

## **ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

The September 14, 2021, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Anderson at 7:01 pm. The land acknowledgement statement and mission statement were read and the Pledge of Allegiance was done at individual member's discretion. Additionally, a moment of silence was conducted for Mack Kramer.

### **ROLL CALL**

Senators Houghton and Laverell were not present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the September 7, 2021 senate meeting were approved without objection, as electronically circulated.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved without objection, as electronically circulated.

### **OPEN FORUM**

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

### **SPECIAL EVENT**

Marty Martinez from the Veterans Service Center addressed the Senate tonight to discuss the Veterans Service Center at the University and the services they provide. Marty began his presentation by discussing his history with the military and how he ended up in the position he is currently in now. He shared how the transition from the military to working in academia was challenging and that this was a good indicator that Colleges need to consider the way to incorporate Veterans into academia. Marty then discussed the history of the Veterans Service Center at the University and how the program came to be. The Veterans Service Center was opened in the Spring of 2010 and was built "from the boots up". To develop the program, they made sure to listen and consider feedback about the program over what was and was not working with the program. The center aims to work to transition people from military into academia, wants to find a way to collectively better life for veteran students at the University, and wants to provide a safe environment for the students. To help accomplish this, the Center has developed many programs and classes that help them take skills learned in the military and transitioning these skills into academic skills. The Veterans Service Center is now located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Union. Finally, he thanked ASUW for their past support and help with the Veterans Service Center.

Senator Wilkins moved to suspend the Abernathy Clause  
Senator Rhymes seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Executive Reports**

President Swilling said “my speech today by thanking Mr. Martinez for being our special events. Although the veterans face some unique challenges here on our campus and across the entire country and it's good knowing that he has some support. If any of you are interested in joining or tackling you know projects or problems that you see on this campus that is more than within your ability as a senator. You can talk to one of the executives or James or someone and get connected with resources that would help you tackle. That is really how a senator got involved with the veteran center and got them priority registration for life so that's really great to see. For the rest of the report as you all know tomorrow and the rest of the week the board of trustees will be meeting early with several things up for discussion. First, at 3:00 PM tomorrow here in union there will be the state of the university address by President Seidel who, alongside me, Staff, and Faculty Senate will give a few minutes worth of remarks at that address to sort cover what we accomplished in the past year and also to speak on the current issues facing students and how we are beginning to tackle them. I will touch on some of the major accomplishments by the 108<sup>th</sup> some of the initial accomplishments of the 109th and then also addressed what I think some of the problems facing our campus are. I was really planning on hammering home the need for additional mental resource or mental health support resources as well as continued efforts must be made to make the University of Wyoming more equitable diverse and inclusive for all students here on our campus. As you all know, additionally the board will be deciding whether or not to extend the mask mandate. Additionally, restructuring will be a topic of conversation at the board meeting for the rest of the week there will probably be some major changes to the restructuring plan that are going to be released based on the feedback that is already been given to President Seidel and Provost Carmen so it'll be interesting to see how those are changed. r Finally tomorrow we will get the final involvement numbers for the enrollment for the University for the next year and this will effect us because we are funded by student fees and if enrollment is lower than we projected based on how we made our FY22 budget we will have to cut the budget. We are expecting that that might be the case so we will know you know probably on Monday whether or not we will need to go through with some budget cuts. Those will be handled by Budget and Planning. I have had the opportunity to meet with all of our directors this year and set some priorities and goals for the upcoming semester and year and I can confidently say that all of them are off to a remarkable start and are doing some truly great work and I'm so excited to work with them the rest of the year. I met with the restructuring ad hoc committee that was created about two weeks ago and met on Monday. Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier will share more but I wanted to let you know that I did attend. Finally, I'm currently writing some legislation formalizing the realignment process. Currently there's no actual formal process in our finance policy to realign funds from one portion of the budget to another. I'll be discussing it with budget and planning in the near future. Also, I would like to note that multiple new media majors have been proposed and this will be also talked about the Board of Trustees meeting. There'll be a bachelor of applied science in organizational leadership, masters in social work,

