
ASUW SENATE MINUTES

The October 16th, 2018 meeting was called to order by Vice President Mulhall at 7:06 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the mission statement was read, and roll was taken. Ex Officios from Faculty Senate, Non-Traditional Student Council, Residence Halls, Staff Senate, Student Athlete Advisory Committee, and Union Programs were absent. Senators Brooks, Cox, Lane, and Rahman were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

OPEN FORUM

There was no one in the gallery.

SPECIAL EVENT

Forward WY addressed the Senate. They explained that they are a group focused on helping students empower themselves through voting. They do this by informing students how to vote and find resources on issues and candidates. They began as a grassroots institution 4 years ago after only 8% of 18-35 year olds voted in the election. That number has doubled for this year, but their goal is to continue increasing it. Their plan to do this is two-fold. The Commit to Vote Projects focuses on getting student passionate about issues facing the state and nation. Forward WY follows up with voting information to all students who participate in the project. Their other project is run in conjunction with the UW Art Museum. This art project is called For Freedoms and can be seen at the UW Art Museum for the next few weeks. The Forward WY website has not only voting information, but also links to all candidate websites. They are hosting or helping host several events in the upcoming weeks. Tomorrow is the second Candidate Meet-and-Greet from 12:00-1:00 pm in the UW Art Museum. They are also supporting Pokes Vote as they host the Gubernatorial Debate on October 25th at 5:15 pm in the A&S Auditorium.

RSO FUNDING BOARD REQUESTS

Senator Madhyanam moved to allocate \$3,190 to Phi Lambda Sigma for the 12th Annual Fall Back Into Good Health Fair.

Senator Stroock seconded.

Motion passed (26-0-0).

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Jones reported that the Housing Survey will run from October 22nd to November 2nd and requested the help of Senators by passing around a sign-up sheet. He will be attending an Union Visioning Study meeting on Friday and is working on legislation on the Tuition Policy. He is also looking into starting a Leadership minor.

Chief of Staff Harris reported that she has been lobbying Faculty Senators about plus minus legislation. She has many meetings scheduled with them, so if any Senator is interested in attending one they should contact her.

Director of Governmental and Community Affairs visited EWC and LCCC last week to start building partnerships with their student governments. He will be attending various State Senate committee meetings throughout the year starting with the Housing Task Force meeting on Thursday.

Director of Wellness and Student Resources Schuster will be holding two office hours a week in the Wellness Center. She is working to reestablish a mental health RSO on campus- any interested Senators should contact her.

Director of Programming and Events Dia has been busy with Homecoming, so Senators should attend events and help out. She is working on doing more promotion for the Roundtables. Kent Noble will be presenting about how to brand yourself on social media on October 25th from 12:15-1:00 pm in the Union East Yellowstone Ballroom.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Sanders reported that she attended the Roundtable last week; she encouraged the Senators to help promote future Roundtables. She informed the Senate that there will be a Legislative Listening Session on Thursday at 7:00 pm, so they should attend and encourage their constituents to go as well. She announced that the Service Exchange Scholarship is now open on Academic Works.

Vice President Mulhall reported that she is continuing to work on Homecoming and asked the Senators to attend and help out at events. She reminded the Senators that they only have 2 unexcused absences, and two committee absences count as one full absence. It is important to attend committee meetings, but if a Senator will miss one, they still need to contact their Chair with a reason for their absence. She encouraged the Senators to lobby Faculty Senators about plus minus grading to ensure that the ASUW resolution from last year is heard. Finally, she asked the Senators to tell their constituents to attend this week's Legislative Listening Session and to attend Pokes Vote events to become informed voters.

Ex Officio Communications

College Panhellenic Council reported that they had lunch with Alpha Chi Omega today and will be meeting with the other two potential sororities later this month. They are also reviewing their By-Laws.

First-Year Senate reported that their Procedures committee is working to fill two vacancies. They are working to encourage their constituents to vote and attend Homecoming events.

Interfraternity Council reported that the next event for Redefining Cowboy Tough will be November 6th at 6:30 pm in the East Ballroom.

International Students Association had no report.

UMC reported that the Matthew Shepard Memorial events, including the vigil, were successful. They are working on hiring their interns and planning a make-up time for diversity training.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Steering met last week and discussed legislation.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy did not meet.

Budget and Planning met with Director of Finance Ditty-Suggs and temporary accountant Shelly Schaefer about Special Projects spending and advertising. They will be meeting tomorrow to discuss the four Special Project applications that have been turned in so far.

Programs and Institutional Development met and discussed the McGraw-Hill project.

RSO Funding Board allocated \$157.19 to Partners of the Americas at UWYO for conference registration fees.

Student Outreach and Programming thanked the Senators for helping with the Pizza T-Shirt giveaway last Friday and asked them to help at the Pig Roast on Friday. They passed around sign-up sheets for the Pig Roast and parade. They reported that the Horseshoe Hunt started today and that any Senators walking in the Parade need to be outside Hoyt Hall by 7:15 am.

Student Wellness Advisory Board had no report.

COLLEGE CONTACT REPORTS

Agriculture and Natural Resources reported that their Donuts with the Dean event will be November 5th from 9:00-10:00 am in Ag 137.

Arts and Sciences reported that the Distinguished Lecturer Series continues tomorrow at 3:10 pm. There will be another presentation from John Singleton October 22nd at 3:10 pm in Geology 216. The college is also hosting the Gubernatorial Debate on October 25th from 5:15 pm- 6:45 pm in the A&S Auditorium.

Business reported that the college is preparing for advising and a Department of State representative visited. The deadline for the entrepreneurship competition was yesterday.

Education reported that they did not have office hours last week, and they will not have them this week due to Homecoming events. They are contacting Faculty Senators about plus minus grading.

Engineering and Applied Sciences reported that the JEC will be meeting October 25th and Senators should attend.

Haub School reported that the MountainFilm Festival and Solarfest went well. They will be meeting with Mayor Summerville tomorrow to discuss composting.

Health Sciences reported that they are hosting a barbecue Saturday and invited ASUW to attend and speak with alumni. It will be at 10:30 am in Corbett. The tour of the High Altitude Training Center will be Thursday at 2:00 pm; anyone interested in going should meet outside the doors facing the football field.

Law reported that Law Week is this week and there will be panels and speakers every day.

School of Energy Resources reported that they are having a small internship fair tomorrow. A representative from Silversquare Ranch will be visiting to discuss mineral rights.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution #2634: ASUW Support for the Pilot Hill Project

First Reading.

Steered to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Student Outreach and Programming.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Mueller announced that the Tri Delta Pancake Breakfast will run from 8:00 am Saturday to 8:00 am Sunday. All proceeds go to St. Jude's.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M. The next regular meeting will be October 23rd, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Senate Chambers Union Room 221.

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