The October 1st, 2019 meeting was called to order by Vice President Houghton at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the mission statement was read, and roll was taken. Ex-Officios from Faculty Senate, International Students Association, Non-Traditional Student Council, Staff Senate, Student Athlete Advisory Commission, and United Multicultural Council were absent. Senators Conard, Espy, Hallsted, Nunley, O’Connor, Rubano, and Welsh were absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the September 24th, 2019, meeting were approved as electronically circulated.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as electronically circulated.

**OPEN FORUM**

Nobody in the gallery addressed the Senate.

**SPECIAL EVENT**

Brett Kahler, the Director of Development for the UW Foundation addressed the Senate about the Foundation and ASUW’s funds within it. He explained that endowments and donor-directed funds are the two biggest ways in which the Foundation helps to support the campus as a whole. Brett stated that the mission of the Foundation is to enhance excellence and distinction at the University by securing private resources, delivering superior stewardship, and creating lasting relationships with everyone who shares pride in this state’s sole University. He explained that the word endowment comes from a Latin term and means that there is a large pot of money where the original money cannot be spent, but the interest from investment made on that original pot can be spent. ASUW has the Iron Skull Endowment, but he informed the Senate on the others that were created by ASUW and affect us, mainly through Special Projects and scholarships. The Childcare Assistance Endowment is the most recent one created by ASUW. He enlightened the Senate that the Foundation guarantees that 4% of the permanent fund are guaranteed to be earned to be able to be spent, but the actual numbers pan out to be about 7-8%. Brett also updated ASUW that there are now options for crowdfunding through the Foundation to support RSOs in many ways throughout campus. There is a new UW Foundation Student Philanthropy Group that is open to all students to apply for that will meet about once a month with free dinner. The only other time commitment would be special events and he would like to see as many students as possible on the inaugural group. Lastly, he let Senators know that the annual Giving Day will be occurring on Tuesday, December 3rd.
RSO FUNDING BOARD REQUESTS

Senator Mulhall moved to allocate $3662.00 to EmBODY Positivity for their All Hallow’s Gala occurring on Wednesday, October 30th, 2019, at 7:00pm in the Union Ballroom.

Senator Vetter seconded.
Senator Mulhall moved to amend the budget to $3765.00 as presented on WyoCourses.
Senator Vetter seconded.
Motion passed by a voice vote.
Motion passed by a standing vote of 24-0-1.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Wilkins encouraged the Senate to stay healthy and utilize their professors and peers when studying for exams. He informed the Senate that the former Director of Diversity, Isiah Dale, had emailed his resignation to the Executive Branch on Friday. The contents of the email will not be released until he and Vice President Houghton hopefully sit down with Isiah. Friday at 5:00pm in the ASUW Conference Room him, Vice President Houghton, and Chief of Staff Talamantes will be sitting down to discuss what this position should look like going forward with people within the multicultural community on campus and what they want to see out of the next Director. He admitted that the vetting and process could have been better and apologized he used one of his free appointments on this without input from the Senate. The process to find the next Director of Diversity will be more rigorous and the application will be reformatted and reopened to all of campus, with the other frontrunner for the position encouraged to reapply.

Chief of Staff Talamantes updated the Senate on the Executive Branch. She let them know that Director of Student Wellness and Sustainability Savage is working on putting together a food security task force. She has met with SLCE and community resources to finalize with all parties. She also has been working on planning presentations on food insecurity to inform others about that. Director Savage has also been working with Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Campbell on updating the resources in the office and on the website. Director of RSO Relations Good has set up a workshop for RSOs to let them know about our finance policy and Funding Board. She will work on this with Director of Programming and Events Williams and Director of Marketing de-Vault Garvey. Director of Finance Pounds is busy setting up meeting for financial wellness week, including with Aaron Courtney and the financial aid office to host an event about FAFSA. Email Chief of Staff Talamantes if any of the Senators are interested on the Financial Wellness Committee. Director Williams has been working on homecoming stuff. She is also booking a meeting to see how the Sustainability Coalition could become a Strategic Partner of ASUW. Director de-Vault Garvey is also helping out with homecoming things. She is in the process of ordering shirts and updating the ASUW website. She will also be posting a calendar of relevant events for the month on social media. Finally, Director Campbell is in the beginning phases of planning for the annual lobbying trip.
Director of RSO Relations Good reported that the Dragon and Lion Dance Performance was being put on by the Associated Students Interested in China on Saturday, October 19th, at 5:00pm in the Arts and Sciences Auditorium. Phi Epsilon Kappa is putting on an event on Thursday, October 17th, at 6:00pm in the College of Business Auditorium. Cowboy Country Swing Club is hosting the Homecoming Dance on Thursday, October 17th, from 8:00pm to 11:00pm in the Indoor Track facility. She also mentioned the All Hallow’s Gala being put on by EmBODY Positivity happening on Wednesday, October 30th in the Union Ballroom. Finally, she said she is planning on hosting the RSO workshop on November 6th from 11:00am to 1:00pm and is willing to give a service hour to Senators who reach out to her and assist in this project.

