

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The February 15th, 2022, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Anderson at 7:03pm. The land acknowledgement statement and mission statement were read, and the Pledge of Allegiance was done at individual member's discretion.

ROLL CALL

Senators Anderson, Abdalla, Bogus, and Hughes were not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the February 8th, 2022, senate meeting was approved without objection, as electronically circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Senator Rhymes moved to add Accountant Shaef's report to right after Project Coordinators Crosby's.

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

OPEN FORUM

Riley Skorcz, President of Queer Community Coalition addressed the Senate to speak in support of Senate Bill #2787. Riley stated the queer community coalition were worried that the senate file would cause Wyoming to fulfill the stereotypes of being a Conservative state and was surprised that the University was a welcoming place. The Queer Community Coalition offers support for the bill and overall questions that might be had about the LGBT+ community and any issues for it.

Peri Hennigar, the communication coordinator of QCC and female athlete on the UW Track team addressed the Senate to state their support for SB #2787. Peri stated that they had asked other athletes how they felt about trans students competing against trans athletes and most had stated that they felt safe and comfortable doing so.

Zoey Fulton addressed the Senate to support SB #2787. Zoey is from Powell, Wyoming and has experienced a feeling on unwelcomeness from their hometown. However, the University has changed this feeling and hopes that it can continue to be this.

Beck, a senior accounting student originally from Colorado was unable to find sense of community until they came to the University and hopes that the University will be able to support others in a similar situation starting with passing SB #2787.

Elana Nachbar addressed the Senate to express their opposition to the bill citing that it was unfair to those competing in sports with those who have biological differences as biological males will have an unfair advantage against biological females.

SPECIAL EVENT

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier presented to the Senate tonight to discuss the various scholarships that ASUW offers. She first gave a brief overview of the scholarships and stated that ASUW offers 9 scholarships and have \$88,000 in scholarship money to award. All UW students are allowed to apply for the scholarships and scholarship recipients are selected through committees comprised of Senators, Executives, and students-at-large. For each scholarship, she went over the purpose of the scholarship, how much can be awarded from each, the chair of the committee, the committee composition, and the application deadline. The first scholarship was the ASUW Child Assistance Scholarship meant for students with a dependent child there is \$5000 to award and the committee is chaired by the ASUW Director of Wellness and Sustainability. The next scholarship was the ASUW Service-Learning Exchange Scholarship which is for students heavily involved with community service and/or going on a service learning exchange trip and is chaired by the ASUW Chief of Legislative Affairs. The next scholarship is the ASUW Leadership Scholarship for UW students which is for students showing great involvement with leadership there is \$40000 to award and is chaired by the ASUW Director of Governmental and Community Affairs. The next scholarship is the ASUW Leadership Scholarship for High School Students. This one is for incoming freshman who have shown outstanding leadership and involvement, had \$40,000 to award, and is chaired by the ASUW Director of Governmental and Community Affairs. The next scholarship is the James C Hurst scholarship which is for marginalized/underrepresented students, there is \$6000 to award, and is chaired by the ASUW Director of Diversity and Inclusion. The next scholarship is the Charlotte Hearne Davis scholarship which is for First-Year Senators, there is \$8000 to award and is chaired by the First-Year Senate Advisor. Then there is the Freshman textbook scholarship which is for freshman to buy textbooks and the committee is entirely ran by first-year senators. There is also the opportunity for excellence scholarship which is for students with unmet financial needs. There is \$10000 to award and the committee is chaired by the ASUW Chief of Legislative Affairs. The final scholarship offered is the DACA/International Students Scholarship which is for DACA or international students. This is a new scholarship so exact amounts and details are still being worked on. All scholarships close on March 15th except for the DACA/International Students scholarship which has not been opened yet. Additionally, the Student Learning and Service Exchange Scholarship closes on March 1st. She then wrapped the presentation up with having everyone sign up to be on a committee.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Swilling first reported that he has been mainly focused on the budget appeals process going on with the budget and planning committee and creating decisions and communication with that. He has also been preparing for the next board of trustees meeting which will be this upcoming week. The topic most up for discussion at this meeting is the mask mandate and whether it shall be continued or not. He shared some statistics from the recent student issues survey on how students felt about the mandate and will be using those to represent students at the meeting. Out of the 17000 responses, 63.01% were in favor of removing the mask mandate. The COVID advisory committee believes that if you are in a classroom then you should wear a mask but everywhere else you do not have to. He also reported that Lucas Hansen is the sole finalist for the ASUW Assistant Director Position. He will be around next Monday in the Union for a

