

## **ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

The March 29th, 2022, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Anderson at 7:04pm. The land acknowledgement statement and mission statement were read, and the Pledge of Allegiance was done at individual member's discretion.

### **ROLL CALL**

Senators Bell, Bowles, Dawson, Rutz, and Thompson were not present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the March 22nd, 2022, senate meeting were approved without objection, as electronically circulated.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved, as electronically circulated prior to the meeting, without objection.

### **OPEN FORUM**

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

### **FUNDING BOARD REQUESTS**

Fashion Club- Kaleidoscope Fashion Show

Senator Laverell moved to approve the funding board request for the fashion club kaleidoscope fashion show.

Senator Engel-Cartie seconded.

The motion passed via a standing vote.

Friends of Nepal- Celebrate Nepal Event

Senator Laverell moved to approve the funding board request for the friends of Nepal celebrate Nepal event.

Senator Ewalt seconded.

The motion passed via a standing vote.

### **SPECIAL EVENT**

Vice President Anderson led a Kahoot to educate the Senate about Wyoming and Wyoming History.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

## Executive Reports

President Swilling first reported that the Board of Trustees met last week which he attended. First, the board heard all of the funding priorities from President Seidel which covered a wide variety of initiatives. The board did not approve this funding priority list however because they believed it needed more collaboration with other campus entities and more refinement. They also heard the enrollment report for Spring of 2022 and enrollment did decline about 800 students relative to Spring 2021. Numbers for Fall of 2022 are projected to be higher however. They also discussed plans to increase retention on campus as a lot of students will only take a year worth of classes and then never return. The board also approved four University regulations which were changes to employee specific things such as sick leave. They also got an update from capital construction on projects such as the new dorms and the Ivinson parking garage where things are going ahead as plan. 16.3 million dollars was given from the state legislature to increase salaries of faculty and staff, however, the roll out of this is unknown. There was also funding given to provide a new roof for the Wyoming Union. They also discussed the next generation University legislature program. They also approved a new masters for dietitian and nutrition which will be housed in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Finally, the board selected their new officers for the year as they elect new members every March. President Swilling has also been busy with ASUW specific projects such as onboarding the new ASUW assistant director Lucas Hansen. He has also been helping with elections.

Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam was not present.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier said “I will first began by reading the report of Director of Marketing Clark, Director Clark is working on the elections and all marketing for elections. He will also be working on the next episode of the podcast soon with hopes that it will be just like the previous Director of Marketing’s pilot episode on candidates running in the election. For my own report, most of my time has been spent working with scholarships. A note with that, just a few of you have been moved around on committees as sent out in an email last week. For those of you who got shifted around, you won’t be able to review applicants yet in WyoScholarships as you are still being added to the system. You will be able to still review the other applicants of the committees you were on originally so you are more than welcome to still review and sit on that committee as well if you would like. As a reminder please make sure you are responding to your scholarship chair’s emails as it is a requirement you actively serve on at least one scholarship committee this year. If you have any questions or confusions about this, please let me know. I have also been assisting Senators with pieces of Legislation and assisting and supporting various Senators and Executives with projects and initiatives.”

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Sapien had no report.

Director of Finance and Student Organizations Reyes-Aguilar was not present.

Director of Financial Planning and Analysis Stadler had no report.

Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Brown reported that she is looking to write legislation in response to the City Council Working Group for Police and community. She is also

working on rising student wages and has a meeting with Senators Engel-Cartie and Ewalt to discuss this issue. She is also looking forwards to her scholarship work with the UW and High School Leadership scholarship and plans to send an email out to committee members soon on information and a when2meet. She is also continuing her work with DEI/LBGTQIA+ communities and CPH. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to her with any questions you may have.

Director of Marketing Clark's report was read by Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier.

Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke was not present.

Director of Wellness and Sustainability McLean reported "Most of my projects are communicated through other reports this evening. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and as such we have a lot cool stuff coming up. I will be working with the Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence Against Domestic Violence And Sexual Assault to hold a Survivor's Story Telling Workshop in April. This will be an opportunity for Survivors of intimate partner and sexual violence to share their stories in a safe space, if you are a survivor who is interested please reach out to me privately and we can discuss that. Additionally, Tuesday April 19, 2022 will be UW Denim Day and the Green Dot Day of Action. Denim Day is held on a different date around the country, April 27, but Green Dot has chosen to make it an entire campus wide event which is why we are holding it earlier. We wear Denim for sexual assault awareness because of a 1998 case where a conviction was overturned due to the victim wearing tight jeans, so we wear denim as a way to combat victim blaming both in the legal system and culture as a whole. Since it is a Tuesday, Vice President Anderson and I would like it if everyone would wear Denim for April 19th's Senate Meeting."