Director of Student Wellness and Sustainability Savage reiterated that she is putting together the food taskforce and would love to hear from any Senators if they are interested in being a part of this.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Hoversland reported that the Steering Committee met on Friday and that service hours were changed for the August/September period. For the scholarship only two hours are required and for plain requirements only one hour is required. There is a place on the WyoCourses to submit or resubmit a response for the service hours. He also updated the Senate that the Senate Retreat is still being planned and is looking to be a weekend dinner in mid-October so that everyone can attend. This will include the UMC Diversity Training and the other required training will be a Special Event at one of the Senate meetings. Vice President Houghton and him are working with UMC, Social Chair, Senator Paige Trent, and Director Savage in the planning of the event in the coming week. University Committees have been finalized by he and Vice President Houghton and those will be sent out in the near future along with contact information for people on those committees. Lastly he said that he was working on getting scholarships finalized and passed around a sign-up sheet for one last scholarship.

Vice President Houghton said that he is still working with the FSL community on the hazing legislation. After their meeting with Director Asay, they were told to consult General Counsel, Tara Evans. They will be meeting with her this week. He went to the brunch as part of Parents’ Weekend on Sunday and is still looking for a few more people to be part of the Cowboy Count Committee, which will meet for the first time, this Friday at 4:00pm in the ASUW Conference Room.

Advisor Lozano had no report.

**Ex Officio Communications**

College Panhellenic Council reported that the recruitment period is now over and they are hosting a self-defense class on October 10th.

First-Year Senate reported that they met earlier in the night and elected a new Steering Committee Liaison. They also passed Senate Resolution #2670 unanimously and read Senate Bill #2671 for the first time and steered it to Procedures and Steering.
Interfraternity Council reported that they did cupcake wars on Sunday and got together all of the Senators from the different halls to do welcoming events.

Sustainability Coalition reported that Solar Fest is on October 12th at the Train Depot. There will be live music and lots of fun activities there. They met yesterday and are getting a lot of new members and have decided to move their focus from composting to food insecurity. They did this because they realized the amount of effort and time it takes to do composting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Steering reported that they met to discuss absences and steer the new piece of legislation.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported that they met in Union Room 203 to discuss Senate Resolution #2670 to make a recommendation and amendments.

Budget and Planning reported that they looked over the Finance Policy and will not meet this week because their chair will be absent.

Programs and Institutional Development reported that they met and discussed Senate Resolution #2670 to formulate a recommendation. They also assigned their members to act as liaisons with ASUW Partners and also talked about RSOs and their funding process.

RSO Funding Board reported that they met in the Thunder Basin Room, Union Room 315 to allocate $880.00 to the Associated Students Interested in China for their event, Dragon and Lion dance performance. They also allocated $3662.00 to EmBODY Positivity for the All Hallow’s Gala and $2200.00 to Cowboy Country Swing Club for the Homecoming Dance from 8:00pm to 11:00pm in the indoor track fieldhouse on Thursday, October 17th. The last event they funded was the Physical Health for Cancer and this was for $1950.00. Finally, they funded three conferences for the Rho Chi Society, American Pharmacist Association, and the National Community of Pharmacists Association.

Student Outreach and Programming reported that they launched the advising survey and that link was emailed out to all the students on Monday. They have a good response rate already and are hoping for Senators to reach out to their constituents to take it because they could win Beats or Airpods for doing so.

