

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The November 9th, 2021, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Anderson at 7:00 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 Bowers, Craig, Dawson, Houghton, Laverell, and Nwokejiobi were not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the November 2nd, 2021, senate meeting was approved without objection, as electronically circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved, without objection, as electronically circulated.

OPEN FORUM

James Charles Lake addressed the Senate to discuss his perception on how ASUW appears to have a lack of touch with constituents. He then declared himself an independent watchdog of ASUW and stated he would like to receive the regular emails sent out by ASUW on a weekly basis. He then began to discuss an individual who had addressed the Senate in a previous week regarding the mask mandate. James stated that he had conducted his own survey with students who were present at the most recent football game. For his survey, he asked 135 students outside of the game whether or not they supported the mask mandate or not. From the students he had surveyed, he found that 108 of the students did not support the mask mandate. Due to this, he encourages ASUW to conduct a new survey asking for student opinion on the masks and to revisit the mask mandate in regard to student opinion.

SPECIAL EVENT

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier, President Swilling, and Senator Rhymes from the Ad-Hoc restructuring committee addressed the Senate tonight to discuss the new proposed restructuring of ASUW. ASUW is pursuing a restructure as the University of Wyoming (UW) is also pursuing a restructure of the University. With the restructure of the University, there would be the creation of new colleges and the discontinuation of some colleges. Due to this, the Ad-Hoc restructuring committee was first tasked with reworking elections to fit in line with the new structure of the University and to address structural inefficiencies in the ASUW Senate. The Ad-Hoc restructuring committee has devised a new plan to better model the ASUW Senate to serve fellow students in the best manner possible. The plan first begins with having a Senate of only 21 Senators as 21 is usually the number of Senate seats that are filled on average and a smaller body is often more efficient. Next, instead of being elected based on Colleges, the Senators would be

elected through a student at large model. Having a Senate that is meant to focus on student at large issues would allow for a more united front on issues that all students face. Additionally, this would eliminate the problem of vacant seats in certain colleges and inequitable distributions. The next part of the proposed plan is to pay Senators. All Senators will be paid \$10 an hour with the ability to work up to 9 hours a week and committee chairs to work up to 11 hours a week. The total cost needed by ASUW to pay Senators is \$68,865.72 a year and ASUW needs \$36,865.72 to be able to reach this number. The ASUW steering committee and ASUW Advisor would be responsible for ensuring that Senators are being truthful, effective, and responsible with their hours. Next, the plan no longer has 8 committees but rather 7. Student outreach and programming is to be combined with elections while all other committees would remain the same. In order to ensure that college representation is still seen in ASUW, a college council would be created. Every college will get one representative who is chosen through an application and interview process. This college representative is meant to focus on very college specific issues and is meant to meet with their dean once a month and hold office hours once a month as well. The presentation ended with discussing future topics the committee will be addressing which includes reviewing Senator duties, the voting method, programs, and writing legislation. A post presentation survey for feedback was sent out. If interested in attending and sharing thoughts, the Ad-Hoc restructuring committee meets Monday 12pm-1pm in the ASUW conference room and Thursday 7am-8am in the ASUW conference room.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Swilling first reported that one of his primary focuses of the week was the restructuring of the University and ASUW. He reported that the University will be delaying the resfor a year until July 2023. He has a meeting Provost Carman and Vice President Anderson on Thursday to discuss this update further. He then discussed that the DACA and international student endowments are coming along nicely. He also reported that he will begin sitting on the family and consumer sciences 2-13 review committee. This committee will be reviewing the breakup of the family and consumer science program. If you are interested on sitting on this 2-13 review committee or any other ones, let President Swilling know and he can provide you an invite. He then reported that ASUW had their fee hearing with the tuition allocation and student fee review committee. ASUW is requesting a fee increase and this money from the increase will go towards pro-staff salaries and paying Senators. Next, he reported that efforts with the proposed School of Computing are continuing and he, Director Brown, and Senator Engel-Cartie will be sitting on a committee to further review the proposed School. He then discussed how ASUW is missing many of the pro-staff positions and has been working with University administration to rework some pro-staff positions. He then discussed how he has been working to better situate ASTEC for the future. President Swilling has also been sitting on a working group that is revieing the Laramie policing and is coming to a recommendation to the city council to see what can be done to better improve the Laramie police. This working group is meeting once a week and will be delivering a report to the city council by the 31st of December. He then reported the board of trustees is meeting next week from Wednesday through Friday and that the agenda is publicly available. If there are any topics you feel particularly strong about, let him know. With this, he reported that the board will be voting to extend the mask mandate and that he will be voting in

favor of this as this is what the student opinion wants and represents. Finally, he reported that he has given many interviews to the branding iron which are now publicly available.

Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam said “Besides my usual duties, I have been heading the search for our marketing intern for the Spring semester alongside Director of Marketing Clark and President Swilling, we are currently seeking departmental approval for the internship before launching into a more in-depth search for candidates. Over the past week, I have been working with students both within and outside of ASUW to film videos for our social media campaign about why students wear their face masks on campus. These videos will be posted in the next few weeks, and as mentioned at last Senate meeting, Senators are also welcome to film these videos about why you wear a mask if you feel comfortable. Lastly, this week I have been making sure all Executives are focusing on self-care and personal wellness, and I encourage Senators to do the same. As you all may have noticed, there is much burnout within the student body right now, and we must remember to be taking care of ourselves and of each other. Tonight, I will also be giving a report on behalf of our Director of Partners, Programs, and Events, Ashton J. Hacke. Director Hacke met with the Sustainability Coalition for their monthly meeting last week, and he looks forward to meeting with IFC and CPH in the coming weeks. Director Hacke also finished writing a piece of the section 8 rewrite and will be submitting this to Steering next week as well as continuing to write the other sections of the bill. Tonight, I will also be giving a report on behalf of our Director of Marketing, Kaycee Clark. Last week, Director Clark worked on the safety and wellness mask campaign on social media and began work on the next episode of the ASUW podcast. This upcoming week, he is working on the podcast, social media for the four senate vacancies, the ASUW WyoCourses page, and beginning the marketing for the ASUW marketing internship. Tonight, I will also be giving a report on behalf of our Director of Governmental and Community Affairs, Allison Brown. Over the past week, Director Brown has continued her work with a Good Samaritan Policy. Director Brown and Director Mclean, alongside Senator Bowls and Senator McGee, met with representatives from the A-Team. The meeting was incredibly productive, and Director Brown will be presenting ASUW’s work on a Good Samaritan Policy soon. At ADP, Director Brown and Senator Mclean also presented their work on the topic, and they look forward to continued collaboration with ADP as well as meeting with the Student Wellness Advisory Board about the policy. Director Brown continues to work with Director Mclean on a resolution compiling all of their research and policy recommendations. Director Brown continues to work with Mayor Weaver and city council representatives on ordinances for tenant, property management company, and landlord rights. Nothing yet has been proposed to her, but when she receives anything, she will inform the senate. Additionally, with the ad-hoc restructuring committee, Director Brown will sit on a School of Computing advisory board with President Sidel and other university stakeholders, alongside President Swilling and Senator Engel-Cartie. She looks forward to this work and ensuring ASUW’s concerns with the School of Computing are adequately addressed. Tonight, I will also be giving a report on behalf of our Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Ivan Sapien. Over the past week, Director Sapien has been reaching out to student organizations to establish their first roundtable meeting with the goal to receive all final responses by this Friday. The majority of Director Sapien’s time this week has been spent working on the DACA Endowment scholarship creation, and meetings have been set with ADP, President Swilling, and the MRC Advisor Melanie Vigil to discuss what will best benefit students when it comes to this endowment. This conversation will be ongoing, and Director Sapien asks that students with

comments or concerns regarding the DACA Endowment Scholarship reach out to him in the next few weeks. This concludes my own report as well as those not present, please direct any questions about specific reports to Directors emails or stop by their office hours.”

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier said “Most of this past week has been spent in fee hearings and working with the tuition allocation and student fee review committee. As always, I have also been consistently working with the Ad-Hoc committee and I spent a lot of time preparing the special event we had earlier tonight. I also attended staff senate last week where I learned that the University is no longer going through restructuring or at least they have put a pin in it for another year so that was fun to learn. Some of the most notable things at that meeting was that they passed a resolution in support of a faculty senate resolution that asked the University for 3 more months to review the restructuring plan, even though they had just found out that we would be given another year, they still decided to pass that anyways. Additionally, the passed a resolution in support of our school of computing resolution so that was pretty cool to see. Tomorrow I have a meeting with our Director of Diversity and Inclusion Sapien and a few others from the international students and scholars to discuss how international students can be better included into the Senate next year and if paying Senators will have any implications on the number of hours international students are allowed to work per week. I am continuing to help directors, senators, and first-year senators with legislation and am working on writing my own legislation as well.”

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Sapien’s report was included with Chief of Staff’s Homer-Wambeams.

