

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The October 5th 2021, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Anderson at 7:02 pm. The land acknowledgement statement and mission statement were read, and the Pledge of Allegiance was done at individual member's discretion.

ROLL CALL

Senators Castronovo, Cooper, Considine, Hansen, Houghton, and Wilkins were not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the September 28, 2021 senate meeting were approved without objection, as electronically circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Senator Talamantes moved to add the UMC Budget Realignment as the first item under New Business.

Senator Ebben seconded.

The motion passed without objection.

The agenda was approved, without objection, as amended.

OPEN FORUM

There was no one in the gallery wishing to address the Senate.

SPECIAL EVENT

Brett Kahler from the UW foundation addressed the Senate to discuss how the foundation works and to give an update on the ASUW accounts. Brett works in the UW foundation as the Director of Development and has been working there for just over 3 years. The mission and goals of the UW foundation is to secure private resources, deliver superior donor and alumni relations, ensure excellence in investment and financial management and to lift up the University with the power of philanthropy. An endowment can be thought of as an investment account, there is always a set amount of money in the endowment and a certain amount is available for use. Most of this money in the endowment comes from donors and alumni as well as some student fee money will go into these endowments. ASUW has 12 endowments supporting various scholarships, faculty, staff, and students. ASUW has the following endowments with the amount available to spend; Julian Isaias Abas Music Production Fund \$2,618, ASUW Childcare assistance Scholarship \$3,221, ASUW Endowment (aka special projects) \$91,492, ASUW Leadership Scholarship \$29,733, ASUW Service Exchange Endowment \$4,310, ASUW Discretionary Fund \$538,605, ASUW Student Services Endowment \$1,195, ASUW/2007 Senior Class Legacy Endowment \$12,196, Charolette Hearne Davis Scholarship \$3,250, James C. Hurst Scholarship \$14,072, and

A.L Lupton Financial Literacy Endowment \$7,424. Following the presentation over ASUW's endowment, Brett announced that Giving Day is October 20-21 from noon to noon at the UW Foundation has over \$250,000 in matching funds for donations.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Swilling first discussed the academic forum meeting. At this meeting equal access to online textbooks was discussed. ASUW was asked to write an official recommendation on this topic by Associate Vice Provost Barret. Additionally, the navigate platform for advising and buckle up was discussed. Next in his report, President Swilling discussed giving day. He will be meeting with a major donor from Jackson Hole who believes we can raise \$50-100k for our scholarship. Next up, he reported that he has been working with Brett Kahler on updating out endowment agreements. Additionally, he reported that the Universities Studies Program committee meets on October 25th. Next, he reported that the Ad-Hoc restructuring committee will be working on creating a formal proposal for the School of Computing. He also reported he will be attending the food security task force where they will be discussing the food security endowment. He also reported he met with Dilnoza Khasanova to discuss a new student office. He also met with Michael Pieper to discuss a light being put at the crosswalk of 19th and Harney.

Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam said "Besides my usual Chief of Staff duties, this past week for me has consisted of conducting research and collecting data for multiple committee projects including for the Advocacy Diversity and Policy committee, and the Safety and Wellness committee. Tonight, I will also be giving a report on behalf of our Director of Governmental and Community Affairs, Allison Brown who is currently attending the weekly Laramie City Council meeting. Director Brown continues to work on various ongoing projects on wide-spread ASUW areas of interest, such as Medical Amnesty implementation logistics, land acknowledgment promotion, closing the student issues' survey, and attending city council. Additionally, Director Brown and President Swilling are now preparing for their presentation in front of city council next week, on October 12th. More details about this presentation will be shared next week, and the streaming link to that city council meeting can be provided at request. As always, Director Brown asks senators to reach out if they would like to collaborate on a project or have any questions about her work."

