ASUW SENATE MINUTES

The October 22nd, 2019 meeting was called to order by Vice President Houghton at 7:03pm. 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, Residence Halls, Staff Senate, Sustainability Coalition, and United Multicultural Council were absent. Senators Brooks, Espy, Hallsted, Jones, Lyle, Mulhall, and Welsh were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the October 15th, 2019 meeting were approved as electronically circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the meeting was approved as electronically circulated.

OPEN FORUM

There was nobody in the gallery to address the Senate.

SPECIAL EVENT

Richard Miller, the Associate Director of the Center for Advising, Career, and Exploratory Studies addressed the Senate about the current advising fee and how that is being spent and also about the proposed advising fee increase and where that money will be used and why it is necessary. The Advising, Career, and Exploratory Studies (ACES) office is now about one year in and there are many more advising centers throughout campus other than in this office; each college and school has their own advising center. This adds up to be about thirty professional advisors throughout campus and there ends up being a substantial amount of turnover in these positions which means there seems to be a constant hiring and training cycle happening. There is an open manager position in the College of Business, but this should be filled in the very near future. Some money for the centers is paid for by the colleges themselves and some is paid for through ACES and the advising fee it distributes. The ACES office does not use any student money from the advising fee at all, but it was explained that the office associates throughout campus in the advising centers are paid for by student fee money. Until the advising plan was released not too long ago, not every college had their own advising center with professional advising staff. This plan made professional advising standardized across campus and the proposed increase would make this available for every class of students, not just freshmen and sophomores. After the advising fee went into effect, the College of Agriculture was able to hire three advisors, but Arts and Sciences is structured differently and only has five professional advisors. Business and Education only got a couple new advisors each post-advising fee and Engineering got many new ones because they wanted professional advising for their students throughout their four years here on campus. The School of Energy Resources has sustained itself in this category and the Haub School also got very little for
new advising. The reason behind asking for this increase in the advising fee is because certain colleges have more money than others. Arts and Sciences was hurt by the budget cuts, but Engineering gets supplemental money from the State Legislature. Advising in this way is not equal around campus due to the fact that Arts and Sciences cannot afford professional advising for all four years of school for students, but Engineering and other colleges are able to. The student success fees help pay for the salary of about two and a half professional advisors. As mentioned, the ACES office approves the budgets for every professional advising center on campus and then is in charge of also distributing that money; they are also in charge of training new advisors, but not faculty advisors because they do not dedicate their whole time to advising. Professional advisors on the flip do dedicate all of their time to that and have weekly duties on top of their busy seasons of summer, advising weeks, and graduation. The advising fee that went into effect just last year was levied per class because it is too difficult to do per college because students switch colleges so often. Academic advising tends to benefit the underclassmen more than it does upperclassmen, but career advising helps out those upperclassmen. This is where we see the career centers in the College of Business and Engineering come into play as well. The Dean of the College of Business is also planning on merging their academic and career advising centers. Distance, Law, and graduate students do not pay the same advising fee that was imposed last year. The timing of students going to advising tends to be skewed towards the fall semester due to freshmen having more questions then and people dropping out of school in between then and the spring semester. Students come in about two and a half times per semester for about fifty minutes on average, but the College of Education has higher visit times because they have the best student-to-advisor ratio. One of the goals of ACES through this additional money from an increase in the advising fee is to increase the number of visits each student takes to their advisor in each semester. Arts and Sciences only has professional advising for freshmen currently, but they are moving to attempt to do this academic advising for sophomores as well. Last semester this office had ASUW send out an advising survey at the end of the semester to gauge how advising was doing. They want to continue to do this every semester to get data and see how and where they can improve everybody’s advising experiences. From the one sent out last year, the ACES office found that they need to improve in the career advising aspect of things. Eighty-six percent of the new advising fee is planning on being spent for salaries and benefits, seven percent on travel and training, three percent on software, and four percent on everything else. Most of this money will go to Arts and Sciences because of their lack of four year professional advising for their students. When training occurs for an advisor, they are supposed to train the other advisors who were unable to attend due to not finishing their required trainings or other reasons. If this fee is allowed to go into effect, faculty advisors can still be utilized, but they will only play a mentorship role for internships and the future for people’s educations. The professional advisors will keep the PERC numbers for students and keep track of their progress through school. The goal of obtaining more professional advisors is to increase retention and graduation rates and help improve student satisfaction. These will be measured through data and use of the ASUW survey and AdvisorTrac. These can all assist in making advising more consistent and happen more often.

