The regular weekly meeting of Dakota State University’s Student Association Senate was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 8:00pm in the Regents room.

Vice President Johnson motioned to approve the minutes. PR Chair Lucas seconded. The motion passed.

Senator Harmer motioned to amend the agenda and add “Banner Committee” under Committees. Beacom College of Computer and Cyber Sciences (BCCCS) Representative Vertullo seconded. The motion passed. Senator Harmer motioned to approve the agenda. PR Chair Lucas seconded. The motion passed.

Carrie Slaathaug came to Senate to present about DSU Giving Day, a 24-hour period to raise money for DSU. The event will take place on March 22. She wanted the Senate to help populate the tag board on the website and to set up a fundraising account.

AAUW approached the Senate to ask for $1500 to send five students to the National Conference for Women Student Leaders. The Senate budget has about $11,000 and $3,000 set aside for SRO funding requests. The Senate has spent $800 of this line item so far. Fulfilling AAUW’s request for $1500 would leave about $700 for other SRO funding requests, but there are other funds floating around. Senator Harmer motioned to allocate $1000 to AAUW for the conference. Senator Van Driel seconded. BCCCS Representative Vertullo motioned to amend the motion and allocate $1250 to AAUW for the conference. Vice President Johnson seconded. The motion passed. The amended motion passed.

Administrative Assistant Oeltjenbruns reported that College of Arts and Sciences Representative Guillory had the most office hours this month. She also reported on unexcused absences.

PR Chair Lucas reported that the poster for March was printed and is hanging up near the Senate office. He plans to make one for next month and will need information from the college representatives by the end of the month.
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Vice President Johnson reported that he sent the Senator application to the Dean of the College of Business and Information Systems. He also sent the GAF proposal to Marie Johnson and is preparing a presentation for GAF next week.

President Williams made sure everyone who was helping at the gala had sent in their dietary restrictions to Jona Schmidt. He reported that he met with Jennifer Burris about the new website. He told her that Senate would want to keep control over updating their website and no major changes need to be made. New Senators will have to meet with her over the summer as the new website is made public.

The Faculty Advisor reported that Officer Heath Abraham had emailed other campuses about their sharps disposal bins. South Dakota State University does personal bins and that their exchange is underutilized. The Risk Assessment Committee is looking into installing bins in common areas. They will meet on March 24 and plan to have them installed for the fall semester. Stacy Krusemark met with the Faculty Advisor and sent him the final budget proposal for the new residence village. It was submitted to the BOR office with the intent for it to be discussed at the BOR April meeting. The tentative floor plan for the St. Thomas building has been created. The space can house 22 students. The Senate asked for the floor plan once it is finalized. The Faculty Advisor stated that the college is looking into using the Super 8 as emergency housing. He also met with Senator Alholinna to look into transportation for next Thursday’s movie night. He is concerned with reserving vehicles and would like a headcount of students who want transportation.

College of Arts and Sciences Representative Guillory reported that she met with the Dean today. They are working on degree mapping and interviewing for three positions: Sound Design, Theater and Speech Instruction, and Math Teacher. They are trying to get feedback from students about implementing a better curriculum for GS100s. They are working with Career Services to get more internships and opportunities for Arts and Sciences students.

Election Committee reported they received their first application and the committee approved it. Applications are open. The workstudy students in Student Services office did not know anything about accepting applications. The issue is being resolved.

Constitution Revision Committee reported that the comment period for the first five amendments ended. No comments were received so the committee didn’t meet. One amendment is still in comment period.
PR Committee reported that they have planned out a movie night for March 21. Senate will be co-sponsoring the event with Computer Club. It will cost the Senate $200 to put on the event. They are working on arranging transportation. A headcount is needed to get the correct number of vehicles from the physical plant or the Trojan Transit could be used. Senator Harmer motioned that the Senate allocate funds to the event and pursue getting one van from the physical plant to provide transportation for students to the event. BCCCS Representative Vertullo seconded. The motion passed.

