

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The April 12th, 2022, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Anderson at 7:06pm. The land acknowledgement statement and mission statement were read, and the Pledge of Allegiance was done at individual member's discretion.

ROLL CALL

Senators Bowles, Clapper, Lobato, Abdalla, Rhymes, Rutz, Shoemaker, and True were not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the April 5th, 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.

SPECIAL EVENT

Dr. Dilnoza Khasilova from the office of student ombudsman on campus addressed the Senate to discuss the office on campus. The primary purpose of the office is to serve students here on campus and serve as a representative of the students. The mission statement of the office is to empower students to overcome conflicts. The office works informally, independently, and is impartial as well. They will work to students to listen and support them but will not advise legally or give specific legal advice. They will however help identify issues and send student to appropriate offices to gain further support and guidance on any issues they may be having. This office was officially launched at the end of Fall 2021 and is a part of the office of student affairs. They are currently comprised of two people and have so far dealt with 10 cases, 5 of which are official. Dr. Khasilova also shared some information with the Senate about the cases that is sent to the Provost and President of the University. Dr. Khasilova stated that official cases means that the student filled out an intake form whereas the informal cases means that no intake form was filled out and the student wanted to come and talk about future steps. One thing that the office has noticed is that they need to work better with helping students on how to prevent conflicts before they even begin. Finally, Dr. Khasilova wrapped up with the four principles of the office which are informal, confidential, independent, and impartial and how they do not solely support students but also try and see both sides of the story and work with both sides.

FUNDING BOARD REQUESTS

College Panhellenic Council Cowboy Carnival Request

Student Organization Funding Board gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Laverell moved to approve the funding board request from the college panhellenic council.

Senator Ewalt seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a standing vote.

Interfraternity Council Cowboy Carnival Request

Student Organization Funding Board gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Laverell moved to approve the funding board request from the interfraternity council.

Senator Castronovo seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a standing vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Swilling first reported that he met with the First-Year Senate to discuss strategic planning right before this meeting. He stated this is one of his last reports he will be giving and has been wrapping up projects such as crafting a recommendation on the creation of an honors major. He will also be wrapping up other projects such as equitable access, testing requirements, parking, graduate school, elections changes, finance policy rewrite, and By-Law name changes. He stated that he is more than happy to connect and work with any Senators over any projects or pieces of legislation. He also reported that he met with President Seidel once again to discuss potentially opening the gardens, a gaming lounge, Chick-Fil-A in the Union, and parking. There are also discussions beginning to happen over having a locked tuition model for undergraduate students. This would mean that all students pay the same tuition price no matter how many credit hours they are enrolled in. He also reported him and Vice President Anderson had breakfast with the potential College of Business Deans and have more coming up throughout the week. He also reported that elections are live and that there has already been 786 votes already. He also reported that he is working on drafting the University strategic plan and will be maintaining a spot on this committee even when he is no longer ASUW President. Next, he reported that he had a meeting with the Sustainability Coalition where they had productive conversation about potentially becoming a program of ASUW. He also reported that his last meeting of the Board of Trustees is tomorrow where they will be discussing diversity, equity, and inclusion, COVID Summer plans, and approval of a candidate for a health sciences dean. Finally, he reported that the end of years award celebration will be April 27th at 6pm.

Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam reported “The majority of my time last week was spent on ASUW’s Mental Health Week events. I hosted five events, one a day, and I am thrilled to report that there was an overwhelming student turnout at each event. I taught nearly 50 students how to bullet journal on Wednesday, held a crafting workshop for nearly 40 students on Thursday, and my Bingo night last Friday had over 100 students in attendance. So, thank you to all who attended those events! Since this project is now over, for the next few weeks, I will be continuing to aid the executive directors in writing their transition documents for the next administration, as well as working with Vice President Anderson on organizing our end of the year banquet and helping to write ASUW’s Strategic Plan. Tonight, I will also be giving a report on behalf of our Director of Marketing, Kaycee Clark. This week Director Clark has been working hard on the ASUW elections as well as on the financial wellness event marketing. Additionally, he is still working with The Non-Traditional Students Council for their last event of the year. Tonight, I will also be giving a report on behalf of our Director of Governmental and Community Affairs, Allison Brown. Director Brown is currently attending a City Council Meeting, per usual. This week, she’s continued to work on the strategic plan as well as the DEI and LGBTQIA+ resolutions. She would like to report that the UW Leadership Scholarship Committee met and decided on 10 recipients. On a very exciting note, Governor Gordon will be coming to meet with all of us at ASUW next Wednesday the 20th from 6:00-8:00pm. You are all invited, so if you are available, please list your name on this sheet I will be passing around. After you list your name, you will receive an email from Director Brown asking your dietary concerns for the event. More details about questions and topics of conversation will be distributed on Monday. To wrap up these reports tonight, I would like to remind everyone that next Tuesday is UW’s Official Denim Day, a day of Sexual Assault Awareness, so I encourage you all to wear Denim all day next Tuesday including to our senate meeting that night to show your support and solidarity. For more information about the significance of wearing Denim on this day, please reach out to either myself or our Director of Wellness and Sustainability.”

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier reported “Most of my time this past week has been spent working with scholarships through reading applications and attending meetings. If you need any help reading your applications or need any assistance in any way, please let me know. I have also been doing a lot of house cleaning by updating the website with the agendas, legislation, and minutes. I have also sadly begun writing my transition documents. This week I have a meeting with a student tomorrow to discuss a proposal of potentially creating a student advocates office. The rest of this week is going to be spent coordinating legislation as our deadline is this Friday at noon. I am also beginning writing on another white paper from the Ad-Hoc restructuring committee which is going to codify everything we have worked on this year and will kind of act as a transition document for the next ASUW administration. As always, please send me your reports!”

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Sapien was not present.

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's report was read by Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeams.

Director of Marketing Clark's report was read by Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam.

Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke gave a shoutout and to thank everyone for participating in elections events. If anyone would like to help with tabling tomorrow, it will be from 12:30-1:00pm in the Union Breezeway. Finally, he reported that he is working with the Ad-Hoc restructuring committee to write a white paper. Finally, he is working with First-Year Senate to present and develop awards.

Director of Wellness and Sustainability McLean was not present.

The Judicial Council was not present.

Vice President Anderson reported that the end of year banquet will be hosted on April 27th and that an RSVP will be sent out this week. There is also going to be voting for Senator and Student at Large of the Year coming up and to look out for a google form on this. He also reported that the Green Dot training will be on the 21st at Half-Acre room 125. Finally, he reminded everyone to submit their service hours on WyoCourses before the end of the 109th Administration.

Assistant Director Hansen wanted to thank everyone for being so welcoming and settling into the position. He stated that this past week has been amazing as he has been surrounded by very motivated and inspiring students. He also reported that he is still learning and figuring out how he can best provide resources and knowledge to us. He views himself and his position as serign us in ASUW and hopes to be able to connect with each of us individually. He then gave some pro-staff updates and is working on creating and getting the technical details of an office associate figured out. For the Project Coordinator position, he is working to direct hire a candidate and will be meeting with CSIL administration to discuss this. He finally wanted to give a shoutout to those working hard with elections.

Accountant Schaefer was not present.

Ex- Officio Communications

College Panhellenic Council reported they presented their new recruitment code and have a chili cookoff coming up. They also voted and passed the dissolution and will be holding elections for new positions in two weeks.

Faculty Senate was not present.

First-Year Senate reported they conducted business as usual and passed all the bills brought before them at their meeting.

The Interfraternity Council reported they passed the dissolution legislation, proposed a new position, and passed this next year's budget.

International Students Association reported they had elections this Saturday and have four new members. Next administration there will be a new ex-officio and he reported that he has enjoyed his time in the role.

Non-Traditional Student Council reported they held their last easter egg stuffing event last Friday. April 14th – 17th students can get Easter giftbags at the info desk and the ASUW Office.

Residence Halls Association was not present.

The Sustainability Coalition reported their food security taskforce monetary campaign ended yesterday and they achieved their goal of \$10K. There will also be a QR code that will be posted around campus about giving information about food security around campus.

