
ASUW FRESHMAN SENATE MINUTES

The March 6th, 2018 meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Sanders at 5:00 PM. All Freshman Senators were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

OPEN FORUM

There were no guests in the gallery

SPECIAL EVENT

Casey Wood from Disability Support Services came to discuss what they offer to students. Disability Support Services provides educational accommodations to students with documented disabilities, which can include accommodations for testing such as a quieter, private space or additional testing time, audiobooks, sign language interpretation or text interpretation, or volunteer note takers. The center is an important resource for students on campus because the government does less to mandate support for students with disabilities once they leave the K-12 environment. In order to access the center's resources, they must complete an application process which verifies their disability and pairs them with a coordinator who will monitor their case. The center can also work with Residence Life and Dining Services to help students access private rooms, service animals, or emotional support animals.

COMMUNICATIONS

Advisor McKenna reported that the Textbook Scholarship will be opening again because the dates in AcademicWorks were incorrect, which never allowed the application to open. In order to better promote the scholarship the second time around, Freshman Senate will be tabling in Washakie Dining Center the week after spring break to inform first year students that the scholarship is available and encourage them to apply. She reminded members of the head table and committee chairs to start thinking about Transition Documents, which will be handed down to the student that holds their position in the next administration. There will be a Mentorship Program event in Pete's Game Room on March 28th. The event will be a competitive game night that involves both Freshman Senators and ASUW Full Senators.

Officers

Presiding Officer Sanders announced that at their last meeting Full Senate passed Senate Bill #2597, passed Senate Bill #2598 and #2599, approved the budget bill #2600 with amendments, and passed Senate Resolutions #2601 and #2602. She emphasized the Mentorship Program event coming up in March and encouraged everyone to attend. She reminded the Freshman Senators that they must complete three service hours and two event evaluations, as well as attend an ASUW Full Senate meeting by the end of the semester to fulfill their obligations as Freshman Senators.

Parliamentarian Mooren had no report.

Secretary Ward had no report.

Treasurer Dalman had no report.

Steering Committee Liaison Schieffer had no report.

Ex Officio Communications

President Wetzel thanked those individuals who traveled with ASUW to Cheyenne to lobby at the legislature last week. He met last week about the zero-waste initiative for this month's Board of Trustees meeting. He had a meeting last week with Vice President Blackburn about what will be happening to the ASUW reserve at the end of this fiscal year. More information about the reserves is to come. He is working on the foundation report, which involves clarifying endowments and re-investing money from the endowments that is not being used. There will be a SafeZone presentation tomorrow addressing laws as they apply specifically to the LGBT+ community.

Vice President Welsh was not in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Steering steered this week's legislation.

Procedures had no report.

Programming and Traditions discussed possible events that they could plan for this semester.

Student Outreach and Policies had no report.

ASUW COMMITTEES

Steering steered this week's legislation.

Academics, Diversity & Policy had no report.

Student Outreach and Programming contacted departments and buildings across campus about setting up polling stations for the ASUW elections in April.

RSO Funding Board approved several requests for funding.

Budget & Planning had no report.

Programs & Institutional Development is working to reach out to Non-Traditional Students to encourage them to get involved with Non-Traditional Student Council.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution #2603, ASUW Support for Fraternity/Sorority Life's Redevelopment of Greek Week, had its first reading and was steered to Programming.

Senate Resolution #2604, ASUW Support for the Hathaway Scholarship Eligibility Extension, was pulled by the author.

Senate Resolution #2605, ASUW Support for the Construction Management Degree Program, had its first reading and was steered to Student Outreach & Policy.

Senate Bill #2606, Revisions to the Senate Vacancy Procedures, had its first reading and was steered to Procedures.

Senate Bill #2607, Updates to the Strategic Partnership, had its first reading and was steered to Procedures.

Senate Resolution #2608, ASUW Support for the Updated University Regulation 8-249 "ASUW Student Government," had its first reading and was steered to Student Outreach & Policy.

Freshman Senator Ward moved to cancel the Freshman Senate meetings scheduled for March 13th, April 24th, May 1st, and May 8th.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advisor Wheeler reminded the Freshman Senate that applications to run for Full Senate for next year are due Thursday by 4:30 PM. He also announced that Union Fest will be happening the week before Finals. It is an event at the Union and Prexy's Pasture that provides activities for students and gives an opportunities for groups from around campus to gain exposure and reach out to students. He encouraged Freshman Senate to consider participating in this event.

After processing the meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM. The next regular meeting will be March 20th, 2018 at 5:00 PM in the Senate Chambers Union Room 221.

Lucia Ward
Freshman Senate Secretary