Director of Finance and Student Organizations Reyes-Aguilar’s reported “This week a large portion of my time has been dedicated to hearing special project requests. I look forward to meeting with Budget & Planning to discuss which projects will be funded. I have also been working on finalizing some details for a Financial Wellness event this November alongside the Financial Wellness committee. I have also (finally) finished working on the list of active student organizations. I know a few Senators and Directors have asked me for this list in the past, so if anyone still needs it, please feel free to email me or stop by my office hours for the list. Over the next week, I will be working with Director Stadler to make some minor changes to the Finance Policy and also continuing to work on our Financial Wellness Events. I will also continue to work with Funding Board to create legislation to create grants for new Student Orgs.”

Director of Financial Planning and Analysis Stadler said “This week I have been working on planning for the two upcoming Financial Wellness events – Cash Cart and Funds under the Sun. I have been attending Fee Hearings and Special Projects. I will be meeting with the Athletic Planning Committee, financial committee tomorrow to learn more about their current budget.”

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

Director of Marketing Clark’s report was included in Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam’s.

Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke's report was included with Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam's.

Director of Wellness and Sustainability McLean reported that her work with the medical amnesty legislation has been communicated in Director Brown's report. She also reported that she is working with Director Clark to advertise wellness resources on social media. Finally, she reported she is continuing to restock the food share pantries.

The Judicial Council was not present.

Vice President Anderson reported that most of his time has been spent with fee hearings and tuition allocation student fee review committee. He reported that in the coming weeks, he will be focusing more on the First-Year Senate mentorship program and the WyoCourses page. He also reported he had a successful roundtable with committee chairs that was very productive. Finally, he reported that the name plated for new Senators will be in soon.

Project Coordinator Crosby was not present.

Interim ASUW Support Staff Thomson-Lichty said "most of my report has already been covered, as I am working closely with the executives and the Ad-Hoc restructuring committee. Otherwise, I'm making it a priority in my last few weeks to gather information about professional staff. If you have feedback about what professional staff have done or can do to support you in ASUW, please let me know via email or in a meeting."

Ex- Officio Communications

College Panhellenic Council reported that their intent to run forms are open and that they will be due November 23. They also reported that they had a coffee chat from 10-11 this morning with those interested in running for Panhellenic. Finally, they reported that they held basecamp this week.

Faculty Senate was not present.

First-Year Senate reported they met and confirmed 3 new First-Year senators. They also reported they had a team building activity for their special event and are continuing to work on legislation.

The Interfraternity Council reported they had their first round of elections this week and will have their second-round next week. They also reported they will be having basecamp this week.

International Students Association reported they have been busy working on an event funded by ASUW. They also reported that tickets for this event will be available for purchase at the Union Information Desk next Wednesday.

Non-Traditional Student Council reported they met where they were joined by President Swilling, Vice President Anderson, and Project Coordinator Crosby. At this meeting, they

discussed events they will have planned for the semester. They also working with the Veterans services to take part in the Veterans roll call. They are also having a tabling event with donuts and hot chocolate at this event. On November 18, they will be having a movie night with dinner.

Residence Halls Association was not present.

The Sustainability Coalition reported they had the ASUW strategic partner meeting and the food security task force meeting. They also reported the climate task force is meeting this Thursday at 11.

Staff Senate was not present.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee was not present.

United Multicultural Council was not present.

Wyoming Honors Organization reported ““On November 6th, which was this last Saturday, 4 volunteers from the Honors Organization stepped up and worked with SafeRide. This was very successful and our organization looks forward to assisting with keeping our Laramie community safe again in the near future.”

Committee Reports

Steering reported they did not meet last week as they had no legislation to steer but they will be meeting this week.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported “ADP met last Friday at our usual time of 2:30p and discussed a variety of topics. We heard updates from Directors Brown and McLean regarding medical amnesty discussions on campus and current student data, and we discussed what future ADP involvement in this issue could look like. We also gave feedback to President Swilling and Director Sapien regarding criteria for ASUW's non-citizen scholarship. And of course, we made a recommendation on the legislation up for second reading tonight.”

Budget and Planning reported “Budget and Planning voted on two budget realignments that are before the Senate tonight and then we had a brief discussion on special projects. We plan on selecting the projects we would like to fund through the SP endowment this Friday.”

Elections reported “The Elections committee met last week at our usual time where We discussed ideas on filing vacant senate seats. We currently have vacant seats for the college of Arts and Science, Health Science, Engineering and Academic Affairs, **Business**. The applications are open currently and are due by the 12th of November. We made a recommendation on the bill which is up for reading tonight. We also talked about ideas on increasing student involvement for the upcoming Election.”

Programs and Institutional Development reported “PID met last week. We had a discussion about ASTEC last week and another discussion about beefing up the by-laws regarding our programs. Unfortunately, we did not have a quorum so we could not make a formal recommendation on tonight’s legislation.”