hospitality, a Bachelor of Science and data science, public humanities, bachelors and undergraduate minor in social justice, an honors online major, and a graduate certificate in community and public health. All of these will be entering the review period for feedback and commentary before being voted on by the board for a final vote in one of their upcoming meetings but I wanted to let you know that these are on the docket and if we want to investigate the feasibility or do a formal recommendation any of these majors that would be more than something I'd be happy to help with. Finishing up tuition policy for the next year, so this will be the 2023 school year we decided on by the board at this next meeting that will encompass basically how much money we give to out-of-state students for merit scholarships and also how they are making some changes to distinguishing in state versus out-of-state students. Finally, I also have a meeting with Doctor King who was the registrar to talk about how many final exams can be taken in a single day. Currently the limit is two and last year the ASUW passed a resolution in support of changing that to a four hour limit.

Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam said "Over the past week I have been working closely with each director to aid them in advancing their personal projects and initiatives. I have also been working with the Safety and Wellness committee and the Advocacy Diversity and Policy committee on special project applications as well as discussing specific ideas that involve improving student lives on campus. These ideas include supplying rape drug detection kits to students, providing students with free reusable masks in campus facilities, and improving the reporting process at UW. Please contact committee chairs directly for further information on these topics. Last Thursday I worked with Director of Marketing Clark to produce our 2<sup>nd</sup> Town Hall with President Swilling and Vice President Anderson, the Town Hall can be found on ASUW's Facebook page. This upcoming week I will continue preparing the Green Dot training for the Executive Branch which will be held this Friday the 17th. I have invited Libby Thorson from Green Dot to give the Executive Branch a Mandatory Reporter training on Friday as well, as each of the Executives including myself are mandatory reporters. Tonight, I will also be giving a report on behalf of our Director of Governmental and Community Affairs, Allison Brown who is currently attending the weekly Laramie City Council meeting. During this past week, Director Brown has worked on a handful of projects. The majority of her time has been focused on collaborating with other executives to form a comprehensive student issues survey. This survey will provide necessary data for future projects in the 109<sup>th</sup> administration and give a picture of the current needs of the student body. This next week, she will work with the Vice President of Student Affairs Office and others to develop the survey on Qualtrics to be sent to the study body the third week of September. Additionally, Director Brown's time has been spent working with different committees and collaborating with senators to start exciting new projects. Currently, Director Brown is attending the first City Council working meeting of her term, and looks forward to reporting back with any relevant information".

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier said "First off, this past week, as President Swilling mentioned, I chaired the Ad-Hoc restructuring committee's first meeting and I will be sharing more about that later during committee reports. I have also been working a lot with some Senators to help write legislation. Last week I also met with Director of Marketing Clark to learn how to use our WyoCouses page. I plan on putting abbreviated forms of the minutes, agendas, and summaries of the legislation on here so that everyone can get a quick glimpse of what we are doing here in ASUW. Also last week, I recorded the podcast with Director of Marketing Clark

and Vice President Anderson and I personally thought it went well and I think it will be pretty informative on Senate and legislation. In the coming week I will be meeting with President Swilling to discuss the scholarship process as there will be a few scholarships opening up in October. I am also starting to work with First-Year Senate Advisor Denney to help develop the orientation for the first year senators. I will also be participating in Green Dot training along with some fellow executives and I am eager to get this training. I think that about sums up what I have been and what I will be doing, but I do just have a couple of reminders and announcements in a sense. First of all, if you are sponsoring a piece of legislation, starting this week, I will be emailing you confirming that you know you are sponsoring that legislation and are okay with doing so. I am just doing this to just help ensure that we don't run into any future problems and to just ensure that everyone is following all the procedures and policies. Next up, if you are giving a report at any point in the meeting, so if you are an ex-officio, committee chair, or a college contact, if possible, please email me your report either before or right after the email so I can put that directly into the minutes. This is just going to help ensure that the most accurate information will be put into the minutes and makes sure that I miss anything super important."