**RSO FUNDING BOARD REQUESTS**

Senator Vetter moved to allocate $6675.00 to the Indian Students Association for their Diwali Night event.

Senator Walls seconded.
Motion passed by a standing vote of 25-0-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Wilkins reported that the fee memo was sent out to Student Financial Services and this was subsequently sent out on ASUW’s behalf by them. Hearing are scheduled to take place between now and November 15th and Vice President Houghton will be reaching out to the members of the Programmatic Fee Review Committee and the Mandatory Student Fees Committee. He also met with Ken Driese, who helped to write the proposal for the GIST program. They discussed the fact that the Faculty Senate Academic Planning Committee did not approve the undergraduate program or the on-campus graduate program, so there will likely be amendments to this bill when it is debated on next week to address those discrepancies. President Wilkins also noted that he has been working with Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Campbell to address concerns that have been brought forward about the proposed changes to make the Union parking lot into green space under the campus master plan. They will be meeting with Acting President Theobald and Vice President of Administration, Bill Mai, about these issues next week. The Colorado State University Student Government is planning on visiting next Tuesday, in the afternoon. They will be meeting with the Executive team and attending our Senate meeting that night. There will be a dinner before the meeting that all Senators will be invited to. Vice President Houghton and he will be meeting with Acting Vice President of Student Affairs, Kim Chestnut tomorrow. He talked with Chief of Legislative Affairs Hoversland about hosting a legislation workshop for members of ASUW and reminded everybody that the application for the position of Director of Diversity will close tomorrow night right before midnight. If nobody applies before then, they will reach out to somebody from the previous application process who is still interested in the job and bring them up for confirmation. Finally, a member of the Judicial Council resigned and there will be somebody from the previous application brought up for confirmation in the near future.

Director of RSO Relations Good announced that she will be gone for the rest of the week, but can be reached by email. She will try to answer those as soon as possible, but they will for sure be answered by Sunday. She reminded Senators that her RSO workshop is happening on October 30th from 11:00am to 1:00pm and encouraged Senators to show their face at the event.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Hoversland echoed that he and President Wilkins talked about doing a workshop for legislation ideas by executives and Senators. He reminded Senators that he was a resource that could be utilized for writing legislation. Finally, he thanked all those who attended the successful Senate retreat and said he was planning on coming up with a time for those to make up the required diversity training.

Vice President Houghton reported that the Census Committee met for the second time on Monday morning and has about fifteen members from around campus and the community as a whole. As he will mention in the committee report, there will be an educational special event from UW’s
contact for the census. The information learned from this can then be taken and shared with First-Year seminar classes for a service hour. The Vice President reached out to those who indicated they wanted to be on the Elections Committee and is working on getting that set up. They will hopefully meet by the end of the month to elect a chair and begin the process of hiring an Elections Commissioner. He thanked all those who helped out with homecoming events like the barbeque on Friday and the parade on Saturday. The advising fee survey has closed and the results from that will be emailed out to the Senators tomorrow. Finally, he will be meeting with General Counsel Tara Evans and Director Meredith Asay tomorrow, along with members of the Fraternity and Sorority Life, to discuss the anti-hazing legislation on the state level.

Advisor Lozano reported that the mandatory student fees memo has now been sent out. This is ahead of schedule and ahead of what happened last year, so that is helpful for the Budget and Planning Committee, Colorado State University is coming next week and will be attending the Senate meeting. This may cause for the meeting to be held elsewhere than the Senate Chambers, but that information will be relayed as needed. Those members will meet with the executive team and there will be a dinner that everybody is invited to. Finally, he was excited to see that the money allocated for the name change fund under Senate Resolution #2657 has been applied for twice now and will be used in the near future, for a good cause.

Chief Justice Sanders updated the Senate on the Judicial Council’s visions and goals statement. This is required of the Judicial Council and was put together by her. She highlighted the main points of this document, including the fact that she gets all the Senate emails and will be forwarding information about working documents when they are changed to her fellow associate justices. They have been meeting regularly as a council so that everybody is able to fully understand the ASUW working documents and the required revisions to their rules and procedures documents were made to better the process and align it with the ASUW working documents. Formal proceedings will be consistent due to the council meeting in the future and putting together forms for those who want to go in front of them and a script for hearings. Their advisor will also conduct trainings on how to run hearings. The council will meet deadlines they set out in the document to be ratified tonight and the members have been and will be attending events that can help them understand legal proceedings better. This is because the Chief Justice wants the council to be useful and a place of growth for the associate justices.