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier said "Last week a significant amount of my time was spent writing the white paper for the Ad-Hoc restructuring committee. I also met with some First-Year Senators last week to discuss problems and projects they would like to address on campus. I am working on looking more into these problems and will be following up with them here in the coming weeks. I am now serving on the student involvement and leadership council which is basically the student advisory board for various organizations in CSIL. So for this some leaders from various student organizations located here in the Union get together to discuss our organizations, provide input to student engagement initiatives, share information, and network. This council will be meeting once a month to discuss various agenda items. The first meeting was held yesterday where we discussed the cowboys can initiative, marketing student

engagement opportunities and building improvements. Some of the agenda items for future meetings include union policy revisions, and student organization management systems. If you have anything that you think should be addressed by this council please let me know. The rest of the week for me looks pretty typical, just working on minutes, agendas, and some other housekeeping items. I do want to remind everyone that the legislation deadline has changed to Thursdays at 12pm. Please email me and attach Vice President Anderson onto that email as well with your completed piece of legislation. On Thursday, I will be sending emails to those whose names are listed as sponsors on that legislation. If you get one of these emails from me, please email back either confirming or denying you will be sponsoring the legislation. If you do not respond, you will be considered as a confirmed sponsor. If the legislation does not have the required amount of sponsoring confirming sponsorship, then your legislation will not come to steering that Friday. Please let me know if you have any questions about this. Finally, one more time I would like to ask that if you are giving a report at any time during the meeting. So that includes ex-officios and college contacts PLEASE email them to me. I've been noticing when I am writing the minutes there have been some areas I am not 100% sure what was said, so having a written report really helps me make sure I don't accidentally leave anything out and that everything I am reporting is accurate."

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Sapien reported he has continued working on giving day and has been working on reaching out to get donations. He also reported he is planning on having a working meeting with some members of the executive branch to work on a new project.

Director of Finance and Student Organizations Reyes-Aguilar said "This week I have been working some of the continuing projects such as the simplified version of the Finance Policy, and creating the student org list. The re-registration deadline for student orgs was September 30, so I am hoping I will have a list of the active student organizations by the end of this week. Director Stadler and I have continued to finalize the details for our first Financial Wellness event. We will be having our Financial Aid Discussion on October 13, from 12-1PM. We have also set a meeting time and date for our Financial Wellness Committee. We will have our first meeting tomorrow, October 6, at 3:30 in the ASUW Conference Room. This special committee will be meeting bi-weekly: so every 2 weeks. A large part of my week was spent in meetings discussing a Student Org Funding Board violation of the Finance Policy that will be discussed with the respective SO next Monday. Over the next week, I will be working on finishing up some of the tasks I already mentioned, and begin creating a PDF application for event funding requests. This application will give Student Orgs the information they need to apply for funding before they begin creating the event through UW Connect. I will also be working with some other executives on Giving Day events."

Director of Financial Planning and Analysis Stadler said "This past week I helped update the Funding Board ledgers and checking out p – cards. I attended the Athletics Planning Committee. The Athletics Planning Committee discuss the potential changes to the Mountain West Conference, financial changes to the athletics program, and athletic students' wellbeing this semester. I meet with the Financial Aid office to plan for the Financial Wellness event next week. This week I will be helping plan and execute a donor engagement strategy for Giving Day.

I will continue checking out p – cards and updating ledgers. I will continue to format the student fees document.”

Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Brown’s report was included with Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam’s report.

Director of Marketing Clark-Mellott said “Last week, I posted the most recent podcast episode and worked on the special projects promotion video which was posted this morning. Additionally, there is work with Green Dot that I am doing that Director McLean and Michelle DiPasquale. Director McLean will speak more on that. Coming up, I will produce the town hall this week, promoting the financial wellness event next week, and the Green Dot Q&A throughout this month.”

Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke reported “This week was a big week in looking at our programs and partners current status on campus. With the current state of our programs I have been doing a more hands on role and less liaison. A lot of these efforts have been hindered because of student involvement and awareness. Under the advisement of project coordinator Crosby. We will know instead of trying to piece the very few remaining parts that the pandemic has left us with our programs. And move towards a plan of promoting to a new campus of students who are unaware of these services because of the pandemic. With that expect an email soon for tabling next week. After Tomorrow all immediate partners and programs will officially have the stamp of approval from PID. When it comes to our partners we have a round table meeting next week with all the correct partner heads and VP delegates invited. This is where the execution and cohesion of the partners will happen, the first goal will be food insecurity on campus. Last but not least, because of time I will not be here later this meeting. But since the UMC budget realignment is up for discussion tonight. I wanted to voice my support as it was a vital discussion during their strategic planning for this year and future years for UMC student involvement, especially as this program starts back up again”.

