

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The February 1st, 2022, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Anderson at 7:02pm. The land acknowledgement statement and mission statement were read, and the Pledge of Allegiance was done at individual member's discretion.

ROLL CALL

Senator Bowers was not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the January 25th, 2022, senate meeting was approved without objection, as electronically circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Senator Castronovo moved to add, approval of Bangladesh Night Event Budget between Senate bill 2781 and the confirmation of new Senators.

The motion was approved without objection.

The agenda was approved, as amended, without objection.

OPEN FORUM

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

SPECIAL EVENT

Nycole Courtney, Riley Talamantes, and John Houghton from the office of student success addressed the Senate tonight to discuss the office of student success, saddle up, and cowboy coaching. Nycole Courtney is the assistant vice president of student success and graduation, she started this position during the pandemic and expressed great gratitude to see students in-person. John Houghton was a former ASUW Senator and Vice President and now works as the new program coordinator of saddle up and Riley Talamantes was a former ASUW Senator and President and is now the program coordinator for the Cowboy coaching program. They first began with discussing how they are apart of the wellness cluster of student affairs and work on taking a holistic approach to wellness and are working towards preventative student health. They also state that the university counseling center, disability support services, student health, and campus recreation are all also part of the wellness cluster of student affairs. They then began to discuss the goals of the student success and graduation office. Their goals are to support and prepare students as they transition from High School into College, connect students with resources and help them stay enrolled as they navigate difficult life experiences, and guide students to graduate in the target 4 year window of graduation to avoid prolonged graduation. Then, they discussed what the student success and graduation office does. One of the first things

they do is bridge the gap between academic affairs and student affairs so that graduation goals are based in both classroom and wellness support. They also coordinate commencement, parent/family connection, cowboy coaching, and peer mentoring. Finally, they are currently working on making Cowboy Coaching more integrative, weaving in Cowboy Coaching in advising and technology like Navigate. They then began to discuss their newest venture of Saddle Up. Saddle up is meant to help with the transition from High School into College by providing a mock college experience the week before classes start. The core of this week is a class for first-year students that corresponds with their selected college. This mock class that students will be taking is not intended to be a full college class, but to give exposure to the expectations and implicit academic skills such as how to read a syllabus and pacing yourself with assignments. There are similar programs implemented at peer institutes which have demonstrated improved retention rates and first-year students are feeling greater connection with campus and their peers. Finally, they presented leadership opportunities in saddle up such as being a poke pack leader. In this position you would welcome the newest class and serve as an “intrusive academic and personal mentor” during their weeklong period where you would manage 6-8 students in your group. You would also be given a \$600 stipend for participation and have the potential to earn more if you work as an SI leader. They are taking applications now and are looking for 200+ students to staff this program.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Swilling’s report was read by Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam.

Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam said “ I will be reading a report on behalf of President Swilling, who could not be here with us tonight. It has been quite a busy week for President Swilling, he has very been busy attending dinner interviews with the Vice-Presidential Candidates for the Office of Research and Economic Development. The final meeting of the search committee will be Feb. 9th. Some exciting news to report on, the ASUW Ballot Referendum on Senate Bill 2769 officially passed! It received 68.8% of the vote with 728 votes, meaning that the ASUW Senate will officially be shrinking to 21 members that will be elected at-large for this next academic year. President Swilling wants to inform you that he knows that some of you have received an email today regarding your participation in the upcoming strategic planning process for UW. If you have received one of these, please reply with either your acceptance or denial of the invitation by this Friday, Feb. 4th. Please feel free to email either Anne Alexander or President Swilling with any questions or concerns. President Swilling has also been in discussion with Steve Barrett and Misty Eaton regarding the Equitable Access textbook program. This is a proposed program where students automatically receive access to online versions of their textbooks for one fixed price each semester. To the best of his knowledge, it would not be optional. Senate hosted a special event on this program earlier in the semester. If you have any feedback on this, please let either myself or President Swilling know as soon as possible. This concludes President Swilling’s report. Moving on to my own report: Over the past two weeks I took sick leave due to serious illness. I am excited to report that this semester I have been elected to serve as Co-Chair of the ASUW Strategic Planning Committee and I look forward to working alongside President Swilling and the other committee members on writing our four-year strategic

plan. This semester I was also asked to sit as the ASUW representative on the Student Media Board, the first meeting of which I attended last Friday over Zoom. I will report back with any relevant to senate information from these meetings in the coming months. Tonight I will also be giving a report on behalf of our Director of Finance and Student Organizations, Nicole Reyes-Aguilar. This week Director Reyes-Aguilar has been working on finalizing events for Financial Wellness month during February. She has also spent the week working on creating budgets for Student Org Funding Board and Financial Wellness. Over the next week, Director Reyes-Aguilar will continue to work on Financial Wellness events as well as work with the Budget and Planning committee to hear budget requests and have budget deliberation day on Sunday. This concludes my own report as well as those not present. Although I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the new Senators being sworn in tonight, congratulations in advance, I look forward to working with you all in the future!”

