

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION SENATE AGENDA

Monday, September 22nd, 2025

7:00 PM

Lewis and Clark Room

Zoom: <https://sdstate.zoom.us/j/8611503742>

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - A. President Spier called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - A. Senator Bollweg led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
 - A.  Agenda 9-22-25
 - B. Senator Christoffels moves to waive the first reading of Resolution 25-2-R: Approved
 - C. Senator Duncan moves to waive the first reading of Resolution 25-3-R: Approved
 - D. Motion to approve the Agenda: Senator Stein
 - i. Approved
- V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
 - A.  Minutes 9-15-25
 - B. Motion to approve the Minutes: Senator Stein
 - i. Approved
- VI. OPEN FORUM
 - A. Justin Sell, Director of Athletics
 - i. Good evening! Lots of new faces! He is in year 17 of this career. He loves the energy on campus. Thank you for not taking for granted the support they receive, the support is vital. Thank you for being willing to serve. Everyone is busy, but it is important to have students willing to do that. Your voice is important, but your educated voice makes a huge difference.
 - ii. From his perspective, there is nobody better in this country than Michaela Willis. Thank you Dr. Willis, you are a huge part of helping us get through difficult times, and putting us in a position to move forward. He appreciates the relationship.
 - iii. He loves this place! He has lived SDSU as a parent as well, and he sees different perspectives. Challenges are talked about often; but he is working really hard to start this year grateful. It is amazing the things that can be accomplished when we work together.
 - iv. Their relationship with SA has been fantastic, and has continued to evolve and grow. They often talk about student fees, but it is so much more than just free attendance to games. That work is done together. He wants to continue to converse and explore those things together. He would love to tie in students to decisions.
 - v. The new arena opened last December. There were students helpful in the design process, they kept the students in mind. When we work together, great things can happen.
 - vi. From a financial perspective, they want to be transparent with what they do.

- vii. Finance Chair Delahoyde asked about ticket system changing to online and the feedback
 - 1. Student demand has gone way up. They set this up to get a better sense of how many are coming and how they can work together to create opportunities for students. There are bugs; most are cleaned out. When they look at redemption rates; they are in the 70% range. They need to raise that, but also have a way to exchange tickets if a student isn't going to use their tickets. The system will help a lot, especially with the arena. There are 1000 tickets for the arena, but 4000 for the stadium. The Ole Miss volleyball match had all tickets claimed way in advance.
- viii. Senator Stein asks about the cap on how many students can reserve a ticket.
 - 1. When they get to 4,000 students, there is a cap. The entire south end and first corner add up to that. There really isn't extra room, which is a good problem to have. They need to work through things still.
- ix. Senator Christoffels asks about the system for the exchange process.
 - 1. They are still working through details to how that can be most easy for students. The ability to pass the ticket on is needed.
- x. President Spier asks about sell-out games, and whether students would be able to get into the game if it wasn't sold out.
 - 1. It will be filled until it's full.
- xi. Senator Anderson asks about an on-campus soccer facility.
 - 1. Has been worked on for 5 years. It needs to be on campus, and all facility processes are privately raised through bonds etc. Not student fees. Soccer has to be donor-driven. Remains encouraged, had different conversations. There is a design, there is a cost, just need a lead-gift to kick it off. It could get done fairly quickly. Cannot say where it would be at: either north of the SJAC or east of the stadium. Part of the thought is to clean up the north side of the stadium. He thinks it needs a different look, and there are lots of potentials for lots of fields in that area that would benefit the students. He believes if there is open space, find a way to use it.
- xii. President Spier asks about getting a bigger screen for the students in the stadium.
 - 1. Was a part of the plan in 2016, but got capped by the legislature and things had to be cut. As they put things together, they are working on adding an academic center, a football locker room, an equipment room. That screen would be a part of that project and fundraising piece. There needs to be a permanent board. More of the cost is in the structure to hang it and they want it positioned right. That is a vital tool for students.

A. Public Comments

- i. Megan Rezac, SDSU Student
 - 1. Here to talk about accessibility on SDSU Campus. Roughly 1 in 5 current students in the US is disabled. Accessibility impacts everyone, not just those with disabilities. Retention rates for disabled students are generally lower than those of able bodied students.
 - 2. She is a disabled student and has experienced lots of barriers. Bailey Rotunda is very hard to get into. At her NSO, she was in a wheelchair and found out that the entrance they led them to was inaccessible. The back entrance did not have a door button. There is only one accessible entrance that is far and shared with Wagner. Materials are also inaccessible.

