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

Vice President Johnson motioned to approve the minutes. Senator Van Driel seconded. The motion passed.

Graduate College Representative Bolt motioned to approve the minutes. Senator Alholinna seconded. The motion passed. Senator Alholinna motioned to amend the agenda and add “Risk Management Committee” under Committees. Senator Harmer seconded. The motion passed. College of Arts and Sciences Representative Guillory motioned to add “Hiring Committees” under New Business. Vice President Johnson seconded. The motion passed. Senator Harmer motioned to add “Sodexho Meeting” under Advisor. Administrative Assistant Oeltjenbruns seconded. The motion passed. Graduate College Representative Bolt motioned to approve the agenda. PR Chair Lucas seconded. The motion passed.

Kelli Koepsell, the Director of Marketing and Communications, came to Senate to talk about DSU Rebranding. The soft launch will start on May 3 and a message to all students will go out that day. There will be teasers leading up to the launch during finals week and there will be a small announcement at commencement. Rebranding will take place over the summer and be completed before the start of the fall semester. Koepsell can help SROs and clubs rebrand after May 3. If clubs wish to not use ‘DSU’ in their logo, they can do so. If they do wish to use ‘DSU’ in their logo, they must ask Marketing to help create it.

Computer Club approached the Senate to ask for $1500 to send twenty-five students to the Midwest Instruction and Computing Symposium where they will compete in a cyber security competition and a programming competition. Senator Harmer motioned to allocate $1500 to Computer Club for the competitions. Senator Alholinna seconded. The motion passed.

Administrative Assistant Oeltjenbruns reported that she organized some of the drawers and cabinets in the Senate office. There was a suggestion to get better scotch tape. She also made an ambassador page for DSU Giving Day. The goal is to raise
$500 and use social media to advertise the event. Senate could reach out to clubs to see if they would like to share the Senate page.

PR Chair Lucas reported that he made posters for the movie night tomorrow. He will also be posting on social media during the DSU Day of Giving.

Vice President Johnson presented his GAF proposal presentation. The Senate budget currently has $11,000 in it. The trophy and poster printing went through.

President Williams reported he worked with Senate Information Taskforce most of the week. Both commencement marshals have been measured. He was asked by the FED Chair for agenda items for the April meeting. The next FED meeting is April 2-4.

The Faculty Advisor was absent because he was at a conference in Chicago. Senator Van Driel will send an email to the Faculty Advisor to schedule a meeting with Sodexo.

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.

Beacom College of Computer and Cyber Sciences (BCCCS) Representative Vertullo reported that he posted a When2Meet for a tour of Madlabs next week. No phones or electronics are allowed in the building. He is also meeting with Dr. Hanson next week.

Election Committee reported senator applications are still open. Student Services is now accepting applications.

Constitution Revision Committee reported that they received no comments on their latest amendment.

Senate Information Taskforce reported that they held a student panel today. Deb Roach moderated the panel. Questions were submitted during the event and all but two applications were taken. They plan to do more in the future and record a radio ad to play on KDSU. PR Chair Lucas nominated President Williams to record the ad. The nomination passed.
Research Committee reported that the research symposium is next week. Dr. Souvaine will be the keynote speaker. They are creating an academic hall of fame and the first inductee will be Dr. Brashier. There was talks of getting research funding to faculty more quickly and getting more grants and funds for the university. Funding for all the Gencyber camps has been approved. They plan to update the technology in the Kennedy Center. The proposal for Cybercorp was sent to the National Science Foundation. Madlabs is still on track to open in August. The Madlabs technology fund is being used to make a research network. They plan to have it operational by the fall. Sixteen dissertation defenses and PhD proposals are taking place next week.

Student Federation Bylaw Committee reported that they had the second reading of proposed changes to the constitution. They will be making final deliberations on Sunday. A few of the proposed changes include: grammar changes, an added article about membership universities, equalized pay for the FED Director and FED Chair, and a change to quorum to only require representation from five of the six universities.

Graduate Council reported that there are new course requests for the master’s degree in Cyber Defense. These courses include: data privacy, cyber security program design and implementation, personal security, physical security, vendor management, and security metrics. The PhD in Computer Science’s budget is being put together and they are scheduling an external and HLC review. There are plans to offer MSCS degree classes more than once a year and to get Google certified Educator status for College of Education graduate programs. A junior Beacom faculty and doctoral student are going to the NSA Education Fair to promote DSU. The College of Business and Information Systems has a new track for MBA with emphasis on sports and athletics management. The President’s cabinet says that the next 3-5 years will be the most important years DSU will face.

Risk Management Committee reported that the city of Madison is looking to remove some parking spots by the Courtyard. South Dakota State University is the only South Dakota university with a sharps disposal bin exchange program. DSU will do a similar program along with having bins in common areas.

College of Arts and Sciences Representative Guillory asked why Senate hasn’t been involved in more hiring committees. There has been a lot of new hires lately. Dr. Hanson stated that the hiring of faculty is a “personnel issue” that deans should handle. The Senate doesn’t have enough people to have a representative on every committee. College representatives should talk to their deans first about being on faculty search committees and to get on the email lists.
Constitutional amendment 18-24-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. PR Chair Lucas seconded. The motion passed.

The DSU 2025 meeting was rescheduled to March 28 due to bad weather on March 14. Senators should send Vice President Johnson and President Williams emails with their opinions on DSU 2025 before March 28.

President Griffiths will be visiting the Senate on March 27. The Senate will discuss DSU 2025, concerns with housing in Madison, financial transparency, and student retention numbers.

The Captain Marvel dollar movie night is tomorrow. Senator Alholinna and Senator Harmer will drive the vans.

The DSU Gala is on Friday.

The next meeting is on March 27, 2019.

Graduate College Representative Bolt motioned to adjourn the meeting. Senator Larsen seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:21 pm.