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier said “First of all, I want to remind everyone that the ASUW scholarships are completely up and running and they can all be applied for on WyoScholarships and more information can be found on our websites. There is a wide range of scholarships fitting all sorts of demographics so I highly encourage you all to take a look at them. Additionally, ex-officios, I would highly recommend you also share that these scholarships are out with your more specific organizations. With the scholarships, I will be having forming small review committees in the coming weeks to help review applicants and pick those winners. Other than that, I am just continuing to work on my regular duties. Finally, as I am sure you have all noticed, we are confirming and welcoming many new Senators into the Senate tonight, so I just ask that you are all very welcoming to them and take the time to get to know them.”

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Sapien’s time this past few meek has been spent attending various organization’s meetings and finding ways ASUW can assist them. Additionally, he has been assisting with financial wellness month and associated events. He is also excited to join the DEI search team which begins later this month.

Director of Finance and Student Organizations Reyes-Aguilar’s report was read by Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam.

Director of Financial Planning and Analysis Stadler reported Last week I began the planning for a successful Financial Wellness Month. Also, Cash Cart occurred last week and I want to thank everyone that helped with the event. This Friday will be the first Financial Wellness Month event at 12:30 pm in the Center Ballroom with a Founder of a CPA firm to discuss how to start your own business and there will be a mac and cheese bar at the event. I have started to review the changes to the fees and tuition this year in order to make an analysis this semester. This week I will be focusing on budget hearings and budget deliberation day as well as planning events.”

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

Director of Marketing Clark said “This past week I have been continuing work on the WyoCourses, our podcast on financial wellness month with Directors Stadler and Reyes-Aguilar,

and of course social media. If you have any questions about my current projects please email me or come and visit me.”

Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke had no report.

Director of Wellness and Sustainability McLean reported “I have been attending meetings with the Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, which is why I have not been present recently. We are working on ways to have survivors of domestic and sexual violence to advocate for themselves in the greater Wyoming community and I am hopeful to keep you all updated on that progress. I am working with Green Dot on Love Month this month. Finally, I am working with Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam and Director Sapein on planning Mental Health Week, and I will provide you all with more information as we know it.”

The Judicial Council was not present.

Vice President Anderson first reported that any meetings a committee may hold outside of their regular meeting time is still required and will count for an unexcused absence if not attended. Next, he reported that if you received the ASUW Senator Scholarship that you will need to go into WyoScholarships and accept the scholarship. He also reported on equitable access and stated that there will be smaller groups that are formed to give more feedback on the program. If you are interested in giving feedback, let President Swilling or Vice President Anderson know. Finally, he reminded everyone to close laptops during special events and that the attire is business casual.

Project Coordinator Crosby reported that she supported the cash cart event, set goals with the office redesign committee, and worked on events with multicultural affairs and UMC. She also met with the non-traditional students council’s President to discuss upcoming events. She also sat on the search committee to find viable candidates for the assistant coordinator position within ASUW and touched based with student legal services to gather data and discuss the potential of a special event. Additionally, she has been scheduling meetings with executives to touch base and check in on how current projects are going. She is now spending more focus on first-year senate and will also be in attendance to various committee meetings as well as budget hearings. Finally, she announced that the student leadership conference is this Saturday and to not hesitate to reach out to her if you need anything.

Accountant Shaef first gave a shoutout to Senator Engel-Cartie who has been consistently present and attending all budget hearings where he has been actively engaged with listening and asking questions. Finally, she wanted to welcome all new Senators and stated that while Senate may seem overwhelming at first, it gets easier. Additionally, she said to stop by the ASUW office anytime to get to meet and know everyone.

Ex- Officio Communications

College Panhellenic Council reported that they had a retreat with IFC and that their chapters are continuing with continuous open bidding.

Faculty Senate was not present.

First-Year Senate reported they met tonight and moving their meeting time back to start at 5:15pm was approved.

The Interfraternity Council reported they had their compass with CPH which went well. They also have their budget hearing and a meeting with ASUW this week.

International Students Association reported they have coffee hours where you can interact with other international students.

Non-Traditional Student Council was not present.

Residence Halls Association was not present.

The Sustainability Coalition had their first meeting tonight to discuss proposals to work with the campus for sustainability actions and programs.

Staff Senate was not present.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee was not present.

United Multicultural Council was not present.

Wyoming Honors Organization was not present.

