ASUW FRESHMAN SENATE MINUTES

The October 3rd, 2017 meeting was called to order by Senator Mooren at 5:00PM. Senator Ward moved to suspend Article IV Section IV of the Constitution pertaining to gavel order in the absence of an officer for the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the mission statement was read, and roll was taken. Freshman Senators Applegate, Peterson, Porterfield, Sanders, and Woodward were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

OPEN FORUM

Full Senator Haley from the College of Arts and Sciences and Chair of the Programs and Institutional Development Committee introduced herself and mentioned legislation to change the name of Freshman Senate to First Year Senate as a possibility.

SPECIAL EVENT

Wendy Hungerford, Full Senator from the College of Education and Full Senate Programming Committee Chair, came to tell the Freshman Senate about upcoming Homecoming events. Sign-up sheets were passed around for setting up the float and participating in the parade. ASUW facilitated events during Homecoming are a Pep Rally on October 10 and a Pig Roast on October 27. There will be opportunities to table for these events and assist with serving, which will qualify for service hours. Other things to promote throughout Homecoming are the Homecoming Sing, Residence Life and Dining Services’ Tailgate, the Parade, and The Big Event. ASUW has also helped provide funds for RSOs to build floats for the parade.

COMMUNICATIONS

Advisor McKenna reminded the Freshman Senators to check and use the Outlook Group for all communications, including Service Hour and RSO Event Evaluation forms, which can be submitted to Presiding Officer Sanders when completed. With October as the first full month, Freshman Senators will need their service hours. We will move the swearing in ceremony to next week’s meeting due to how many Freshman Senators were absent. Advisor McKenna also said that committees do not need to meet if they do not have any legislation to discuss. She discussed the mentorship program with the full senate and passed around a sign-up sheet. More details are coming.
Officers

Freshman Senator Senator Mooren delivered Presiding Officer Sanders’ report in her absence. She wanted to report her meeting with Vice President Welsh and Advisor McKenna about the mentorship program and developing legislation to formalize it. She attended the meeting last week, where the special event was about programming fees, and 3 of the 4 judicial appointments were approved at the Full Senate meeting.

Parliamentarian Mooren reported that the Parliamentary Procedure was alright at the last meeting but to keep working on it.

Secretary Ward had no report.

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 attended the Native American Center and Cheney Family Dialogue meeting last Friday. He reported that the Family Emergency Fund was approved and there is still work being done to recover the reserves. There is work being done to change the syllabus policy to include health absence policies. There are also several listening sessions over the next week to discuss the potential closure of 15th street.

Vice President Welsh had no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Procedures had no report.

Programming and Traditions discussed their ideas for events throughout the year, starting with a “Meet Your Freshman Senators” event in November and a themed event for every month throughout the school year. Some ideas they are working on are Cram and Cocoa, Mardi Gras, Pi Day, Earth Day, and Cinco de Mayo.

Student Outreach and Policies had no report.

ASUW COMMITTEES

Steering steered this week’s legislation to committees.
Academic Technology and Sustainability had no report.

Budget & Planning had no report.

Constitution had no report.

Program & Institutional Development discussed changing the name of Freshman Senate to First Year Senate, they are planning to meet with ASTEC to discuss funding, and they talked with UMC about the possibility of expanding the Student Outreach and Policy Committee to include Diversity.

Programming met to approve applications from RSOs for funding to build floats for the Homecoming Parade.

RSO Funding Board approved requests for American Pharmacists Association, Geography Club, Wyoming Speech and Debate, and the American Institute for Chemical Engineers.

Senate Vacancy is brainstorming how to advertise open Full Senator positions and is preparing to interview applicants.

Student Outreach & Policy met with Director of Marketing Rowe to improve the WYO Guide App and restart Senate in a Minute. They encouraged attendance at this week’s 15th Street Listening Sessions.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill #2572, Students’ Right to Know 2017 Revision, had its first reading and was steered to Student Outreach and Policy. The bill will be discussed and voted on next week.

Senate Bill #2573, Changes to ASUW Standing Committees, had its first reading and was steered to Procedures. The bill will be discussed and voted on next week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Freshman Senator Donley announced that she is not able to make any of the proposed meeting times for the Strategic Planning Committee.

Freshman Senator Ward reminded the Freshman Senate to disregard the Full Senate referrals on the bills and that she will be going to the Full Senate Meeting tonight in Freshman Senator
Sanders’ place, so if Freshman Senators would like credit for attending the meeting they will need to check in with her.

Freshman Senator Mooren reminded the Freshman Senate of Office Hours. His Office Hours are every other Wednesday from 3 PM to 4 PM in the ASUW Conference Room and Presiding Officer Sanders’ Office Hours are Monday and Wednesday from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM in the ASUW Conference Room.

After processing the meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM. The next regular meeting will be October 10th, 2017 at 5:00PM in the Senate Chambers Union Room 221.

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