ASUW FRESHMAN SENATE MINUTES

The October 10th, 2017 meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Sanders at 5:01PM. All Freshman Senators were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Freshman Senator Scalise moved to add Richard Raridon, SLCE Coordinator, as the Special Event. There were no objections.

OPEN FORUM

Jacob Kennedy, Full Senator from the College of Agricultural and Natural Resources introduced himself.

SPECIAL EVENT

Richard Raridon, Service, Leadership & Community Engagement Coordinator came to discuss opportunities the SLCE Office has available. They will be doing one Service Saturday per month, and they have Alternate Breaks available over both winter and spring break. There are both domestic and international trips, with the spring trip applications becoming available soon. He also discussed the upcoming Big Event, which is the kickoff to Homecoming week and has the intention of giving back to the Laramie community. The SLCE Office is located in the basement of the Union under Panda Express and they can be reached at uwyo.edu/slce.

COMMUNICATIONS

Advisor McKenna told the Freshman Senate about the Big Event Group she set up and encouraged everyone to sign up. She reminded about the Mentorship Program, with the first event being this Sunday from 5 to 7 in the Library. It will be a speed dating style event to let everyone get to know each other.

Officers

Presiding Officer Sanders reported that she continues to work on developing the mentorship program.

Parliamentarian Mooren reported to be cautious about taking the floor correctly and that there will be a 10 minute debate limit per person when discussing legislation.
Secretary Ward gave the Full Senate report from their October 3 meeting, talking about the Special Event from Student Legal Services. They are working on representation and outreach, hoping that students will come to them if they have landlord issues, parking tickets, DACA questions, or drug and alcohol issues. They will also be starting a “Know Your Rights” series to educate students about their rights when it comes to the law.

Treasurer Dalman had no report.

Steering Committee Liaison Schieffer reported that he attended the Residential Housing Association and Full Senate Steering Committee meetings.

Ex Officio Communications

President Wetzel reported good attendance at last week’s 15th Street Listening Sessions. He said that he is seeking interested Freshman Senators to serve on several committees, including Traffic Appeals Committee, Parking Advisory Committee, Faculty Senate Course Review and University Studies Committees, and a graduate student for Student Media Board.

Vice President Welsh had no report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Steering discussed the bills for this week and assigned them to committees.

Procedures reviewed Senate Bill #2573 in preparation for this week’s meeting.

Programming and Traditions reported the date of the “Meet Your Freshman Senators” event as November 15 at 6PM in the basement of Washakie Basement in the format of an informal game night.

Student Outreach and Policies discussed Senate Bill #2572 in preparation for the meeting, community building ideas, the possibility of cheaper laundry, and the idea of sending liaisons to community senates to make for better student outreach.

**ASUW COMMITTEES**

Steering steered this week’s legislation to committees and had one bill tabled.

Academic Technology and Sustainability is working to finalize the computer lab schedules and are preparing to make a recommendation to implement plus/minus grading in classes. There is progress on an active learning survey.
Budget & Planning looked over their duties in the Constitution and encouraged students to request money from the Special Projects fund for long-term improvements for students.

Constitution discussed Senate Bill #2573.

Program & Institutional Development discussed Senate Bill #2573 and UMC’s request to add diversity as a component to one of the ASUW Committees.

Programming met to brainstorm clues for the horseshoe hunt during Homecoming Week.

RSO Funding Board will recommend Full Senate to approve funding to the Jazz Advocates.

Senate Vacancy interviewed candidates for Arts & Sciences Senate positions and selected someone to fill a vacancy.

Student Outreach & Policy discussed Senate Bill #2572 and discussed an idea to install an ASUW Flag Pole on Prexy’s Pasture.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Senate Bill #2572, Students’ Right to Know 2017 Revision, had its second reading. Student Outreach and Policy made a do pass recommendation.
Moved by Freshman Senator Donley.
Motion Passed 20-0-0

Senate Bill #2573, Changes to ASUW Standing Committees, had its second reading. Procedures made a do pass recommendation.
Moved by Freshman Senator Ridenour.
Freshman Senator Mooren moved to table the motion indefinitely.
The postponement passed by a voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Freshman Senate Bill #49, Reinstatement of the Freshman Mentorship Program had its first reading and was steered to Programming.

Senate Bill #2574, Reinstatement of the Freshman Mentorship Program had its first reading and was steered to Programming.

The Swearing In Ceremony took place.

Freshman Senator Mooren moved to give Advisor McKenna $150 to purchase refreshments for the Mentorship Program’s first event. The motion passed by a voice vote.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief of Legislative Affairs Jones wanted to tell the Freshman Senate that they are doing a good job so far. He encouraged them to write legislation, and to email him at asuwexc9@uwyo.edu or come to his office hours from 1:30 to 5 most days.

Freshman Senator Sanders announced that a Strategic Planning Committee Liaison is still needed.

President Wetzel suggested that Freshman Senators come to Finger Food Friday in the ASUW Office.

Freshman Senator Donley announced that the Tri Delta Sorority will be having their pancake feed to benefit St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital on November 4th to 5th. The cost is $5 for one time and $20 for unlimited pancakes for 25 hours.

Freshman Senator Ridenour reminded everyone to sign up for the Big Event and to join the Freshman Senate group.

Freshman Senator Donley announced that she is not able to make any of the proposed meeting

After processing the meeting adjourned at 6:09 PM. The next regular meeting will be October 17th, 2017 at 5:00PM in the Senate Chambers Union Room 221.

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Freshman Senate Secretary