**Ex Officio Communications**

College Panhellenic Council had no report.

First-Year Senate reported that they met earlier in the night to conduct the first reading and steer four bills. They also heard from Marty Martinez as their special event. He works in the Union and talked about what his Veterans Center can offer.

Interfraternity Council had no report.

Student Athlete Advisory Commission had no report.
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Steering reported that they met on Friday to go over the two bills that will be up for first reading tonight and discussed other business regarding Senatorial responsibilities.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy had no report.

Budget and Planning reported that they are planning on meeting tomorrow to work on realignments. They will also be discussing legislation to change the finance policy and are excited to hear the name change fund is being used. Finally, they thanked President Wilkins for his work on the fee committees and for making their lives a little bit easier on this topic.

Programs and Institutional Development had no report.

RSO Funding Board reported that they allocated $350.00 to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for a conference. $500.00 were approved for conferences for two other RSOs: American String Teachers Association and Lambda Chi Alpha. They also approved $750.00 for the Society of Petroleum Engineers and Engineers Without Borders to attend conferences. Finally, the Board recommended that the Senate approve $6675.00 for the Diwali Night event. They also discussed and began to plan a meeting with stakeholders in the event planning process to smooth out the discrepancies seen through the appeal that happened last week.

Student Outreach and Programming reported that they did not meet last Friday and instead volunteered for the Homecoming barbeque. There were over 2000 respondents to the advising survey that closed yesterday, so they will be analyzing that data and writing a resolution based off of that within the next two weeks.

Cowboy Count reported that they met for the second time on Monday morning and that there will be a training for the Senate as the special event before the end of the semester to educate them about the importance of the census. They also need help to do outreach to students and Senators’ constituents about numerator jobs for the census, which pay about $14.50 an hour.

Homecoming reported that their events are over and went fairly well. The horse shoe hunt is also over and most everything was found and claimed. They will meet again in the future to discuss what went well and what could be changed and the budget proposal for next year.

COLLEGE CONTACT REPORTS

Agriculture and Natural Resources had no report.

Arts and Sciences reported that Theater and Dance is putting on Out of Chaos on October 25th and 26th with tickets available for purchase. A female A Capella group will be putting on a show on Sunday afternoon in the Arts and Sciences auditorium with tickets available for purchase through the Fine Arts box office.
Business reported that Alpha Kappa Psi is doing a fundraiser until Thursday in the Union. They will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts for $10 per dozen. This charge can be paid in either cash or on Venmo. The Johnson Career Center is holding events in advance of advising week. Finally, they sat down with the RSO Presidents and David Emery, the former CEO of Black Hills Energy.

Education reported that they will be holding their individual office hours separately with Senator Titus’ being held on Thursday from 11:00am to 1:00pm and Senator Bennett’s being from 10:00am to 12:00pm. The contact also attended event earlier in the day at Wyoming Indian High School.

Engineering and Applied Sciences had no report.

Haub School had no report.

Health Sciences reported that there is a blood drive and then a campaign to get people to be blood donors will also be happening this week.

Law had no report.

School of Energy Resource reported that this week is energy awareness week and that their school will be tabling in the Union on Wednesday and Thursday. There, they will be conducting a raffle for a limited edition Hydro Flask. In the future, they will be cohosting a conference on Energy Law in the Rockies.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no new business to hear or consider.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the ASUW Judicial Council Rules and Procedures

The ex-officio from First-Year Senate moved to approve the document as electronically circulated.

Senator Rubano seconded.

Motion approved by a standing vote of 25-0-0.

Senate Resolution #2673: ASUW Support for the Implementation of GIST Program and Certificates

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to Programs and Institutional Development.

Senate Bill #2674: Defining Title as a Way to Determine the Intent of a Piece of Legislation

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to the Steering Committee.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Walls announced that the First-Year Senate Student Advisor, Lucy Ward, wanted to remind Senators that the resume and cover letter workshop will be occurring on Monday, November 11 at 12:00pm. Food will be provided at this event and it is a good way for Senators to interact with the First-Year Senators. Advisor Ward has sent an Outlook calendar invite to people who indicated interest, so please RSVP as soon as possible to get correct numbers for food.

The ex-officio from First-Year Senate announced that there is a bill up for debate in their body next week to make their Constitution completely gender-neutral and that there is a place in the ASUW Constitution where it is not if anybody would be interested in writing legislation to fix that discrepancy.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:32pm. The next regular meeting will be October 29th, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Senate Chambers, Union Room 221.

Hank Hoversland
Chief of Legislative Affairs