



Student Government Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 11, 2025

1) Opening of Meeting

- a) Call to order at 5:01 p.m.
- b) Pledge of Alliance: Conducted
- c) First roll call
 - President Das
 - Vice President Joshi
 - Chief Justice Norling
 - Executive Assistant Monir
 - Chair Loidolt (PR)
 - Chair Ghimire (Student Service)
 - Chair Alduri (Campus Affairs)
 - Chair Rasmussen (Legislative Affairs)
 - Chair Cenolli (Fee allocation)
 - Chair Burnell (Senate Finance)
 - Senator Hossain (Athletics)
 - Senator Bhandari (International Student)
 - Senator Nwankwo (PR)
 - Senator Lundblad (At-Large)
 - Senator Dahlberg (At-Large)
- d) Approval of today's agenda: Approved

2) Hearings

- a) Open Gallery
 - i) **Guest Speaker: Mitchell Jacobson, Garvey Director**
 - (1) Discussed creating community and promoting sustainability through new initiatives.
 - (2) Highlighted Garvey's sustainability progress (82–90% sustainable operations at Garvey Commons, reusable mugs via "Coffee Club", eco-friendly packaging at Bibigo).
 - (3) Upcoming events for their initiative:
 - (a) "What Makes You a Husky?" – September 17. Requested SGA participation with a table.
 - (b) Friendsgiving series.
 - (c) Spring Break.
 - (d) Finals Week Monday: Breakfast for Dinner.

- (4) Proposed the commitment of a **Dining Committee**. (**Appointees:** Chair Ghimire, Senator Hossain, Senator Bhandari)
- (5) Comments, Questions & Follow ups were requested by: Senator Lundblad, Vice President Joshi, President Das, Chair Alduri, Senator Isingizwe, Chair Srikanta raised a proposal.
- b) Senate Finance Hearing
 - i) No updates.
 - ii) Reminder: forms due by next week.
- c) Internal Elections
 - i) No elections held
 - ii) Announcements
 - (1) Burnell Rasmussen appointed as Legislative Chair
 - (2) Senator Isingizew appointed as Tech Fee Committee Chair

3) Plenary Session I

- a) Unfinished Business
 - i) Lindgren Child Care Center
 - (1) Chair Cenolli explained the current situation with Lindgreen Child Care Center to the new senate. Noting a **\$97k deficit** despite projections for profit. Currently, 32 students are utilizing the service. Not just children of students but also faculty members. From his point of view, the center should not be supported at this time unless additional external funding sources can be secured
 - (2) Advisor Balicky presented the student fee projection to the senate, showing that approximately **\$541k is required to maintain their current operations**. He also clarified that any funding adjustment could potentially come from / go to reserve funds considering a **5% reserve balance must be always preserved**.
 - (3) President Das informed the new senate that the previous senate denied Lindgreen's budget proposal, not out of opposition to childcare or children but due to the scale of the budget request.
 - (4) Questions & Comments were given by: Chair Alduri, Chair Isingizwe, Senator Lundblad, Vice-President Joshi, Senator Dahlberg, Chair Loidolt, President Das, Chief Justice Norling.
 - (5) Discussion Highlights:
 - (a) Requesting Meeting with the Lindgreen Child Care Center
 - (b) Questions raised on financial sustainability, Historical deficits (Pre & Post COVID)
 - (c) Maintenance Cost of ECC building
 - (d) Service Fee Charged to Students & Faculty
 - (e) Other Alternative Services in St. Cloud
 - (f) Other Alternatives for the center such as moving locations, reducing budget, etc.
 - (g) Questions raised about reallocation of the funds

- (6) Senator Osman motioned to table discussion and move to a vote. Chair Srikanta, Serving as Parliamentarian, denied the motion. President Das supported the denial, emphasizing that further clarification is need. Vice President agreed.
- (7) President Das requested for a meeting to be arranged with President Dietz and Vice-President Jason Woods for further clarification so the Senate can make an informed decision or pass a bill; asking the parliamentarian and chief justice to look into this matter further
- (8) Vice President Joshi encouraged senate to direct any further question to himself, President Das, Chair Cenolli or Advisor Balicky.