The restructuring ad-hoc committee reported “When the Ad-Hoc met on Thursday, we recapped on how the meeting with President Seidel went and what actions we would like to pursue next. We decided that we are not going to take any further action until we get a newly updated proposed school of computing plan. However, we did discuss with Director of Marketing Clark about ways we could uniquely and creatively inform students about the school of computing. Also on Thursday, we heard from Director Hacke and Project Coordinator Crosby over potentially combining Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy with Programs and Institutional Development. On Monday we finalized how many senators we wanted the new Senate to have and what we wanted the committees to look like which was all presented earlier. On Thursday, we will be taking a closer look at the requirements and duties of Senators.”

Safety and Wellness reported as mentioned in Director Brown’s report, members of the Safety and Wellness Committee met with the committee chairs of the A-Team to discuss Medical Amnesty. The committee itself met during our usual time, Monday from 3:15-4:00 in the ASUW conference room. We spent our time filming for the mask social media campaign, videos for Instagram of us talking about why we wear our face masks on campus. The committee would like to remind you all that students have until this Friday to film and send their video to the ASUW Instagram page if they would like to participate. I would also like to offer that I would be happy to film a quick video of you right after this senate meeting if you would like to participate and share with students why you wear a mask.

Strategic Planning reported the strategic planning committee met last night. We reviewed the old ASUW strategic plan, talked about some of the faults in the old plan, and discussed the process we want to go through this year to make it more inclusive and get more consultation from our branches, programs, partners, and students-at-large. For the rest of the meeting we did a SWOT analysis of ASUW (so discussed our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats). We will be using this SWOT analysis to gather main themes, and use those main themes to create questions for focus groups we want to conduct in the spring. We hope to meet one more time before the end of the semester to plan for focus groups and putting the plan together in the spring.

Student Organization and Funding Board reported SOFB did not meet this week. However, the CCSC will be holding their concert and Dance this Saturday, Nov. 13 at 8-10 pm at the Quadradangle. Additionally next week, ISA will be holding their Etiquette Dinner on 11-20.

Student Outreach and Programming reported they held their event last week and will be meeting at their regular time this week.

Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review reported they are wrapping up their hearings and have two more tomorrow. Once the hearings are complete, they will finish their discussion on the fees and have their legislation written by Friday. To have enough time for their discussions, they will be meeting on Wednesday from 5pm-6pm and Thursday 8am-10am.

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 reported they have been working with student leadership and student organizations to see how the college of business can support the organizations. They also reported they are working more with ASUW to see how the college and ASUW can work together.

The College of Education had no report.

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 had no report.

OLD BUSINESS

Senate Bill #2759: Defining ASUW General Elections.

The bill was read for a second time.

Ad-Hoc Restructuring gave a do-pass with amendments recommendation.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy gave a do-pass recommendation.

Elections unofficially gave a do-pass with amendments recommendation.

Programs and Institutional Development unofficially gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Wilkins moved to pass SB #2759.

Senator Smith seconded.

Senator Catronovo moved to amend SB #2759 to reflect the changes made by Ad-Hoc Restructuring and Elections as electronically circulated prior to the meeting.

Senator Smith seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Senator Rhymes moved to suspend the Abernathy clause.

Senator Smith seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Debate continued on the original, amended, motion.

The motion passed unanimously, 23-0, via roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Supplemental Pay for Supervision of ASTEC Services Budget Realignment.

Budget and Planning recommended a do-pass.
Senator True moved to approve the realignment.
Senator Wilkins seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via standing vote.

Accountant Support Compensation Budget Realignment
Budget and Planning recommended a do-pass.
Senator Rhymes moved to approve the realignment.
Senator Catronovo seconded.

Senator Smith moved to amend the realignment to read that budget and
planning approved the realignment request,
Senator Wilkins seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Student-at-Large of the Month

First- Year Senator Petri nominated Piper Thomson.
President Swilling nominated Rashmi Thapa.
Senator Titus nominated Octavio Vasquez.
Ex-Officio Vasquez nominated Adlynn Jamaludin.

Octavio Vasquez was selected as the student-at-large for the month for October.

Senator of the Month

Senator Talamantes nominated Senator Rhymes.
President Swilling nominated Senator Ewalt.
Senator Anderson nominated Senator Castronovo.

Senator Rhymes was selected as the Senator of the month for October.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Hughes announced that the College of Energy resources is blocking a 2 hour period in the STEM building will be having a 3D visualization center

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier reminded everyone to email her any reports given during the meeting and thanked everyone who has been doing that.

Senator Talamantes announced that she works in the office of student success and that they are hiring new cowboy coaches for the Spring.

Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam announced that she is willing to film a quick video of you and why you wear a mask after Senate.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 9:10pm. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on November 16th, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

Kathryne Carrier

