
ASUW SENATE MINUTES

The October 23rd, 2018 meeting was called to order by Vice President Mulhall at 7:07 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, College Panhellenic Council, Staff Senate, United Multicultural Council, and Union Programs were absent. Senators Applegate, Conard, Gruntmeir, Lane, and Woodward 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

Dr. Toi Geil from the University Counseling Center addressed the Senate about the UCC's services. They are located in Knight Hall room 341, and any student, regardless of credit hours, can use their services for free. They keep everything confidential except in the case of a serious threat of danger to self/others or child abuse. Outside of these exceptions, no information will be shared without the written consent of the student. Students visit the UCC for a variety of reasons from stress to trauma and depression. To make an appointment, one only needs to drop in to the office from 10:00-12:00 pm or 1:00-4:00 pm to fill out paperwork, and then the first appointment will be scheduled to assess concerns and safety. The UCC follows the Stepped Care Model, which is based on student needs. They provide educational materials, workshops, process groups, follow-ups, time effective individual counseling, crisis intervention, and referrals to campus and community resources. Additionally, they will consult and do outreach for on-campus groups and coordinate with Student Health. If a student is experiencing a crisis during business hours, they should call or go to the UCC. If it is after hours, they should call 30-766-8989 for a counselor. Finally, Dr. Toi led the Senate in a mindfulness and relaxation exercise.

RSO FUNDING BOARD REQUESTS

Senator Madhyanam moved to allocate \$6,899 to the Indian Students' Organization for Diwali Night.

Senator Van Baalen seconded.

Motion passed (24-0-1).

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Jones reported that the Faculty Senate resolution regarding plus minus grading was successfully amended to support straight letter grades. He thanked everyone who helped lobby this topic, especially Chief of Staff Harris. He announced that the Housing Survey is open until November 2nd and passed around a sign-up sheet for tabling. He is currently working on Tuition Policy legislation and will establish how the committee will function with President Nichols. The next step in the Union Visioning Study will be interviews with engineering firms on November 5th and 6th.

Chief of Staff Harris thanked the Senate for helping out with Homecoming and plus minus lobbying. She announced that Kent Noble will be giving a presentation on self-branding on Thursday from 12:15-1:00 pm in the Union Ballroom. Redefining Cowboy Tough will be putting together a “toolbox” for mental health issues, and she will be sending out the information later on.

Director of Finance Ditty-Suggs is working on budgeting workshops and Financial Wellness. The first workshop will be November 7th from 6:00-7:00 pm in Business 127. Cash Cart will be running November 12th-21st.

Director of Marketing Hu is advertising Special Projects and Special Elections and would appreciate it if the Senators helped spread the word.

Director of Diversity McVicker has been working with the MLK DOD Committee to plan events. She has been reaching out to multicultural groups and RSOs and would appreciate any Senators involved in said organizations to reach out to her. She is also working with RLDS and the Native American Center on smudging policies in the dorms.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Sanders reported that the Senate vacancies are in Arts and Sciences, Business, and Engineering; applications are on the website and are due by Friday. She helped out with Homecoming events last week and attended the mixer with Utah State University student government representatives. She is working on legislation with Senators and Executives about Homecoming, P-Cards, and funding for competitions. She asked any Senators interested in these topics to reach out to her. Finally, she announced that the November 13th meeting will be held in the College of Law Large Moot Courtroom (room 178).

Vice President Mulhall reported that the Tri-Senate Social will be November 2nd at 3:30 pm in the Union Ballroom. She encouraged the Senators to go and build relationships with Faculty and Staff Senators. She also asked the Senators to attend the Kent Noble workshop on Thursday. She reminded the Senate that elections are on November 6th, and they should all make sure they are informed voters. Finally, she urged the Senators to take care of their mental health and reach out

to her if they need help. Her office hours for the week are cancelled, but she will still be available by email.

Advisor Lozano offered to help anyone with planning their schedules for next semester. He reported that he joined Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Houghton on the LCCC and EWC legs of the Fall UW Tour. He also attended a conference about legal issues in higher education at the University of Vermont with Dr. Gern from SLS and Associate Dean of Students Ryan McGarry Dinneen O'Neil. He thanked VP Blackburn for supporting them financially on the trip.

Ex Officio Communications

First-Year Senate reported that they discussed Senate Resolution #2634 and will be having an unofficial costume meeting next week.