b) Unfinished Business: None

4) Officer Reports

- a) President
 - i) Met with Advisor Balicky to discuss updating the SGA website with hyperlinks, rosters, etc.
 - ii) Requested Chair Loidolt to take photos of the senate members for HuskiesConnect and the webpage.
 - iii) Invited the Senate to the leadership retreat on Angie Witte's behalf
 - iv) Reminded the Senate: Senate Members without an SSN should speak to Missy or Executive Assistant Monir to receive SGA stipends.
- b) Vice President
 - i) Meeting with Student Service Chair & President Das regarding the Chair's role
 - ii) Meeting with Michelle regarding the dining committee
 - iii) Meeting with the university administration to collaboration with the PR committee
- c) Executive Assistant
 - i) Meeting with Missy regarding Nametags (Update: Early Next Week)
 - ii) Noted issues with missing minutes from previous academic year and is working to resolve it.
 - iii) Reported that Huskies Howler access has been provided, requests are coming in, but the system is still being finalized.

5) Committee Reports

- a) Student Services
 - i) Orientation supported by President, Vice President & Chief Justice in learning responsibilities
 - ii) Husky Dinning
 - (1) Addressing Student & Employee complaints
 - (2) Creating an anonymous feedback system managed by SGA
 - (3) Reviewing employee management issues & criteria
 - iii) Student Organizations (Oversight & Support)
 - (1) Increasing SGA Involvement in Student Organization events
 - (2) Promoting accountability by having senators attend organization meetings
 - (3) Implementing semiannual or post-event report for cultural organization

- (4) Encouraging student organization to include SGA in their election process for transparency
- (5) Planning one on one meetings with SGA-funded organizations to share reports & expectations
- iv) Public Safety: Chair & Vice Chair to assist and lead related initiatives
- v) Athletics: Chair will support the Athletics Senator with agenda, execution & planning
- vi) Additional Notes: Urged updated to the SGA website (positions, constitution & meeting minutes)
- b) Constitution Committee
 - i) No report but reminder issued regarding mandatory senator training sessions. Senators must attend one session; attendance counts towards office hours.

6) Senatorial Report

- a) Campus Services
 - i) The Writing Place will not be offering academic support services, the College of Liberal Arts, School of Graduate Studies, Honors College, and University Library are co-hosting “Write Night Connect” on Wednesday evenings (5:00–8:00 p.m.)
 - (1) Event open to students, faculty, and staff; includes snacks, mini-workshops, consultations, and networking on writing, research, and studying.
 - (2) Honors Club will host monthly events with fun activities and study sessions in collaboration with partner organizations to increase participation.
- b) Technology Fee
 - i) Joshua released an internal test version of the time-tracking software for committee testing.
 - ii) Awaiting credentials from the Computer Science Club to release the full working version to the Senate.
- c) Public Relations
 - i) Announced that Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Sarah Hennesy will be on campus Tuesday, September 16th for a Q&A session (3:30 – 5 p.m., Atwood Voyageurs).
 - ii) Students United Vice Chair Javelia Morrison-Galimore and the Honors College have requested SGA support (both organizational and individual) in inviting students to attend.

7) Plenary Session II

- a) Last Call for Business: None

8) Closing of Meeting

- a) Open Gallery II: None
- b) Open Statement: Presented (6:34 to 6:39 p.m.)
- c) Last Roll Call
 - President Das
 - Vice President Joshi
 - Chief Justice Norling

- Executive Assistant Monir
 - Chair Loidolt (PR)
 - Chair Ghimire (Student Service)
 - Chair Alduri (Campus Affairs)
 - Chair Rasmussen (Legislative Affairs)
 - Chair Cenolli (Fee allocation)
 - Chair Burnell (Senate Finance)
 - Chair Isingwize (Tech Fee)
 - Chair & Parliamentarian Srikanta (Student Constitution)
 - Senator Hossain (Athletics)
 - Senator Bhandari (International Student)
 - Senator Nwankwo (PR)
 - Senator Osman (RHA)
 - Senator Lundblad (At-Large)
 - Senator Dahlberg (At-Large)
- d) Adjournment – Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.