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# **ASUW FIRST-YEAR SENATE MINUTES**

The September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting was called to order by Advisor Ward at 5:11pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the mission statement was read, and roll was taken. All First-Year Senators were present.

## **SWEARING IN OF NEW SENATORS**

All of the new Senators were sworn in by Advisor Ward.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

## **OPEN FORUM**

No one was present in the gallery to address the First-Year Senate.

## **SPECIAL EVENT**

There was no special event.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Advisor Wheeler had no report.

Advisor Ward passed out slips for voting in the elections of officers and explained how that process would work.

### **Ex Officio Communications**

President Wilkins addressed the Senate and let them know that he attended the Board of Trustees meetings on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of last week. He sat as an ex-officio in these meetings and gave student input where needed and asked questions to make informed statements. His office hours will be occurring on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week from 9:00am to 1:00pm and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am to 11:00am and also from 3:00pm to 5:00pm, or by appointment. He congratulated all of the First-Year Senators and reminded them of the big voice they have on campus and the change they can make. He encouraged them to give ideas and let them know that he began his time in ASUW on Freshman Senate, what is now known as First-Year Senate.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Head Table Elections**

#### **Presiding Officer**

Senator Anderson nominated Senator Swilling.

Senator Newell nominated Senator Engelby.

Senator Ng nominated Senator Rief.

Senator Pitts nominated Senator Tull.

Senator Shelton nominated himself.

Senator Swilling was elected as the Presiding Officer.

#### **Parliamentarian**

Senator Anderson nominated Senator Rief.

Senator Rief was elected as the Parliamentarian.

#### **Secretary**

Senator Sapien nominated Senator Brown.

Senator Engelby nominated Senator Zhu.

Senator Brown was elected as the Secretary.

#### **Treasurer**

Senator Newell nominated Senator Raper.

Senator Cranmor nominated Senator Tull.

Senator Raper was elected as the Treasurer.

#### **Steering Committee Liason**

Senator Ng nominated himself.

Senator Ng was elected as the Steering Committee Liason.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Advisor Wheeler congratulated the Senators elected to head table and all of them in general for being where they are. He was proud of the debate and speeches they gave on the floor and is excited to work with the First-Year Senate this year.

Advisor Ward announced that First-Year Institute is occurring this weekend near Medicine Bow. Attendees will leave campus at 1:00pm on Friday and return Sunday afternoon. This is a good opportunity to gain leadership experience for first-year students and to learn from others who have gone through what they have or will. There are still spots open so she encouraged the Senators to apply for it. Site leader applications are open for the Big Event. This is a day of service where the

UW campus aims to give back to the greater Laramie community. Almost 1,000 students participated in this event last year and it is a good experience for any student. Applications and sign up for this event can be found at [www.uwyo.edu/slce](http://www.uwyo.edu/slce). Finally, Advisor Ward let Senators know that their committee assignments would be sent out later tonight and encouraged the First-Year Senate committees to figure out a meeting time and place and to elect a chair by next meeting.

Vice President Houghton congratulated the members of head table and the Senate as a whole for being here. He welcomed everybody to ASUW and announced his office hours will occur on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12:00pm to 5:00pm this semester. He encouraged Senators to attend the full Senate meetings which occur in the same chambers at 7:00pm on Tuesday nights. He reminded them it is a requirement to attend these meetings at least once a semester according to the First-Year Senate Constitution.

After processing the meeting adjourned at 6:03pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:00pm in the Senate Chambers, Union Room 221.

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