



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
 - 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
 - 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
 - Vice President Kayla Jensen
 - Call to action regarding Noem's BOR challenge
 - Posting social media features, see previous email from Kayla
 - President Michael Garofalo
 - Will talk/communicate more about Noem issues
 - Hopefully can be on same page
 - Executive Director Josh Styskal
 - Swanson mentioned restructuring already
- New Business Respective Speakers
 - 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:
 - 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:
 - 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
- Student Federation Report to BOR Josh Styskal, Executive Director
 - Be collaborative with all efforts this year
- 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
 - Motion to Adjourn: Brust
 - Second: Rowe
 - Voice Vote: passes unanimously
 - Adjournment at 4:39pm