Homecoming Committee reported that everything is moving along well and they are getting a lot of sponsors and partners. Athletics is helping out with pizzas and multiple RSOs have pitched in to help with prizes for the horseshoe hunt. The t-shirt design was finalized and has now been ordered. There will be sign-up sheets coming around to help with the events.
COLLEGE CONTACT REPORTS

Agriculture and Natural Resources reported that two of their Senators will have joint office hours on Wednesday at 10:00am in the ASUW Conference Room.

Arts and Sciences reported that an email was sent out to their Senators to figure out their collective goals for the semester and that they would meet quickly after the meeting to discuss a time to meet and possibly hold office hours.

Business reported that some of their Senators attended an RSO Presidents luncheon and Dell would be on campus later this week to discuss opportunities for them to pursue within the College of Business.

Education reported that they held their joint office hours on last Friday.

Engineering and Applied Sciences reported that there was a career fair being held in the Union on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Haub School had no report.

Health Sciences reported that the Fall into Good Health Fair is being held this Saturday from 8:00am to 12:00pm in the Union and there are free vaccines at the event.

Law reported that their office hours were held on the previous Wednesday in the Law Library.

School of Energy Resource reported that they had a dinner with Noble Energy earlier that night and the School of Energy Resources speaker series would be continuing on Friday from 12:00pm to 1:00pm in the School’s auditorium.

OLD BUSINESS

Senate Bill #2670: ASUW support for Action on Food Insecurity

The bill was read a second time.
Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy gave a do-pass with amendments recommendation.
Programs and Institutional Development gave a do-pass recommendation.
Senator Mulhall moved to approve SR #2670.
The Ex-Officio from First-Year Senate seconded.
Senator Titus moved to make the following amendments: make lines 24-26 read notification system, as referenced in the recommendation from the UW Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion included in Addendum C, a shared swipe system, as referenced in Addendum D, and a centralized food pantry.” Move the first ‘THEREFORE’ clause to the second to last clause and add “further” after “be it” and change “recognize” to “recognizes” within that clause. Move the last ‘THEREFORE’ clause to the first and make the first part of it read “THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW),” and add a final clause at the end that reads “THEREFORE, be it further
resolved that the previously mentioned groups seriously investigate and consider solutions including, but not limited to, a left-over food notification system, shared swipe system, and a centralized food pantry.” She also wanted to add Addendums C and D.

The Ex-Officio from First-Year Senate seconded.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

Senator Greig moved to replace Addendum A with the following: “Food and Housing Insecurity: Over the last 12 months, students (6%), staff (2%) and faculty (1%) shared they ‘often’ ran out of food and did not have money to obtain more. Students (15%) staff (7%) and faculty (3%) shared they ‘sometimes’ ran out of food and didn’t having money to buy more. Overall, 34% of all respondents share they often/sometimes ran out of food and did not have money to obtain more. For students, 3% shared they had a period of homelessness and 7% had a few times when they were unsure of where they would be staying for the night while attending UW. While the majority of those in that last group were living in on-campus residence halls, the other two groups were fairly consistent among that living in all types of housing, with those living off campus or in a fraternity or sorority house slightly more affected by these issues,” and also replace “37%” in Line 4 with “21%.”

Senator Walls seconded.

Senator Titus moved to amend the amendment to place that language at the top of Addendum C and to not change the language of the bill.

Senator Brooks seconded.

The motion passed by voice vote.

The motion passed by voice vote.

The motion passed by a roll call vote of 24-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill #2671: Defining Parliamentary Rights for the ASUW Executive Branch

The bill was read for the first time.

Steered to Advocacy, Diversity and Policy; Steering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Houghton announced that he would appreciate if any Senators had amendments that they sent those in earlier to allow for smooth and efficient debate.

Senator Vetter announced that there will be a sales competition occurring on October 9th that is a good opportunity for anyone.

President Wilkins announced that he will attend the meetings of the committees to which the bill he authored was steered. He could also be reached for any questions about the bill and could help
with the understanding of the bill. He can send the bill referenced in the legislation that was passed last administration to anybody.

Senator Mulhall reminded Senators from the College of Arts and Sciences that they will be having a short meeting following adjournment.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:17pm. The next regular meeting will be October 8th, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Senate Chambers, Union Room 221.

Hank Hoversland
Chief of Legislative Affairs