



Student Government Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 19, 2026

1) Opening of Meeting

- a) Call to order at 5 p.m.
- b) Pledge of Alliance
 - i) Conducted
- c) First roll call
 - President Das
 - Vice President Joshi
 - Executive Assistant Rasmussen
 - Chief Justice Shreya
 - Chair Isingizwe
 - Chair Cenolli
 - Chait Gautum
 - Chair Alduri
 - Chair Ghimire
 - Chair Burnell
 - Senator Bhandari
 - Senator Mukit
 - Senator Lundblad
 - Senator Osman
- e) Approval of today's agenda
 - i) Approved with addition of Chair Alduri to Open Gallery I

2) Hearings

- a) Open Gallery
 - i) Holly Schreiner – Athletics Director
 - (1) Gave an update on how Husky Athletics have been going so far, as well as speaking about a fundraiser planned to offset the costs of scholarships
 - (2) Senator Osman, VP Joshi, Senator Lundblad, Chair Ghimire, Chair Alduri, and Chair Isingwizwe provided questions and feedback
 - (3) A member of the gallery also asked a question
 - ii) Chair Alduri
 - (1) Presented a resolution he has been working on regarding an opportunity to increase funding to student organizations
 - (2) President Das, Chair Gautum, VP Joshi, Chair Burnell, Chair Cenolli

- b) Senate Finance
 - i) Three hearings: Speech and Debate, Drama Club, and Communication Studies Club
- c) Internal Elections
 - i) None

3) Plenary Session I

- a) Unfinished Business
 - i) Senator Bhandari gave an update on the SGA merchandising initiative
 - ii) Chair Cenolli requested a collaboration with the PR committee and medical center
- b) New Business
 - i) Resolution brought up in Open Gallery by Chair Alduri
 - (1) Vote by senate to move into a 10-minute working meeting to discuss this resolution

4) Officer Reports

- a) President
 - i) Meeting with a member of the Board of Trustees to discuss starting a Student Government Scholarship
 - ii) Lobby Day is coming up, hoping to continue progress on the tuition freeze initiative
 - iii) Students United scholarships and officer applications have opened up
- b) Vice President
 - i) i. Meeting with PR committee about continuing initiatives from last semester
- c) Chief Justice
 - i) Appointed a new Justice for my committee.
 - ii) Went over the Senate attendance in the meeting and office hours.
- d) Executive Assistant
 - i) No report

5) Committee Reports

- a) Fee Allocation
 - i) Met with Athletics and Campus Recreation. Discussed the athletic budget deficit and getting new equipment for campus rec.
- b) Senate finance
 - i) The Senate Finance Committee held its weekly meeting of this semester on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.
 - ii) The SFC heard requests from Speech and Debate, Drama Club, and Communication Studies Club.
 - iii) Abby, the vice president of the Communication Studies Club, attended our meeting to discuss their funding request. They plan to collaborate with the Drama Club in hosting their Spring play, Mean Girls, this coming April. They are requesting funds for the licensing of Mean Girls, which amounts to \$2,275. We believe the partnership between the Communication Studies club and Drama club is something we should encourage across

campus, as it increases engagement and makes campus livelier. Currently, we are in the process of voting for approval of these funds. I will be able to share more updates on this next week.

- iv) Tarik attended our meeting to discuss the funding requests for both the Drama Club and Speech and Debate. Starting with Drama Club, they are requesting \$1,304.70 for materials to build their set. Drama was previously funded in the Fall semester, so they are eligible for \$1,020.76 in funding. We are waiting on one last item, which is advisor approval, then we will vote to approve funding.
 - v) Lastly, Speech and Debate is requesting funding for food and lodging for various speech and debate competitions they attended over the Fall semester and the spring semester. They are requesting our per diem rate, \$100/day of comp/student, for each competition. They will be eligible for the full \$3,000; however, at this time, we are waiting for travel authorizations, so we cannot move forward with funding at this time.
 - vi) SFC Approved \$2,708.73 in funding for the African Student Association to go toward expenses associated with their cultural night.
- c) Tech Fee
- i) RFP Process and Tech Disposal
 - (1) The meeting focused on updates regarding the RFP process for printing services, with the team evaluating vendor responses and planning vendor campus visits in two weeks. The group discussed the disposal of old technology devices, noting that while these devices are typically recycled, there are restrictions on reselling them due to state ownership policies. Chris explained that while it's technically possible to repurpose old devices for cybersecurity training, System Office Security policies require active antivirus, auditing, and password rotation, making cloud-based VMs a preferred alternative.
 - ii) Old Computer Repurposing Discussion
 - (1) The group discussed the potential recycling or resale of old computers, with Chris noting that while some departments might be interested, the computers are 10 years old and lack modern operating systems, making them difficult to repurpose securely. They explored the financial implications of recycling, with Jim mentioning that while local recyclers charged more than they reimbursed, a new vendor offered better value for old devices. The discussion also touched on the exchange of computers between universities, with Jim explaining that St. Cloud State rarely offers out old computers due to their relationship with recyclers but occasionally receives devices from other institutions. Finally, they briefly addressed issues with printing in the library lobby, particularly on weekends, with concerns about creating tickets during non-business hours.
 - iii) Campus Printing Services Discussion