lunch presentation and to meet students. This position helps advise ASUW, oversees the pro-staff, and oversees the executive branch. Finally, he reported that he has been meeting with members from the honors college to discuss implementing a new honors major which would be an interdisciplinary major with different concentrations.

Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam had no report.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier reported “this past week a lot of my time has been spent working with the ad-hoc committee and planning and organizing that, this is also what I will be primarily working on in the coming weeks. Also on my agenda for the coming week is scholarship work with just getting in contact with the scholarship office and creating committees. Also just a house keeping thing for tonight, I sent a follow up email around 5 that has Senate resolution 2785 in it and the committee amendments. Finally, the fun ASUW fact of the week is that in the early 2000s there was a bill to give all of the hot women in ASUW a medal, I haven't found the specific bill in our archives yet but you are more than welcome to dig through the archives to find it.”

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Sapien reported he has been attending various meetings and working in collaboration with others. Additionally, he worked on being involved with securing support for senate resolutions.

Director of Finance and Student Organizations Reyes-Aguilar had no report.

Director of Financial Planning and Analysis Stadler had no report.

Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Brown reported that representative Cheney is visiting tomorrow and will be passing around signup sheet if you are interested in attending. Limited capacity with 25-28 at the most and attire is business casual/professional. She will be sending a survey about college/hometown later. There are three pieces of legislation relating to fiscal State Legislature Resolutions. Monitoring the situation in Cheyenne and if our involvement will be necessary, use these resolutions (the budget ones) to advocate for passage. She is also looking forwards to UW strategic planning and is working in collaboration with QCC/Multicultural Affairs and has been working with Director Sapien and Senator Ewalt on this. She also reported on DEI and LGBTQIA+ cumulative resolutions outlining detailed plans for improving situations on campus with Director Sapien and Project Coordinator Crosby. She is also working with results from the student issues survey with marketing and working on consolidating a report from the fall and spring to distribute results to various stakeholders. Finally she reported her and Director McClean are restarting work with their resolution for a GSP/Medical Amnesty resolution this spring, and will likely bring some of these conversations to ADP and SWOB in the coming weeks.

Director of Marketing Clark's said “This past week, I worked on lots of social media. Additionally, we are in the process of getting the WyoCourses live to students now. Additionally, I am working on getting the next episode of the podcast live with Director McLean and Michelle DiPasquale from the Dean of Students Office. Tomorrow I will be working with the marketing intern, Annie, to photograph the meeting with Representative Cheney and also conducting an interview with her following the event.”

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

Director of Wellness and Sustainability McLean reported “his week, I have been working on planning mental health week.. The rest of my recent activity will be communicated through other reports, if you have any questions please come by my office hours.”

The Judicial Council was not present.

Vice President Anderson reported that he is currently behind on assigning committees but is working to get all of the new Senators assigned. He also wanted to emphasize two things, first that they are in the process of potentially hiring Lucas Hansen as the Assistant Director and that if anyone is interested in meeting him, that they will be sending out a schedule of events. Next, he wanted to emphasize the importance of the budget and stated that it is the most important piece of legislation and that everyone needs to take the time to review it in detail. Finally, he reported that if you are holding an office hour that it is mandated in the by-laws that you are being productive and using it on ASUW specific projects. If you are looking for something to do during office hours, come and talk to him. Finally, he reported that when visiting the ASUW office to please try not and be distracting to the executives working.