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Sapien reported that last week he had planned out meetings with representatives of student organizations for this week, those meetings are with the QCC, Mecha, ISA, MCC, Native American Education, and the Research & Cultural Center. For ongoing projects, he reported that a lot of his time this week has been taken with attending meeting with identity based groups and on campus planned for the rest of the week. Finally, for the upcoming weeks he will be working on Giving day ideas to help assist DACA for students.

Director of Finance and Student Organizations Reyes-Aguilar said "This week I have been reaching out to Student Organizations to offer support from ASUW. I received 1 funding request but Funding Board was unable to meet this week so we look forward to hearing this request next Funding Board meeting. There will be Student Organizations requesting funding for events very soon, so I am looking forward to submitting those to Funding Board. I also met with Derek Jones from UW Catering so that he would guide me through the process of requesting their catering services. Director Stadler and I have also continued working on creating Financial Wellness events. This coming week I will continue to reach out to student organizations and work with Director Stadler to continue the process of creating events for Financial Wellness. We also did hear back from the Judicial Council regarding the funding request for graduate student, Anastasiia Corley, who individually requested funding for a conference in Hawaii. The Judicial Council has decided that she is not eligible to receive funding for this conference. However, she will be given the option to appeal if she wishes too."

Director of Financial Planning and Analysis Stadler said "This past week I continued to work on the student fees document to inform students of where their ASUW fee goes. I helped a student organization check – out a p – card to receive funding for a conference that Funding Board improved. I meet with the Director of Marketing and Chair of Budget and Planning to set a marketing plan for special projects. I meet with the Director of Partners, Programs, and Events and UMC to discuss their budget this year. This week I will be continue to work on the student fees document and helping student organizations with receiving their p – card. I will be setting up times with the Director of Marketing to film videos with a variety of departments that received funding for special projects."

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

Director of Marketing Clark-Mellott said "This past week I planned and hosted the town hall with Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam. Additionally, I began working on the homecoming t-shirts and met with the Homecoming committee last week and this morning. I have spoken with Pinebeach Inc, and they have ordered the shirts that our budget will allow, and the design will be given to them within the next week. The next episode of the podcast was also recorded and edited and is being posted tomorrow morning. I also worked on social media but that is all posted and y'all can see that, so I won't bore you. This next week I plan to work on more social media of course, finishing up the homecoming shirt design, beginning planning for the next podcast episode focused on mental health, and marketing the student issues survey being distributed next week. Non-traditional student council have also reached out about getting more members and there might be a chance that I begin working on material for them in the next week."

Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke "This week I was finally able to sit down with UMC and talk about their organization this year and I am looking forward to working with them. The FYS will have their orientation this weekend, I believe we are currently at 11 members I met with IFC and CPH to plan for an anti-hazing week. This will take place Sep 20-24th. We decided to do a tabling event in the union breezeway. We then delegated roles; ASUW will provide one person at the tabling event among other partner reps. This person will talk about the upcoming debate and piece of legislation that is up for first reading on the anti-hazing legislation, after Tuesday the 21, the ASUW rep will then talk about the passed or not passed piece of legislation. A piece of paper will be passed around to sign up, please feel to sign up for as many shifts as you want. This can count for you senatorial service hours. I also established monthly meetings with all our partners and continue to establish event planning with a event calendar. The rest of my report will be said through other committee reports."

Director of Wellness and Sustainability McLean said "This week I met with members of the food insecurity taskforce to discuss our plans for this year. President Swilling and I met with Sustainability Coalition to discuss the joint Climate Action Taskforce. Next, I will be working on updating our Food Share Cabinet maps as well as restocking our ASUW demo Cabinet. I will also continue working on a wellness social media campaign with Director Clark".