The Judicial Council was not present.

Vice President Anderson reported that he has set a time, date, and place for the Green Dot Training. This training is required and everyone must attend. If you are unable to attend, let him know and he will work something out. If you do not attend this training, then you will be ineligible for the scholarship. This training will be on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 5pm. A diversity training will also be coming up. He also wanted to remind everyone that two service hours with elections outreach is required for this upcoming service period. He also wanted to emphasize the fact that Lucas Hansen will be joining us next week and to try and stop by and say hello. Finally, he reported he is meeting with the sustainability coalition to discuss the partnership.

Project Coordinator Crosby reported "I want to begin this report by informing you all that I will be departing from the University of Wyoming to head home to California and help support my family as a loved one transitions into her next life. My last day as Project Coordinator will be 4/6. Serving ASUW and the UW community has been an immeasurable honor and I will proudly carry the experiences, friendships, and growth I've developed as a UW Cowpoke. Last week, I provided support and planning for ASUW's elections process. This week, I aim to wrap up the creation of my transition documents, finalize my contributions to Directors Brown and Sapien's DEI & LBGTQIA+ resolutions, participate in UW's strategic planning unit dialogue, and support the goals pursued by ASUW's strategic partners.

As always, I am eager to support and guide students as they navigate this collegiate experience. If you'd like to connect, please don't hesitate to reach out to – I'm happy to keep in touch beyond my time on campus.”

Accountant Schaefer reminded everyone that the candidate meet and greet is this Thursday from 11-1. She also stated that the assistant director will be joining us next week and she is very excited to have this roll filled. She also stated to stop by and say bye to Nina on Tuesday in the morning. Finally, her super star shoutout of the week was to the ASUW marketing team with the marketing intern Annie Ripkey and Director of Marketing Kaycee Clark who have been doing awesome work taking on new projects and marketing all ASUW events.

### **Ex- Officio Communications**

College Panhellenic Council reported it is Greek week and that CPH is working on their by-law reviews.

Faculty Senate was not present.

First-Year Senate reported they passed all legislation with no debate.

The Interfraternity Council reported Greek Week is going on and that they are looking over their budgets for the upcoming year.

International Students Association was not present.

Non-Traditional Student Council reported “The Non Traditional Student Council met last Friday for our first of two easter egg stuffing parties, which was very successful. We are well on our way to being ready for our easter event next month. I'll announce the date and location for our second egg stuffing event at next week's meeting.”

Residence Halls Association was not present.

The Sustainability Coalition reported they met with ASUW executives to discuss the future of their program which went very well. They are also planning a glass recycling initiative for Laramie and an Earth Day event.

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 last Friday to steer legislation.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported they just met at 6pm and discussed the legislation up for second reading.

Budget and Planning reported they discussed a realignment which is up for the Senate tonight. They are also working with Senators to rewrite and clarify the finance policy.

Elections reported "OPE met last week and this afternoon at our usual times. Today we discussed and provided recommendations for #SB 2792 and had an insightful listening session with the strategic planning committee. Something on the radar, we have our second candidate meet and greet on the 31st from 11 am-1 pm at the Simpsons plaza, where free chick-fil-a will be distributed! That concludes our report."

Programs and Institutional Development reported "PID met last Friday and discussed the three bills steered to us. We also heard from members of the strategic planning committee and gave some feedback for the upcoming strategic plan. We also finalized the program evaluations form and have begun the process of evaluations for the upcoming year."

Safety and Wellness had no report.

Student Organization and Funding Board reported "SOFB met yesterday at 3:30 in the Warm Valley Room. We heard an event request from the The Kaleidoscope Fashion Show from the Fashion club. We gave a do pass recommendation. Our second request was from friends of Nepal for the Celebrate Nepal Event, we recommended do pass. We also heard a variety of conference and contest requests from the Food Science club for competitions the rest of the semester and the beginning of the summer, it passed. Finally, we heard from the Wyoming Military Law Society for a 5k, it passed. Upcoming events include the equality in c0mputing book club on march 30<sup>th</sup>, Central Asian Awareness Day on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Latter Day Saints Brown and Gold ball on April 9<sup>th</sup>, Equality in Computing Movie Night on April 13<sup>th</sup>, Fiesta Primeara on April 16<sup>th</sup>, WWAMI event on April 19<sup>th</sup>, Celebrate Nepal 22 on April 17<sup>th</sup>, ACC Dance on April 22, Wyoming Military Law Society 5k on April 23, and Kaliedascope Fashion Show April 30<sup>th</sup>.