Committee Reports

Steering reported they met to make recommendations on the legislation steered to them and also steered all new legislation.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported “ADP met on Sunday at 3p via Zoom. We made recommendations on steered legislation, reviewed questions written for the upcoming student issues survey, and decided on a new meeting time that would be much more convenient and less rage-inducing for all members. ADP will now meet from 12-1p on Wednesdays for the remainder of the semester.”

Budget and Planning reported “Budget and Planning did not meet last week to give our members a small break in preparation for this week of budget hearings. We are currently in the process of hearing budget proposals from all of our partners, so this is a very full week for us. Our Budget Deliberation Day will be this Sunday, so please contact Accountant Schaefer or myself if you have any questions. We have confirmed our permanent meeting time for Friday afternoons from 2:30-3:30 in the Conference Room. A reminder to our committee members, please watch our Zoom recordings if you have not been able to attend the budget hearings thus far.”

Elections reported the met last week at their usual time and put forth the candidates for Senate today. They also discussed the legislation steered to them.

Programs and Institutional Development reported “we met last week on Friday and set goals for the upcoming semester and began conversations with Director Hacke and Accountant Schaefer about the evaluation and potential restructuring of some of ASUW’s programs.”

Safety and Wellness reported they were unable to meet but are looking for more Senators to join the committee and if anyone is interested in joining to reach out.

Student Organization and Funding Board reported they heard two event requests, including a Bangladesh night event.

The restructuring Ad-Hoc reported “he ad-hoc met briefly on Friday to discuss the piece of legislation steered to us. We will be meeting hopefully in person this week where we will dive into a deeper discussion about our partners.”

Strategic planning reported “Strategic Planning met Monday morning from 8am to 9, we spent our time reading past ASUW strategic plans, noting the positives and negatives of each plan in the hopes to write the best new plan as possible.”

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 “I attended the ACTE meeting last Wednesday where I was able to listen in on conversations about updated class schedules and degree programs to be implemented in the next fall semester for the College of Education. Our next meeting will be held at the end of February.”

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 #2777: Changes to the ASUW Standing Committees

The bill was read for a second time.

Ad-Hoc Restructuring gave a do-pass recommendation.

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

Elections gave a do-pass recommendation.

Steering gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Laverell moved to pass Senate Bill #2777.

Senator Pradhanang seconded.

Senator Engel-Cartie moved to adopt the amendments made by advocacy, diversity, and policy as electronically circulated prior to the meeting.

The chair accepted the amendments as friendly.

Senator Castronovo moved to suspend the Abernathy clause.

Senator rhymes seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a standing vote.

The motion passed unanimously as amended via a roll call vote, 20-0.

Senate Bill #2778: Amending Article 5 of the ASUW By-Laws to Allow for an At-Large Senate Election

The bill was read for a second time.

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

Elections gave a do-pass with amendments recommendation.

Steering gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Engel-Cartie moved to pass SB #2778.

Senator Smith seconded.

Senator Ewalt moved to amend line 12 to change but if to be it.

Senator Pradhanang seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Senator True moved to adopt amendments as made by the Elections committee as electronically circulated prior to the meeting.

Senator Smith seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Senator Ewalt moved for a friendly amendment to add a space in addendum A between composition in Article 5, Section 2, line A.

The amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion passed unanimously as amended via a roll call vote, 20-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill #2779: Incorporating Financial Need as a Selection Component for all ASUW Scholarships

The bill was read for a first time.

The bill was steered to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Budget and Planning.

Senate Bill #27780: Defining and Reducing the Scope of the Associated Students Technical Services

The bill was read for a first time.

The bill was steered to Budget and Planning; Programs and Institutional Development.

Senate Bill #2781: Allowing the ASUW President to Appoint Three Executives with the Advice and Consent of the Intersession Oversight Committee

The bill was read for a first time.

The bill was steered to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Steering

Approval of Bangladesh Night Event Budget

Student Organization Funding Board gave a do-pass with amendments recommendation.

Senator Pradhanang moved to approve the Bangladesh night event budget.

Senator Bowles seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a standing vote.

Confirmation and Swearing in of New Senators

The following Senators were confirmed and sworn into their respective colleges:

Olivia Shoemaker- Arts and Sciences

Madyson Willis- Arts and Sciences

Md Ahsanul Haque- Arts and Sciences

Larissa Rutz- Education

Mohamed Abdalla- Engineering

Jared Clapper- Business

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator True announced that elections will not be meeting tomorrow.

Senator Rhymes announced that Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy will be meeting on Wednesday from 12-1pm.

Vice President Anderson announced that all new Senators will have a training session to get them caught up to speed before the next meeting and to be on the lookout for an email from him.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 9:08pm. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on January 25th, 2022, at 7:00pm in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

Kathryne Carrier
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