South Dakota Student Federation
June 21, 2023 | 3:00 PM CST
Zoom

- Call to Order at 3:00pm  Michael Garofalo, President
- Roll Call & Approval of Proxies  Josh Styskal, Executive Director
  - Absent: Froelich, Lewis, Thomas, Tegrotenhuis, Thomas, Peterson,
  - Proxies: None
- Discussion and Approval of Agenda  Michael Garofalo, President
  - Motion to Approve: Bentz
  - Second: Rowe
  - Voice Vote: passes unanimously
- Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes  Michael Garofalo, President
  - Motion to Approve: Rowe
  - Second: Eckart
  - Voice Vote: passes unanimously
- University Reports  University Representatives
  - Black Hills State  Isabella Rowe & Bailey Froelich
    - Construction crews rolling through doing summer maintenance
  - Dakota State University  Tyler Thomas & Casey Tegrotenhuis
    - No report (representatives absent)
  - Northern State University  Dylan Eckart & Kayla Jensen
    - Launched strategic enrollment management plan
    - Summer camps, conferences, orientations going on
    - Dakota Dreams Camp starts in a couple weeks
    - Mental wellness plan for fall semester
    - Cutting down budget
  - South Dakota Mines  Samuel Kessinger & Benjamin Lewis
    - First summer camps on campus happening
    - Nevada Goldmines sponsored a building
• Researchers in SURF publishing a paper
  o South Dakota State University  Trinity Peterson & Hayden Bentz
    ▪ New Student Orientation happening on campus
    ▪ Hired new mental wellbeing specialist
    ▪ Working on implementing e-scooters to campus
  o University of South Dakota  Caleb Swanson and Elizabeth Brust
    ▪ Restructuring happening in Student Services
    ▪ Updates including new locks to bike share program
    ▪ New legal aid representative contract signed
• Officer Reports  Executive Team
  o Vice President  Kayla Jensen
    ▪ Call to action regarding Noem’s BOR challenge
    ▪ Posting social media features, see previous email from Kayla
  o President  Michael Garofalo
    ▪ Will talk/communicate more about Noem issues
    ▪ Hopefully can be on same page
  o Executive Director  Josh Styskal
    ▪ Swanson mentioned restructuring already
• New Business  Respective Speakers
  o Discussion Point: Noem BOR Challenge  Michael Garofalo, President
    ▪ No apparent consultation of students or university representatives
    ▪ Dr. Carriveau:
      • BOR has own governing authority
      • Be strategic and productive
    ▪ Raising Graduation rate
      • Complex issue
      • Acceptance rate is essentially 100% at Mines and STEM field is competitive
      • Lower acceptance rate is an option to improve graduation rates
      • These numbers are not accurate
    ▪ Apprenticeships
      • Supported
    ▪ Preferred Pronouns
      • The scope of this point is not clear
• Non-issue in higher education, strictly political want
  • Brust:
    o Don’t have to critique each point, more so issue own statements

- Free speech
  • Supported

- Drag shows
  • State legislature failed bill to ban drag shows
  • Swanson:
    o Bring opinions and experiences of individual campuses to the
      group and realize Federation’s job is to represent all 6 colleges

- Cost costs for college
  • Tuition freeze has been lobbied for in past
  • Implementation is a concern considering other points in the list
  • SD Public universities are some of the most affordable nation

- American Government courses
  • Mines can’t add another course
  • Starts thoughts of American Exceptionalism based on other points
  • Scheduling will be tough with less options
  • Other options are better for specific majors

- Funding from China
  • Most Confucius Institutes have been closed previously
    o Student Federation Report to BOR                 Josh Styskal, Executive Director
    ▪ Be collaborative with all efforts this year
    o Special Guests                      Dr. Minder and Dr. Carriveau
      ▪ Academic Calendars being approved by BOR
      ▪ Process to create include talking to athletics, students, registrar, Sturgis vs.
        Spring break, giving time off,

• Announcements                    None
  • Adjournment                     Michael Garofalo, President
    o Motion to Adjourn: Brust
    o Second: Rowe
    o Voice Vote: passes unanimously
    o Adjournment at 4:39pm