ASUW FRESHMAN SENATE MINUTES

The October 24th, 2017 meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Sanders at 5:00PM. Freshman Senators Ridenour and Porterfield were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Freshman Senator Mooren moved to add Freshman Senator of the Month to New Business and Freshman Senator Scalise moved to add ACES Director Jo Chytka as this week’s Special Event.

OPEN FORUM

There was no one in the gallery.

SPECIAL EVENT

ACES Director Jo Chytka came to discuss the services that the Advising, Career, and Exploratory Studies Center has available. Their office provides advising for undeclared students and seeks to connect students with summer jobs and internships. They have a service called Handshake that allows students to look for jobs or post a resume and allow employers to search for them. They are working on developing an alumni mentorship program where current students will be paired with a successful graduate. One of their upcoming goals is to have professional advising in all of the colleges so every student has access to an advisor who can help them.

COMMUNICATIONS

Advisor McKenna reported that we will be voting for a Freshman Senator of the Month for every full month. She also announced the appointment of Freshman Senator Good as the new Social Chair and a social event happening after the meeting tonight. Some Freshman Senators in the Mentorship Program will be getting new mentors.

Officers

Presiding Officer Sanders reported that at last week’s Full Senate meeting Law Club and Sustainability Club were funded. Senate Bill #2574 and Senate Resolution #2575 were both passed.

Parliamentarian Mooren had no report.
Secretary Ward had no report.

Treasurer Dalman reported that Freshman Senate spent $60 on decorations for Homecoming and $120 on the Mentorship Program kickoff event.

Steering Committee Liaison Schieffer had no report.

**Ex Officio Communications**

President Wetzel reported that a new Academic and Student Affairs Committee has been approved by the Board of Trustees. A Board of Trustees Budget Committee meeting is coming up where they will be working to recover the reserves. With Homecoming this week, he said the decorations in the Union look good and reminded about the tailgate, sing, and dance on Wednesday, the Pig Roast on Friday, and the Parade on Saturday. If Freshman Senators would like assistance on projects, they should contact President Wetzel or Chief of Staff Thomson-Lichty to be directed to an Executive. The Full Senate will be replenishing the Freshman Senate Budget for what was spent on the Mentorship Program event.

Vice President Welsh had no report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Steering discussed Senate Bill #2576 and discussed attendance issues. They determined that the Big Event will not count as Service Hours.

Procedures had no report.

Programming and Traditions reported that the Meet the Freshman Senators event will be postponed to after Thanksgiving Break. They would like to thank the people who helped with decorating the Union last week and requested help with cleaning up the decorations at 6 PM this Sunday.

Student Outreach and Policies is making progress on their Special Projects proposal. They met with leaders on Community Senate to reach out. They were not able to make a recommendation on Senate Bill #2577.

**ASUW COMMITTEES**

Steering had no report.

Academic Technology and Sustainability reported that Senate Bill #2577 was tabled. They are sending out the Active Learning Survey and are working to improve accessibility on the website for individuals with disabilities or who speak different languages.
Budget & Planning reported that Special Projects applications are due this week. After last week’s meeting, they helped with the t-shirts and pizza event.

Constitution had no report.

Program & Institutional Development met with Student Legal Services and discussed Senate Bill #2576.

Programming passed around sign up sheets for helping with Safe Treat and Friday’s Pig Roast. They are planning for decorating the Homecoming Parade float on Thursday at 6:30. Contact Freshman Senator Scalise or Senator Hungerford if you are able to give rides.

RSO Funding Board provided funding for the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and a Holocaust Remembrance event. They made recommendations on Diwali Night and Turning Point USA.

Senate Vacancy determined that they will be contacting past applicants to fill new vacancies. They have discussed the possibility of becoming a less formal committee that only meets when vacancies are needing to be filled.

Student Outreach & Policy reported that they are having difficulties with their Special Projects idea. They tabled Senate Resolution #2577.

OLD BUSINESS

Senate Bill #2573, Changes to ASUW Standing Committees, remains tabled.

Senate Bill #2576, Revision of the Mission Statement for Student Legal Services, had its second reading. Steering made a do pass recommendation. Moved by Freshman Senator Donley. The motion passed 18-0-0.

Senate Resolution #2577, ASUW Recommendation on Revised Programmatic Fee Implementation, had its second reading. Student Outreach and Policy had no recommendation. Freshman Senator Ward moved to table the motion due to the lack of a committee recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS

Advisor McKenna ran the process for Freshman Senator of the Month.
Freshman Senator Gruntmeir nominated Freshman Senator Scalise.
Freshman Senator Good nominated Freshman Senator Ward.
Freshman Senator Ward nominated Freshman Senator Sanders.
Freshman Senator Scalise was voted Freshman Senator of the Month for October.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Freshman Senator Donley announce that 7220’s Nightmare on Ivinson event will be happening this Friday and Tri Delta is having their pancake event on November 4th and 5th.

Freshman Senator Gruntmeir announced Standardized Client Interviews on November 4th and 5th for Social Work students. Volunteers can make $20 for an hour of answering questions.

Freshman Senator Sanders announced that she still needs Service Hour forms from most people.

After processing the meeting adjourned at 6:005 PM. The next regular meeting will be October 31st, 2017 at 5:00PM in the Senate Chambers Union Room 221.

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Freshman Senate Secretary