3. This is simply due to a lack of understanding, not malice. Disability Services tend to present barriers to accessibility. She looked into their website. Under “Basics” it discussed a list of unreasonable accommodations. The students should be approached with options first.
4. Current issues on campus: SDSU website does not currently meet WCAG 2.1 level AA standards. This has just recently become required. Uninformed staff at events (such as football stadium lines and workers not willing to accommodate). Difficulty accessing classrooms (Rotunda, Animal Science). Limited handicapped parking (Crothers Engineering Hall). Accessibility in attendance. Currently the standard is that professors get to decide whether attendance is required and whether (even with doctor notes) they are allowed to miss.
5. The impact of inaccessibility excludes students from participating in campus life, creates physical and emotional barriers, impacts academic success, can discourage future enrollment, impacts on mental health.
6. What can be done is annual accessibility audits, having accessible options and plans for events, ensuring hired event staff is aware of accessibility measures, spreading awareness of the aforementioned issues to staff and students. Many hands make light work.

VII. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

A. President

- i. Attended Finance Fun Time on Thursday. Went to Org Sub today, had 5 constitutions. Met with Kendell Rohrbach to get updates on projects they had inquired on last semester. Lot counts were on track, but now there is new ADA policy they need to comply with regarding the technology that has restricted implementations. Will not happen this year, but are actively trying to get student feedback. They got student feedback regarding how to get their newsletter out and how students are using mobile parking. Reach out if you have any comments or ideas for them!

B. Vice President

- i. Met for Student Federation from 8-9:30. Talked about following their social media to help promote what is going on at the state level (sdstudentfederation Instagram, South Dakota Student Federation FaceBook). Doing New Senator Orientation tonight after the meeting in the office. Will be sending out a new committee preference form for new senators. Will post new committee assignments in the office, let him know if you can’t make it to your committee!

C. Chief of Staff

- i. New senators have orientation after the meeting. Has been in contact with possible ex-officios including HEROH and the Honors College. Look out for those on the agenda these upcoming weeks! Reach out to her and/or Noah Johnson for any questions or concerns about the RHA ex-officio position.

D. Finance Chair

- i. Finance Committee budget philosophy will be coming in 2 weeks and will be voted on. Hosted Finance Fun Time; worked on Resolution 25-2-R. The Finance Committee met on Wednesday. ITE presented. Approved them \$250 from the New Venture Fund right away, and approved them for the spring. Approved Robotics Club and JATEC for \$0 right away and for the spring.

E. Government Affairs Chair

- i. Met with remainder of City Council for SPF request. Attended Student Federation, discussed SHED day and what other BOR universities are working

on. January 25th and 26th, Sunday and Monday. Working on a Governor's Gala, which would be semi-formal to a formal event with the Secretary of State, legislators, and the Governor. Wants to see if any students are interested in doing a Civic related project for the Chiesman Civic Engagement Award. Around a \$2500 scholarship is awarded to the winner. Presentation at USD in February.

F. Communications Chair

- i. Rabbit Report went out today, included information about BOR housing and meal plan survey. Website edits have been submitted to the Senator Page, let her know if errors need to be edited about you. New senators are not on there yet, will be sending out email to schedule headshots. Has a meeting on Thursday for an apparel order; will have more info next week!

G. Diversity Liaison

- i. Attended the Human Rights Commission meeting. Discussed increase in budget to 1.5 thousand for purchasing merch to distribute at events. Are in need of a speaker for MLK Jr. Day Rally & Parade. They usually do a speaker contest. Go on their website if any questions. Attended AISA Two-Spirit event. Attended LASA meeting. Went to India Night! Was a great representation of culture, dance, and especially food. Great to have events like this! Will be an International Dance Crew dance session this Wednesday from 8-9 in the Wellness Center Studio A.

H. Ex-Officios

- i. AFA:
 1. No report.
- ii. AISA:
 1. No report.
- iii. BSA:
 1. Having a meeting on Thursday from 5-6 in OMAA.
- iv. GSA:
 1. Last week had meeting with AISA! Will have regular meeting on Wednesday.
- v. IRC:
 1. No report.
- vi. LASA:
 1. Had event last week that went well; no meeting this week. Hosting event for info about Harvard LEAD trip they get to participate in every year. Great opportunity for Latin American Women to attend.
- vii. UC (Panhellenic):
 1. Sororities finished primary recruitment. Alcohol Awareness Speaker next week.
- viii. UC (IFC):
 1. National Hazing Prevention week. All Greek Life is taking a stand against hazing. Helping with These Hands Don't Haze tabling on Main Street of the Student Union. From 11-1!
- ix. UPC:
 1. No report.

I. Advisors

- i. Schmit:
 1. No report.
- ii. Willis:

1. SA is assisting with promoting the housing and dining survey that will be released to currently enrolled students that have lived on campus. Will close on 10/10. BOR initiative to gather information for the upcoming legislative session. Will go directly to student email accounts, \$5 in Hobo Dough for completing it. Will continue to communicate! There are table tents and posters that are going to be at the office and asks for help distributing those. There is a QR code that will take students to BOR website which highlights living on campus. Students are more likely to graduate; GPAs are higher; students are more engaged; etc. Great facts and information there.