Vice President Anderson started his report by emphasizing how important committee attendance is. Committees are mandatory and there will be remedial actions if you are not attending meetings. If you are unable to attend a meeting, let the chair know ahead of time, and that absence will be excused. Next in his report, Vice President Anderson stated that some senators will be assigned to serve on University committees. These committees are a low time commitment but if you have a serious conflict, let Vice President Anderson know. Next, Vice President Anderson reported that this Friday is when applications for vacancies close and to let those interested know. Finally, he noted that the senate floor regulations and policies have been created and circulated.

Advisor Wheeler reported that the First-Year senate orientation will be this weekend which will be Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that their first meeting will be September 21. He

also said that he has been working with Non-Traditional student council to get an updated list serve so they can start outreach and programming. He also reported that Nina Crosby, the new project coordinator, will begin September 20<sup>th</sup> and he is looking forwards to introducing them next week if all goes according to plan. Finally, he reported the accountant position will be posted again and will be open for 3 weeks.

### **Ex- Officio Communications**

College Panhellenic Council reported that formal recruitment ended today at 4 and that it went well and each sorority was able to accept 12-16 new girls. They also stated they look forwards to tabling with ASUW during Anti-Hazing week and are looking forwards to the legislation pertaining to Anti-Hazing.

The Interfraternity Council reported that anti-hazing week is September 20-24 and they will be tabling with ASUW and CPH. They are also looking forwards to sponsoring the Anti-hazing legislation. They also reported that more philanthropy events will be occurring, so be on the lookout for those on social media.

International Students Association reported that they have an event on Wednesday from 11-1 and they encourage all senators and representatives to attend and meet new students.

The Non-Traditional Student Council had no report.

The Residence Halls Association wanted to highlight the success of predecessors of this position for holding a successful cowboy comeback. They also reported they have been working on restoring the RHA offices in the lower level of Washaki to make it a more welcoming space. They also reported they will be holding elections on Thursday and encourages anyone living in the dorms to attend these elections.

The Sustainability Coalition reported they had their first meeting September 8 and they discussed incoming students and bringing back some events this year that had been suspended due to COVID. They also reported that the FoodShare Pantry in the Ben Kimball house received its first delivery and is now stocked with food items and toiletries will be added soon. Finally, they reported that the Climate Action Plan taskforce is now up and running.

Wyoming Honors Organization reported their second meeting was yesterday and they had a great turnout. They also reported they filled two officer positions and are still waiting to fill a third.

### **Committee Reports**

Steering reported they met last week and steered legislation that was up for first reading. Additionally, they reported they finished the white paper for the ad-hoc committee regarding the restructuring.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported that they met last Friday on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm. They invited special guest Rachel Ratliff who shared with them the obstacles she recently encountered while trying to report discriminatory behavior to the EORR office. As a committee they discussed potential action items that could be beneficial to pursue in the future in regards to this matter. They also discussed and amended SB #2753.

Budget and Planning reported that they did not meet last week due to nothing being on their agenda. They will be changing their meeting time just this week to get quorum to vote on a realignment and legislation. They will be meeting at 7-8pm on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> in the ASUW conference room.

Elections reported they met last Wednesday and that their chair resigned, and they are currently in the search for a new one.

Homecoming reported they met on Thursday at 7am. They will be meeting again on Tuesday at 8:30am to discuss and finalize event plans, discuss t-shirt designs, and come up with ideas for a homecoming float.

Program and Institutional Development reported that last week they had Finn from the Sustainability coalition come in to talk about the various projects they have been tackling over the past several years which includes waste audits, composting, food security and more. Finn also shared the differences between the Sustainability Coalition and the Sustainability Club. They also brainstormed some ideas on how they can integrate sustainability measures into ASUW working documents and how they can better outline the budget process for their strategic partners. They also made a recommendation on Senate Bill 2753.