- (1) The meeting discussed campus printing services, focusing on weekend availability and technical issues. Jim explained that while full-time staff are not available on weekends, students can use alternative printers and create support tickets for issues. They also addressed the current 800-point printing allocation system, noting that while most students don't reach the limit, students can exceed it without immediate repercussions. The group discussed the possibility of integrating printing functionality directly into the Husky app, which Pharos is considering but hasn't committed to a timeline. Chair Isingizwe inquired about the possibility of the university developing its own printing software, but Speaker 2 explained that outsourcing to cloud-based services like PaperCut is more cost-effective.
- iv) Computer Lab Performance Improvement Discussion
 - (1) The meeting discussed issues with computer labs, particularly slow performance in the Math Tutoring Center and other academic buildings. Jim explained that IT tries to help departments with hardware upgrades but noted that some labs are not directly supported by tech fees. The group explored options for improving computer labs, including potential donations through alumni engagement and the possibility of installing SSDs for better performance. Vice-chair Osman suggested reaching out to donors and mentioned the success of Centennial's first floor and basement in securing technology funding through alumni donations.
- v) University Computer Lab Resource Allocation
 - (1) The committee discussed the allocation of computer labs and resources across the university. Chair Isingizwe explained that departments often prioritize faculty and staff needs over student access, and suggested focusing on fewer, better-equipped labs rather than creating new spaces. Chair Isingizwe proposed inviting representatives from Student Accessibility Services and TRIO to provide input on lab usage and student feedback. The discussion emphasized the need to balance providing equitable access to computing resources while considering students' personal devices.
- vi) Computer Lab Management Discussion
 - (1) The meeting focused on discussing the usage and management of computer labs, particularly the General Access Lab in ResLife and tutoring centers. Jim highlighted the need to ensure all students, regardless of their field of study, have access to functional computers, and suggested optimizing lab space and internet efficiency. The group also discussed plans to conduct a survey on lab usage through tabling events and online questionnaires, with the aim of gathering student feedback on their experiences. Chris agreed with Jim's points and offered to assist with further inquiries
- d) Public Relations
 - i) Designed and finalized poster for the Athletic Chair position
 - ii) Currently developing a new post using the QR content provided by the president

- iii) Completed all remaining Membership Open promotional posters
- iv) Actively scouting and recruiting potential members to strengthen community involvement
- e) Campus Affairs
 - i) No report
- f) Student Services
 - i) No report
- g) Legislative Affairs
 - i) No report
- h) Elections Committee
 - i) Have started receiving presidential and senatorial candidates for the upcoming election
 - ii) A QR code and link are being created
 - iii) Potential referendums will be brought up in New Business in next week's meeting
- i) Senatorial Reports
 - i) Senator Nwankwo
 - (1) Had a meeting discussing the priorities of the college and current initiatives. Says the restructuring of the college has been the main focus due to the impact it could have on students
 - ii) Senator Mukit
 - (1) Worked with election committee to make the QR code and link
 - iii) Senator Osman
 - (1) Planning a meeting with Dr. Schwartz and President Das, no date decided yet
- j) Students United
 - i) No report

6) Plenary Session II

- a) Last Call for Business
 - i) None

7) Closing of Meeting

- a) Open Statement
 - i) Skipped via vote by senate
- b) Last Roll Call
 - President Das
 - Vice President Joshi
 - Executive Assistant Rasmussen
 - Chief Justice Shreya
 - Chair Isingwizwe
 - Chair Cenolli
 - Chait Gautum
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c) Adjournment – Adjourned at 6:56 p.m.