages and the campus wanted students to know about the death before the media. A student death last year wasn’t sent out over the emergency broadcast system; an all-student email has shown to suffice in the past. On the discussion of reforming the Activities Post, students were concerned over how long an event is on the Activities Post and the relevancy of the event. It was suggested that there be a limit on how far out an event can be before it is put on the Activities Post and what can be on the post. Craig Miller and Stephanie Baatz from ITS are in charge of the Activities Post. An email should be sent out to them about the issue.

The next meeting is on February 27, 2019.
The second Humans vs. Zombies of the year starts Thursday and it goes until next week.

PR Chair Lucas motioned to adjourn the meeting. Senator Alholinna seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:42pm.