The restructuring Ad-Hoc reported "I will be sending out an email to everyone on the committee tomorrow about this but the ad-hoc will be meeting this Friday at 4pm, location still to be determined. We will be discussing future steps and basically what we want to do in the last few weeks of the semester."

Strategic planning reported they are holding listening sessions and sending a form to other representatives. They will be finishing with listening sessions this week. Finally, they reported they will have a final legislation draft to be submitted by the final legislation deadline.

## **College Contact Reports**

The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources reported they have a bill that will be up regarding the potential name change of the college. This will be up for first reading in a couple weeks.

The College of Arts and Sciences had no report.

The College of Business had no report.

The College of Education reported that Senator McGee met with ACTE last week to discuss course changes and discuss upgrades to technology.

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 #2790: Shifting Day-to-Day Supervision of Associated Student Technical Services to the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership for a Trial Period and Permanently Renaming the Program

The bill was read for a second time.

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

Program and Institutional Development gave a do-pass recommendation.

Student Organization Funding Board gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Ewalt moved to pass senate bill 2790.

Senator Engel-Cartie seconded.

The motion passed via a roll call vote, 19-2.

Senator Ewalt moved to suspend the Abernathy Clause.

Senator Smith.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

SB #2791: Codifying ASUW Procedures for Selecting a Senator and Student-at-Large for the Month and of the Year.

The bill was read for a second time.

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

Program and Institutional Development gave a do-pass recommendation.

Steering gave a do-pass with amendments recommendation.

Senator Engel-Cartie moved to pass senate bill 2791.

Senator Ewalt seconded.

Senator Laverell moved to amend the motion with the proposed amendments from Steering.

Senator Castronovo seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

The motion passed via a roll call vote 21-0-1.

SB #2792: Affirming that Distance Students Can Run for ASUW Senate

The bill was read for a second time.

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

Program and Institutional Development gave a do-pass recommendation.

Outreach, Programming, and Elections gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Ewalt moved to pass senate bill 2792.

Senator Castronovo seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a roll call vote of 22-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

SB #2793: Updating All ASUW Endowment Trust Agreements

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to budget and planning; programs and institutional development.

SR #2794: ASUW Support for the Creation of a Nutrition and Dietetics Master's Degree

The resolution was read for the first time.

The resolution was steered to advocacy, diversity, and policy.

SR #2795: ASUW Concern Regarding Icy Campus Sidewalks

The resolution was read for the first time.

The resolution was steered to advocacy, diversity, and policy; budget and planning; safety and wellness.

SR #2796: ASUW Recommendation for the Creation of an ASUW Director of Student Outreach

The resolution was read for the first time.

The resolution was steered to program and institutional development; outreach, programming, and elections.

SB #2797: Codifying Regulations Regarding ASUW Student Employee Pay in the ASUW Finance Policy

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to advocacy, diversity, and policy; budget and planning; program and institutional development.

ASTECC Food Gift Cards Budget Realignment

The budget and planning committee gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Ewalt moved to approve the realignment.

Senator Engel-Cartie seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a standing vote.

Amending the 2022 ASUW Elections Code

Senator Ewalt moved to approve the change to the elections code that changed the ballot approval by the ASUW Senate from April 12<sup>th</sup> to be on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Senator Smith seconded.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Laverell announced the importance of wearing sunscreen or other protective measures to protect yourself from UV rays when enjoying the great outdoors.

Senator Rhymes announced that the DSS Office is hosting the Access UW Days which will be a way to increase accessibility on campus by reporting items that might be broken so that they can be fixed. Volunteers are needed to make sure every building is reached in a timely manner.

President Swilling announced that GSA day will be happening on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and they are looking for volunteers.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier wanted to remind everyone to send her their reports. Also that the legislation deadline is April 14<sup>th</sup>.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:58pm. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on April 5th, 2022, at 7:00pm in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

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