



Student Government Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 2, 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 Rasmussen (Legislative Affairs)
 - Chair Cenolli (Fee allocation)
 - Chair Burnell (Senate Finance)
 - Senator Hossain (Athletics)
 - Senator Bhandari (International Student)
 - Senator Osman (RHA)
 - Senator Lundblad (At-Large)
 - Senator Dahlberg (At-Large)
- d) Approval of today's agenda: Approved

2) Hearings

- a) Open Gallery
 - i) **Guest Speaker: Bangladesh Student Association (BSA)**
 - (1) Representatives: ASM Mukit (President), Jarin T Shreya (Vice President)
 - (2) Announced BSA's Cultural Night on October 11, 2025. Gates open at 4:30 p.m., and the event will begin at 5 p.m. in the Atwood Ballroom at SCSU. They invited all senators to attend the event.
 - ii) **Guest Speaker: Nepalese Student Association (NSA)**
 - (1) Representative: Tushar Joshi (President)
 - (2) Invited the Senate to their Tihar and Dashain Night, a festival celebration (not a cultural night), scheduled for October 5, 2025, starting at 5 PM onwards.
- b) Senate Finance Hearing
 - i) The Senate Finance Committee met on September 30, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. to review two funding requests.
 - ii) Requests were received from the Botanical Society (for an off-campus conference held in July) and the Nepalese Student Association (NSA) (for their upcoming on-campus event this weekend).

- iii) No funding approvals were made during this meeting.
- c) Internal Elections
 - i) Donaji Garcia Gonazález
 - (a) She was asked to Introduce herself, followed by a series of questions by the senate.
 - (b) A deliberated was held to discuss his candidacy
 - (c) Chief Justice Norling announced that Candidate Gonazález was approved for At-Large Senator

3) Plenary Session I

- a) Unfinished Business
 - i) Vice President Joshi asked the Executive Team to schedule one-on-one meetings with members.
 - ii) President Das reminded senators that all members are required to join at least one committee, setting a deadline for next week. Stated that if any senator fails to join a committee by the deadline, the Chief Justice will be asked to file a case in the Judiciary.
 - iii) Vice President Joshi requested that committee meeting dates be shared in the Teams chat for reference and coordination.
- b) New Business: None

4) Officer Reports

- a) President
 - i) Attended the Students United meeting; discussed updates on 15 active projects and noted that 17 senators participated in the recent session at Mankato.
 - ii) Shared that budget cuts are being made to the CLF Program.
 - iii) Met with Shahzad regarding increasing international enrollment and discussed questions related to Residence Life housing.
 - iv) Reported that the Search Advisory Committee received 55 applications; 7 were disqualified, and 35 are considered highly qualified.
- b) Vice President
 - i) Participated in a Students United
 - ii) Met with President Das and Students United representatives to review the CFL Program.
 - iii) Meeting with university leaders to discuss campus resources and Residence Life policies.
 - iv) Held a meeting with Chair Brielle Rasmussen to discuss Career Center initiatives.
 - v) Coordinating with Chair Cenolli on ways to integrate him into ongoing committee projects.
- c) Executive Assistant
 - i) Reminded the Senate that the Advocacy Conference will take place on November 7–8, 2025.

5) Committee Reports

- a) Student Services:
 - i) Held the first official meeting successfully.
 - ii) Senators Lundblad and Garcia have joined the committee.

- iii) Discussed major agendas including campus resources and accessibility, student organizations, and Husky Dining.
- iv) Work responsibilities were divided among members to begin progress on each focus area.
- b) Senate Finance:
 - i) Met on September 30, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.
 - ii) Reviewed funding requests from the Botanical Society and the Nepalese Student Association (NSA).
 - iii) No funding approvals were made this week.
 - iv) Planning tabling sessions across campus to raise awareness of SFC's role in supporting student organizations with event and activity funding.

6) Senatorial Report

- a) Athletics:
 - i) Announced upcoming home athletic events:
 - (1) Volleyball vs. Southwest Minnesota State – October 3, 6 p.m., Halenbeck Hall Main Gym.
 - (2) Men's Soccer vs. UW–Parkside – October 3, 7 p.m., Husky Stadium.
 - (3) Volleyball vs. University of Sioux Falls – October 4, 2 p.m., Halenbeck Hall Main Gym.
 - (4) Ticket prices: \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth; available on the SCSU Athletics website.
- b) International Student:
 - i) Meeting scheduled with Professor Clifford on October 3, 2025 to discuss the AI Policy in College and introduce related initiatives.

7) Plenary Session II

- a) Last Call for Business:
 - i) Vice President Joshi suggested that the executive team review meeting minutes to create a to-do list from noted tasks, an initiative to ensure consistent tracking of assigned responsibilities.
 - ii) Chair Isingwize suggested that a draft of a recruitment questionnaire, potentially point-based be implemented, for the election of new senators.
 - iii) President Das announced an informal meeting to be held after next week's senate meeting, with the time to be finalized on Teams.

8) Closing of Meeting

- a) Open Gallery II: None
- b) Open Statement: Motion to remove open statement: Raised & Denied. Presented (6:57 to 7:10 p.m.)
- c) Last Roll Call
 - President Das
 - Vice President Joshi
 - Chief Justice Norling
 - Executive Assistant Monir

- Chair Ghimire (Student Service)
 - Chair Rasmussen (Legislative Affairs)
 - Chair Cenolli (Fee allocation)
 - Chair Burnell (Senate Finance)
 - Chair Isingwize (Tech Fee)
 - 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 7:11 p.m.