SRO Audit Committee reported that they met to discuss SRO storage space. They created the application and rules which will be given to Steve Bartell. They are also creating a drawing for space utilization.

SRO Funding Committee reported that they turned in the paperwork to GAF Committee and are working on the presentation.

Courtyard Committee reported they met and came up with a plan. They plan to talk to RAs and other students who live in the Courtyard about issues they have. Senator Van Driel and Senator Larsen will go to the Courtyard to take pictures of problems they find. Then they will meet with Corey Braskamp to go over the findings. Finally, they will present to the Senate.

Senate Information Taskforce reported that they are working on increasing application numbers for Student Senate. Posters advertising the elections are up. They are planning to rent out the Marketplace and hold an open forum. Senators will be up on stage talking about what they do and what Senate is. They also talked about using KDSU to record advertisements to broadcast in the Trojan Center. They are also working with faculty to get the word out there. President Williams, PR Chair Lucas, Administrative Assistant Oeltjenbruns, and Deb Roach met on Tuesday to discuss working with Career Services to advertise the elections. They also want to target coaches to get athletes to run for Senate and make Senate more known to the regular student. They plan to host more open forums about hot button topics. They plan on sending election information to SROs and the Faculty Senate. They will meet on Friday at noon.

Banner Committee reported that the Registrar’s Office is training students on how to use Banner. They will change the name of CSC105 to Intro to Computers instead of Computer Science. There is also an issue where every DSU student is considered a freshman because there is no academic history loaded into the system.
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With commencement coming up, President Williams asked for two volunteers to be Student Marshals. Senator Bigger and Senator Harmer volunteered. They need to go to the Bookstore tomorrow to be fitted for robes.

The Senate continued their discussion on the Freedom of Speech steps. The Free Speech Committee hopes to bring in a speaker to talk to teachers about how to talk about controversial issues without upsetting students. BCCCS Representative Vertullo motioned that the Senate approve of the steps the Free Speech Committee created. College of Arts and Sciences Representative Guillory seconded. The motion passed.

 Constitutional amendment 18-19-C had its third reading. There are no new changes and the Constitutional Revision Committee still recommends a pass. Senator Garippo stated that passing this amendment would result in too many constitutional committees being chaired by Executive Council members. Senator Harmer motioned to move the amendment into final disposition. Administrative Assistant Oeltjenbruns seconded. The motion failed.

 Constitutional amendment 18-20-C had its third reading. There are no new changes and the Constitutional Revision Committee still recommends a pass. Senator Garippo motioned to move the amendment into final disposition. PR Chair Lucas seconded. The motion passed.

 Constitutional amendment 18-21-C had its third reading. There are no new changes and the Constitutional Revision Committee still recommends a pass. Senator Harmer motioned to move the amendment into final disposition. PR Chair Lucas seconded. The motion passed.

 Constitutional amendment 18-22-C had its third reading. There are no new changes and the Constitutional Revision Committee still recommends a pass. Vice President Johnson motioned to move the amendment into final disposition. BCCCS Representative Vertullo seconded. The motion passed.

 Constitutional amendment 18-23-C had its third reading. There are no new changes and the Constitutional Revision Committee still recommends a pass. PR Chair Lucas motioned to move the amendment into final disposition. Senator Harmer seconded. The motion passed.

President Williams and Vice President Johnson are meeting to discuss DSU 2025 on Thursday. An all campus forum on DSU 2025 was hosted today. Senator Garippo and Vice President Johnson stated that DSU should focus on what they’re
good at and raise up the other colleges. BCCCS Representative Vertullo stated DSU should focus on improving faculty retention.

President Griffiths will be visiting the Senate on March 27. The Senate wants to discuss DSU 2025 with her.

Kelli Koepsell will come to the next Senate meeting to talk about rebranding.

Senator Harmer is looking for a running mate for the position of President or Vice President.

The Alliance drag show signups have opened. They are also doing workshops for the drag show. The drag show is on April 4 and signups close March 27.

The next meeting is on March 20, 2019.

PR Chair Lucas motioned to adjourn the meeting. Senator Larsen seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:07pm.