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 at their usual meeting time and reviewed legislation and made a recommendation. They also conducted an absence hearing.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported “ADP met last week at our normal time. We discussed steered legislation, and delegated tasks regarding outreach for our special project. We are tabling this whole week, and have made significant progress in reaching out to student organizations and other stakeholders to distribute anti-drink tampering products directly to their members. We expect to have a more thorough update on our progress at next week's Senate meeting.”

Budget and Planning reported they met on Friday to hear realignments from homecoming and the sustainability coalition. They are also creating an endowment for student needs from various endowment sources. Finally, they are working on rewriting parts of the finance policy.

Outreach, Programming, and Elections reported “OPE met last Friday at our usual time, we worked on discussing the legislation steered to us, talked about elections outreach and continuing SOP's finals week snack giveaway at the COE. Elections voting started today and will end on 12pm on the 15th. As mentioned, we have hit last year's voter turnout in just one day! This is huge and I want to thank everyone involved with making this happen! We also have a draw for prizes from the pool of students who have voted. We have iPad Air/mini, Apple Watch and AirPods! So, make sure you vote! For the snack giveaway, it will be happening next week

Monday-Wednesday from 9-1, so please sign up. It can also be found in the email sent by the chief Carrier.”

Programs and Institutional Development reported “PID met last Friday and discussed the two bills that were steered to us. We are also continuing the evaluations of ASUW’s Programs.”

Safety and Wellness reported they tabled for winter safety and gave our hot chocolate and a winter safety pack.

Student Organization and Funding Board reported “SOFB met yesterday at 3:30 in the Warm Valley Room. We heard from CPH and IFC for the Cowboy Carnival, which we approved. We also heard from the Student Chapter of Engineering resources for their Rocky Mountain Professional Landman conference, which we also just approved. Finally we heard from the the American Institute of Chemical Engineers for their regional conference, which we also approved.”

The restructuring Ad-Hoc reported “When the Ad-Hoc met on Friday, we first had some conversations with members of the sustainability coalition about the partnership and potentially shifting this to a program or reevaluating parts of the partnership. After that, we discussed how we wanted to codify the work we have done over restructuring partnerships this year. Since the legislation deadline is soon approaching, we decided to put everything into a white paper to pass on to the next administration. We divided sections of the white paper up amongst committee members and will have a slight rough draft done this Friday.”

Strategic planning reported they finished the last of their listening sessions with all partners and programs. They still need to hear from JC and UMC in an anonymous survey. They will also have a rough draft submitted of the strategic plan by this Friday.

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 that Dean candidates are visiting the campus and hopes that students will engage with them.

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 #2798: Strategic Considerations for the Renaming of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

The resolution was read for the second time.

The Ad-Hoc Restructuring committee recommended that the resolution be tabled.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy recommended that the resolution be tabled.

Senator Ewalt moved to table the motion for one week.

Senator Willis seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

SB #2799: Creating a Student Survey Component as a Core Duty of the ASUW Executive Branch

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.

Steering gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Ewalt moved to pass SB #2799.

Senator Rhymes seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a roll call vote, 19-0.

SB #2800: Ensuring Collaboration with Staff Senate and Faculty 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.

Steering gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Castronovo moved to pass SB #2800.

Senator Smith seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a roll call vote 19-0.

NEW BUSINESS

SB #2801: Creation and Authorization of the Endowment for the ASUW International Students and Non-Citizen Scholarship.

The bill was read for a first time.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Swilling reported that Pizza with the Presidents will be happening on April 25th in the Union Breezeway. He also gave Accountant Schaefer's superstar shoutout of the week to Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam who ran a very successful mental health week.

Assistant Director Hansen wanted to give a shoutout to Mekaan Degenfelder for her intent to run for Wyoming Superintendent who was once involved with ASUW.

Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke said that there will be a dissolution piece of legislation coming to the floor and if you would like to sponsor to let him know.

Senator Pradhanag announced that celebrate Nepal will be giving out tickets Thursday and Friday at the Union information desk.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:27pm. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on April 19th, 2022, at 7:00pm in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

Kathryne Carrier
Chief of Legislative Affairs-109th Administration