Director of Wellness and Sustainability McLean reported that she met with representatives from the Wellness Center for the Wellness ambassadors training. She also met with Michelle DiPasquale to discuss a safe sexual health campaign. For this campaign, they will be creating a video where they will be answering questions about sexual health. She is also working on having more contraceptives be more available on campus. She also attended the first meeting of the Laramie joint action climate task force and will be attending these meetings on a monthly basis. She also reported that she is attending her normal meetings. Finally, she reported that there will be a grand opening of a Foodshare pantry in Knight Hall on October 6th from 4pm-6pm.

Vice President Anderson reported that he will be sending out a sign-up sheet for homecoming tabling. He also reported that there will be incentives for bringing and retaining First-Year Senators. Those that recruit First-Year senators will be given a \$10 gift card to the University bookstore.

Interim ASUW Support Staff Thomson-Lichty reported that this is her third week and wanted to thank everyone for being so welcoming. She also reported that she is more than happy to come to any meetings, projects, and review any legislation. She said her office hours are posted outside

her door and her outlook calendar is updated so you can schedule meetings as needed. Finally, she wanted to thank everyone for their hard work on the white paper.

Ex- Officio Communications

College Panhellenic Council reported that they are continuing with Philanthropy and are partaking in the Big Event this Saturday.

Faculty Senate was not present.

First-Year Senate reported “Tonight the First Year Senate met at 5:00pm. We had the first reading for the Senate bill #2757 and we steered it to our procedures and diversity and policy committees. We also discussed the new senator confirmation and voted on the UMC ASUW Realignment Request. Our first year senate committees also met and decided on times and locations to meet weekly.”

The Interfraternity Council had no report.

International Students Association reported that international week is the week of the 20th. The Non-Traditional Student Council reported they have filled their secretary position and their new secretary is Patrice Parkenson. They also reported that they will be having a tabling event October 12th and 13th from 11:00-1:30 in the Wyoming Union. They also reported that October 28th is the target date for their first event which will be a movie night. Finally, they reported that November 3rd is the target date for their first formal non-trad meeting.

Residence Halls Association had no report.

The Sustainability Coalition reported that the Laramie Climate Action taskforce had their first official meeting this last Thursday. They also reported that their next club meeting will be October 6th at 6:15pm. At this meeting they will be making signs and a large banner for the upcoming Solar Fest. Finally, they reported that the UW food security taskforce will be meeting on October 6th from 12-1pm.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee reported they are working on events for student athletes and are working on having speakers at their meetings. They also plan on having food drives at the men's and women's basketball games.

United Multicultural Council reported they have their realignment request and are working on finding new meetings times. They are also working on upcoming events.

Committee Reports

Steering reported they are back meeting in the Business building. They also steered Senate Bill 2757. They also discussed some changes to the rules and procedures.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported ADP did meet last Friday at 2:30p in our new location, the Big Horn room. We had no steered legislation, but used this time to make some concrete decisions regarding our special projects funding application. To recap for new senators who may be unaware, ADP is crafting a special projects proposal wherein we will request funding for rape-drug detection and prevention products that will be distributed to UW students and local bars free of charge. Desired outcomes from this proposal are to make students feel more safe when they are in social situations where alcohol may be present; encourage a Green Dot culture in Laramie where no one has to do everything, but everyone can do something; partner with small businesses and encourage students to support Laramie's small business scene by spending their money at the local bars that are in support of our program; and finally, if distributing these products free of charge can prevent just one student from experiencing sexual assault, then that is a lifetime of physical and mental trauma that can be avoided. We are currently reaching out to Laramie bars and stakeholders who may support this proposal, and we will be reviewing our final proposal draft on October 15th. If you have questions or input regarding this project, please send me an email or approach me after the Senate meeting.

Budget and Planning reported "B&P met via zoom last Friday. We voted to approve the UMC budget realignment and discussed the bill that is up for first reading tonight."

Elections reported "Elections committee met last week at our usual time. We are still working on filling the senate seat vacancies. We have put forward one applicant for confirmation for the School of Energy Resources. Currently we have 1 vacancy for College of Engineering and 1 vacancy in the Academic affairs. The application will remain open on a rolling basis for these seats."

Homecoming reported they are wrapping up programming for Homecoming. There will be lawn games on Thursday in the Gardens and dinner that evening. All those involved with ASUW are welcome to come to these events. There will be a BBQ on Friday in Prexis as well.