J. Committees

- i. Senator Christoffels
 1. Parking and Traffic committee. Full new commuter parking lot, part of lot 110 has been changed to commuter. Although there is a lot of commuter parking, we are a walking campus.
- ii. Senator Pulse
 1. Campus planning and sustainability. Discussed potentially applying to get more buildings on the national historic building register. National recreation corridor, trail through arboretum through McCrory Gardens. Will include disc golf and "Walmart path". The university arbor day park is not a great park. Flooding has killed trees and they want to decommission the sign. Possibly make a new place. There was no quorum to vote on anything.
- iii. Senator Roka
 1. UFSAC. 3 big things. Cross contamination with utensils needs to be prevented for those with gluten allergies. Planning on having a QR code for feedback from students so they can improve. Also discussed styrofoam. The Larsons Commons purchased the assortment. Mobile ordering will be starting soon to eliminate lines. Larson Commons is still getting remodeled. There is a Spanish Heritage Month menu the next three Tuesdays.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A.  Resolution 25-2-R
 - i. Motion to approve: Finance Chair Delahoyde
 - ii. Delahoyde says this will give the ability to take on scattered rules and regulations that will make it easier to understand. Will be pulling things from multiple policies and make a better guide. Right now it is hard to find out what is and isn't allowed. Will be changing and looking at older policies as well.
 - iii. Approved in roll call vote.
- B.  Resolution 25-3-R
 - i. Motion to approve: Senator Duncan
 1. Thank you Megan! She approached Senator Duncan about this. She had done a lot of research and activism. She is the former Miss SDSU and her platform was about this exact topic. She would like to see the Senate respond with positive action. The main point is that improving accessibility can and will affect all students. She has had an experience with a sprained ankle. Megan was riding in a rodeo and fell off the horse and snapped her femur. She had a hard time coming to campus and being

in a wheelchair. It is a worthwhile cause. She acknowledges that not everything may be feasible to accomplish at once, such as the specifics. She wants to start a task force so students can decide what to prioritize and how that can become tangible. Also, it was brought to her attention that an amendment will be needed to establish a time frame. She welcomes a motion to create a deadline or time frame. She feels very passionate and would love to see how we can work together. She encourages to vote yes.

- ii. Delahoyde moves to amend by adding the word temporary before task force.
 1. Approved.
- iii. Delahoyde moves to amend by inserting “Be it finally resolved that it should be automatically resolved upon submission and approval of its final report and recommendations, or no later than April 1st, whichever comes first.”
- iv. Dr. Schmit points out that they should work with the right individuals of the university.
- v. Dr. Willis points out that the university is already working on a few things. Include someone from the Office of Disability Services, ADA Coordinator. The WACG standards are required to be implemented by April 24th, 2026. There has been a task force working on this throughout the university. There are things that are happening across the university, so include these people. You will be better informed in many ways, including what is possible.
- vi. Senator Duncan waives her rights to Megan.
- vii. Megan says that a lot of great points were brought up. It would be fantastic to not run around in circles and involve as many people as possible. They may need to be semi-regular attendees. Ensure that you are listening to students and their concerns.
- viii. Senator Schemek asks Dr. Willis if there is a way to incorporate students into the committee. There will not need to be any specific instructions. The President appoints task forces.
- ix. Senator Pulse says that he never knew how hard it would be for somebody to have a disability until his girlfriend broke her leg. There have been many obstacles that she has ran into, he thinks this task force could be very beneficial. Also asks about Wagner Hall elevator going under maintenance. If there are regulations with that.
- x. Dr. Willis recommends going to Disability Services and requesting the accommodations. It has to come from that office.
- xi. Approved in roll call vote.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. RHA Ex-Officio Written Request

- i. Senator Schemek asks about internal guide.
 1. Chief of Staff Peterson clarifies.
- ii. Dr. Willis points out that they have been in the past, and were removed. Wants to make sure that they will show up and be held accountable.
- iii. Senator Jensen asks why they were removed in the past.
 1. The biggest was lack of attendance.
- iv. Their meetings were in conflict, but are not this year.

X. TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Email President Spier if you are interested in sitting on one or both of the task forces. Strongly encourages everyone to reach out! Email by Wednesday morning by 10:00.
- B. BOR survey is going out 10/1.
- C. New At-Larges stay after for orientation.
- D. Grab posters and table tents from the office to hang up!
- E. Government Affairs will be meeting this Thursday at 7:00 PM.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Motion to Adjourn: Senator Pulse
 - i. Approved in Voice Vote at 8:15 pm.