The restructuring ad-hoc committee reported “we had our first meeting on Monday at noon. The main thing we discussed in this meeting was any recommendations or edits we may have to the current proposed plan. We specifically went over Provosts Carmans presentation and talked about how we felt about certain points presented to us. We also discussed how we wanted to make sure that we were getting student feedback on the restructuring. In order to do this, we are planning on creating a basic infographic to show students outlining the the proposed restructuring process. We plan on advertising this infographic on social media and giving it to students while tabling. To get students input, we plan on giving students the opportunity to submit feedback on social media, tabling, and putting questions on the student issues survey. We are hoping we can get feedback here in the next week so that we can review it, discuss it, and come to a recommendation that will be given to President Swilling by October 1st so then he can discuss that with some University Administration. After this we will focus on drafting legislation with an official recommendation. Completing that focus, we will turn our committee focus to restructuring ASUW as a whole to adjust to the University changes and hopefully serve our fellow students in the best possible manner. The goal there is to have that completed by early December and I will make sure to report how we are doing on that process.”

Safety and Wellness committee reported they have started to look at how to best promote the use of reusable masks to reduce waste caused by disposable masks on campus. They also established a permanent meeting time from 3:00-4:00 on Monday afternoons.

Student Organization and Funding Board reported they did not meet last week but will be meeting next week in the Big Horn Room.

Student Outreach and Programming reported they have their Instagram trivia campaign going live next week to help new students learn more about campus.

Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review reported they had their first meeting and went over the fee review process and the timeline. The chair also met with Erin Courtney to discuss financial units and this will be presented to the committee in the coming weeks.

### **College Contact Reports**

The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources reported they have began throwing events including a BBQ.

The College of Arts and Sciences had no report.

The College of Business reported the business College will be holding a business organization event to have students get more involved with the college.

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.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Senator Titus moved to take the funding board request for Anastasiia Corley from the table and moved onto the floor.

Senator Engel-Cartie seconded.

The motion to approve the funding the board request for Anastasiia Corley failed via a standing vote.

Senate Bill #2753: Updating Student Legal Services Document Retention Policy

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

Programming and Institutional Development gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Titus moved to pass SB #2753.

Senator Talamantes seconded.



Senator Rhymes moved to amend the bill to reflect the changes made by the Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy committee distributed electronically prior to the meeting.

Senator Wilkins seconded.

The motion passed via voice vote with one abstention.

Debate continued on the motion with the proposed amendment.

The motion passed by a roll call vote of 18-1.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Senate Resolution #2754: Anti-hazing Education Act of 2021

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Programming and Institutional Development; Safety and Wellness; Steering

Senate Bill #2755: Allocations and Funding for the Career Fostership Act

The bill was read for the first time.

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Talamantes announced that she preface's this with acknowledging the loss we had on campus last week. Mack Kramer was a sophomore from Rock Springs studying international studies, and they were a member of the UW debate team. Mack was a good friend of mine, and you never know when your friend is in need of mental health services or support. Even when they seem well or doing better, it's important to know certain signs if your friend is at risk for harming themselves. All that being said, I wanted to inform you all of important trainings that are happening at UW. The UW Lifesavers Coalition has hosts suicide prevention trainings with the wellness center and UCC. Gatekeepers Training teaches students, staff, faculty, and community members to help identify students at risk of suicide attempts and suicide. The interactive session provides participants with practical skills on how to intervene with a student, friend, or colleague who may be in a suicide crisis. There are six different sessions happening this semester: Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm – in person, Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm – in person, Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm – in person, Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 12-2pm on zoom, Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 12-2pm on zoom, Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 12-2pm on zoom. You can register on the UCC's website. I urge you all to take some time out of your semester, this will be the most important training you take.

Senator Rhymes announced the SLCE office is holding first-year institute for both Freshman and Sophomores year. This institute will provide leadership skills to students and will be held on Saturday. If you are interested, you can sign up as late as Friday afternoon.

Director Hacke wanted to thank everyone for filling out the tabling form and announced that Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier will be sending out a sign-up form following the meeting.

Vice President Anderson announced that committee attendance is absolutely mandatory and that if you have a major conflict, to please email Vice President Anderson.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:27pm. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on September 21, 2021, at 7:00pm in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

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