Programming and Institutional Development reported "PID met at our usual time last Friday. We had a guest speaker, VP Lake, from the Non-Traditional Student Council to come and talk to us about the program. He told us that the council will be meeting soon and at their first meeting there are hoping to find ways to increase their relevance on campus and plan a meet and greet. He also identified some problems he has seen structurally with the Non-Trad Student Council and ASUW so the committee brainstormed some ways we can overcome these such as having them be a part of the restructuring ASUW conversation and advertising elections to Non-Trad students. Finally, we discussed the First Year Senate Mentorship Program requirements briefly and are excited to get started."

The restructuring ad-hoc committee reported "The Ad-Hoc met twice last week to finalize the white paper. The white paper was successfully submitted last week to Provost Carman and President Siedel. The final copy is located in the SharePoint if you would like to see what the final version looked like. It contains a lot of data and graphs from the student issues survey to back up our statements to If you have any questions about it, I am more than happy to discuss it with you. Following this, it does look like Provost Karman wants to meet and discuss some of the topics in the white paper but we are not 100% sure of that yet or what that meeting will look

like. The ad-hoc has now turned its attention to restructuring ASUW. ASUW will be impacted by the restructuring of the University so we are focusing on that impact and how ASUW can be better structured to be as most functional as possible. Due to the time sensitivity of this project and the wide range of topics needing to be addressed, the Ad-Hoc will now be meeting twice a week, Mondays from 12-1 and Thursdays from 7-8am both times in the ASUW conference room. Along with the ASUW restructuring, another quick thing we will be addressing on Thursday is the school of computing where we will be taking a closer look at that proposed school and discussing it in further detail.”

Safety and Wellness reported they met at their usual time and are continuing working on their campaign for using reusable masks and are working on finding the best way to share this information with the student body.

Student Organization and Funding Board reported “SOFB met at our usual time yesterday and heard two requests. One event request for "Keepers of the Fire" and one competition registration for "Wyoming Motor Sports." Both requests were approved.”

Student Outreach and Programming reported “SOP met at our normal time last Wednesday at 6pm. We are holding a tabling event in the COE Library next week: Monday the 11th through Thursday the 12th from 11am-1pm. We will be giving out snacks and possibly scantrons to increase students' motivation during midterms.”

Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review reported that the fee Memo had been sent out and groups have begun scheduling meetings.

College Contact Reports

The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources had no report .

The College of Arts and Sciences had no report.

The College of Business had no report.

The College of Education reported that ACTE had their first meeting.

The College of Engineering and Applied Sciences had no report.

The Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources had no report.

The College of Health Sciences had no report.

The College of Law had no report

School of Energy Resources reported they are a small school with a good community and that the school offers two majors.

OLD BUSINESS

Senator Ebben moved to suspend the Abernathy clause.
Senator Rhymes seconded.
The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

UMC Budget Realignment
Budget and Planning gave a do-pass recommendation.
Senator Ebben moved to approve the UMC Budget Realignment.
Senator Smith seconded.
The motion passed via a roll call vote of 25-0.

SB #2757: Outlining the Requirements for Budget Realignment Requests.
The bill was read for the first time.
The bill was steered to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Budget and Planning; Programs and Institutional Development

Confirmation of New Senators
Senator Ebben moved to approve the confirmation of Montgomery Hughes.
Senator Smith seconded.
The motion was approved unanimously via a standing vote 25-0.

Swearing in of New Senators.
The newly confirmed Senator was sworn in by Vice President Anderson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Talamantes announced that student success services is hosting FAFSA workshops. There will be one on October 27th behind Rolling Mill Café.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier announced “CSIL is looking to hire a part-time videographer so if you think you would be a good fit or know of anyone who would be a good fit, let me know and I can get you in contact with the application process”.

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Sapien asked for certain students to stay after the meeting to discuss an upcoming project he will be working on.

Senator Titus announced that the Foodshare pantry will have its grand opening and there will be catering. She announced this is a great opportunity to get more involved with campus and become more aware of the resources on campus.

President Swilling wanted to bring to the senate's attention the Higher Education Relief fund which is money available for students.

Vice President Anderson announced for the new Senators to stay after the meeting for a quick moment.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:26pm. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on October 12th, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

Kathryne Carrier
Chief of Legislative Affairs-109th Administration