Project Coordinator Crosby reported “Last week I sat down and exchanged updates with FSL Advisor Erin Wendover regarding ASUW, IFC, and CPH; I joined PID for the confirmation of Non-Traditional Student Council's newest ASUW Representative, Ex-Officio Rutkowski; I explored Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives and resolutions alongside several Executives; I attended the Juried Art Exhibit at the American Heritage Center – and I really recommend y’all check out some incredible student art starting February 25th; I dialogued with colleagues on the ASUW Assistant Director search committee regarding applicant candidacy; and I offered support for the Restructuring Committee as ASUW navigates an internal restructuring of scope, partners, programs, and stakeholders.

I imagine the rest of my week will focus on creating educational and professional development materials for First Year Senate; supporting United Multicultural Council's African Diaspora event this Friday from 7-10p in Union’s Center & East Ballrooms where I’ll also offer a brief presentation on understanding and celebrating the ancestors and descendants of the African Diaspora; organizing a résumé workshop for Executives, Senators, and the leadership of our Partners & Programs; and making myself available to any student who might need my assistance.”

Accountant Schaefer gave a shoutout to every senator and executive who has sat on budget and planning this semester. In the last three weeks they have dedicated almost 30 hours alone to the budgets.

Ex- Officio Communications

College Panhellenic Council reported they are looking into doing a Green Dot Event and also had their budget appeal yesterday.

Faculty Senate was not present.

First-Year Senate reported they met and went over the bills up for debate tonight.

The Interfraternity Council had no report.

International Students Association was not present.

Non-Traditional Student Council liaison Gary Rutkowski introduced himself to the Senate tonight and he is the new non-traditional student council ex-officio.

Residence Halls Association was not present.

The Sustainability Coalition reported they had a club meeting today and have also restocked the food pantries. They also worked with the budget and planning committee last week to discuss their budget. Finally, they reported they are tabling tomorrow at student involvement fest.

Staff Senate was not present.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee reported they are working on community service events and working on getting more information spread to student athletes.

United Multicultural Council was not present.

Wyoming Honors Organization had no report.

Committee Reports

Steering reported they met last week to steer the one piece of legislation up for first reading tonight.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy *reported* “ADP met last Wednesday in the ASUW conference room from 12-1p. We made recommendations on steered legislation and heard updates from the Equitable Access team regarding new developments and pricing information in this project.”

Budget and Planning reported “At our committee meeting last Friday, we enjoyed discussing one of the bills up for debate tonight that would provide marketing funding to our student organizations. We agreed that this would be beneficial for the student body. We have also been busy with budget appeals this week, hearing 6 different budgets and just voting on those prior to tonight’s senate meeting. The senate will be hearing our budget legislation for first reading next week and emails will be sent out tomorrow for those that appealed. We continue to meet on Friday afternoons at 2:30 if anyone would ever need to discuss with the committee. Please reach out to me if you have any questions on the budgeting process.”

Outreach, Programming, and Elections had no report.

Programs and Institutional Development reported “PID met on Friday and discussed the bill steered to us. We also performed a screening interview for the Non-Traditional Student Council ASUW Liaison position and confirmed Mr. Gary Rutkowski who is joining us for his first meeting tonight.”

Safety and Wellness reported “Safety and wellness met during our usual meeting time, 2:30 PM on Mondays in the ASUW conference room. On Tuesday Feb 22, we will be giving out hot chocolate and winter safety supplies in Simpson Plaza from 11-1.”

Student Organization and Funding Board reported “SOFB met yesterday at 3:30 in the Big Horn Room. We heard an event request from the Black Student Alliance for a Mental Wellness workshop – it was approved. We also heard from the Cliché Can Kill for a creative writing workshop – also approved. We also heard from the Sigma Chi Fraternity for another workshop – which was also approved. For upcoming events, Bangladesh night is February 19th at 4pm, black student alliance mental wellness workshop is February 25th at 5pm, Indian Spring Fest March 12th at 12pm, and the cowboy country swing club dance competition March 26th at 6pm.

The restructuring Ad-Hoc reported “ when the ad-hoc met on Friday we covered a wide range of topics. First we talked about finding a new meeting time which is still up in the air and unfortunately it is looking like 7am might be a new meeting time but this is yet to be decided. We also brought up the potential of having a co-chair, this would maybe look like having one of the partners co chair with me but this is still up in the air. Finally, we then made a little venn diagram on where our partners and asuw have similar priorities and where we may be a little different, we were joined by members of the interfraternity council for this meeting and it was very helpful to hear and brainstorm with them. In this meeting, we also discussed what specifically ASUW is able to give to our partners and what our partners can give to ASUW. We also touched on a sponsorship plan as proposed by Director Hacke as a new model than our current partnership model but this is still very much in the works.”

Strategic planning reported they did not meet this past week because they are doing their own planning and outlining alongside with the University. They will be finding a new meeting time to develop a core group of dedicated people to focus on the plan. The goal is to find the “goldilocks” of a plan that is not too short or too long.

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 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 Resolution #2782: ASUW Support for Wyoming Legislature HB#0028: Hathaway Scholarship.

The resolution was read for a second time.

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

Senator Ewalt moved to pass SR #2782.

Senator Castronvo seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a roll call vote, 24-0.

Senate Resolution #2783: ASUW Support for Wyoming Legislature HB#0031: Wyoming's Tomorrow Scholarship Program

The resolution was read for a second time.

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

Senator Ewalt moved to pass SR #2783.

Senator Castronvo seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a roll call vote, 24-0.

Senate Resolution #2784: ASUW Support for Senate File SF#0030: Wyoming Community College Investment Fund

The resolution was read for a second time.

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

Senator Bell moved to pass SR #2784.

Senator Rhymes seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a roll call vote, 24-0.

Senate Resolution #2785: ASUW Support for the Creation of a Graduate Certificate in Community & Public Health

The resolution was read for a second time.

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

Senator Ewalt moved to pass SR #2785.

Senator True seconded.

The motion passed via a roll call vote, 23-1.

Senate Bill #2786: Funding for the Marketing and Promotion of New Student Organizations

The bill was read for a second time.

Budget and Planning gave a do-pass with amendments recommendation.

Programs and Institutional Development gave a do-pass recommendation.

Student Organization Funding Board gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator True moved to pass SB #2786.

Senator Laverell seconded.

Senator Ewalt moved to amend the motion with the amendments proposed by Budget and Planning as electronically circulated prior to the meeting.

Senator Smith seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

The motion passed unanimously via a roll call vote as amended, 24-0.

Senator Ewalt moved for an eight minute recess.
Senator Castronovo seconded.
The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

The Senate reconvened at 8:20pm.

Senate Resolution #2787: ASUW Opposition to Wyoming State Legislature SF#0051: Fairness in Women's Sports Act

The resolution was read for a second time.
Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy gave a do-pass with amendments recommendation.
Senator Nwokejobi moved to pass SR #2787.
Senator Ewalt seconded.

Senator Rhymes moved to amend the motion with the amendment proposed by advocacy, diversity, and policy as electronically circulated prior to the meeting.

Senator Ewalt seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Senator Castronovo moved the previous question.

Senator True seconded.

The motion passed as amended via a roll call vote, 18-6.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill #2788: Social Media Requirements for ASUW Elections

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to the outreach, programming, and elections; programs and institutional development; advocacy, diversity, and policy; steering

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Swilling announced that the applications to run for Senate or President/Vice President will be open on February 23rd until March 21st.

Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Brown announced she sent out an email to those attending the lunch with Representative Cheney.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 9:37pm. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on February 22nd, 2022, at 7:00pm in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

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