Interfraternity Council reported that they are extremely concerned with the housing plan and will be having an Open Forum tomorrow with VP Blackburn.

College Panhellenic Council's expansion is going well; they will be meeting with Alpha Sigma Alpha in the Union Ballroom tomorrow.

International Students Association announced that their Mid-Semester Party is costumed themed. It will be October 27th in the basement of the Cheney International Center. They will have karaoke and FIFA.

Residence Halls reported that they will be participating in Safe Treat on Halloween. They will be attending their Regional Leadership Conference at BYU next week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Steering met last week and discussed legislation.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported that they are working on changing a few policies regarding sexual harassment and assault. They will be reaching out to the Sustainability Coalition and discussed Senate Resolution #2634.

Budget and Planning reported that they are working on Special Projects.

Programs and Institutional Development reported that they are continuing to work on the McGraw Hill Inclusive Access Project. They decided to dismiss the plan to create a joint RSO Council and will instead encourage RSOs to attend the ASUW Roundtables.

RSO Funding Board rejected Lambda Chi Alpha's request for \$250 for conference registration, but allocated \$340 to Wyoming Students Society of Health-Systems. They allocated \$159 to Her Campus for their event Hot Chocolate with Her Campus, \$700 to the Institute of Transportation

Engineers for the CO/WY ITS Northern Meeting, and \$1405 to the Multicultural Law Students Association for the Gotta Go Buffalo 5k.

Student Outreach and Programming thanked the Senators for their help with Homecoming. They met to discuss Senate Resolution #2634 and will be meeting this week to debrief Homecoming.

Student Wellness Advisory Board will have their next meeting on November 7th at 5:00 pm in Half Acre 115. They will be discussing movement and snacks in classes.

Rave Guardian Advisory Committee will be meeting tomorrow at 8:00 am to discuss how the app is used on campus and how to market it to increase use.

COLLEGE CONTACT REPORTS

Agriculture and Natural Resources reported that they are preparing with the Donuts with the Dean event. Applications to be a handler for Cowboy Joe are now open.

Arts and Sciences reported that Geology and Geophysics are now accepting applications for Fall 2019 student opportunities in tectonics and bio and geo chemistry. The planetarium is having a show on Friday at 6:00 pm, and a UW theatre and dance alum is in the Netflix show "Everything Sucks."

Business reported that Wyoming Women in Economics is hosting a networking panel on October 26th at 10:00 am in Business room 262.

Education reported that they are back to holding regular office hours, and Senator Wilkins will be serving on the Advisory Council for Student Education as the student member.

Engineering and Applied Sciences reported that the JEC will be meeting on Thursday.

Haub School reported that they are still working on meeting with Mayor Summerville about composting. The Biodiversity Institute will be meeting on October 31st from 3:30-5:00 pm in the Biodiversity Auditorium.

Health Sciences had no report.

Law reported that Law Week went well. They are hoping to hold office hours next week.

School of Energy Resources reported that there will be a conference on energy law on Friday in the Gateway Center. Policy experts will be sitting on panels to discuss oil and gas and solar panels.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Second Reading.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy gave a do-pass recommendation with amendments.

Student Outreach and Programming gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Strock moved to adopt Senate Resolution #2634.

Senator Herold seconded.

Senator Leyshon moved the following friendly amendments:

On line 5, change “5500 acres” to “5472 acres”

On line 11, change “refill zone” to “recharge zone”

Change line 18 and 19 to read “WHEREAS, over 550 investors within the community have collectively pledged \$720,000; and,”

The amendments were taken as friendly.

Senator Garcia moved to add an image as Addendum B.

Senator Strock seconded.

Senator Strock moved to amend the amendment to add after line 12

“WHEREAS, cities and communities, such as Boise, Idaho, with similar unique outdoor recreational opportunities have seen an increase in economic activity, as seen in Addendum B; and,”

Senator Hungerford seconded.

Motion passed.

Motion passed.

Senator Hungerford moved to amend line 29 by striking “actions to promote awareness” replace with “the purchase of land under”

Senator Strock seconded.

Motion passed.

Senator Strock made a friendly amendment to change line 2 from “its” to “ours”

The amendment was taken as friendly.

Motion passed (25-0-0).

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Mulhall announced that the Gubernatorial Debate is Thursday at 5:15 pm in the A&S Auditorium.

Senator Garcia announced that representatives from the Sustainability Coalition will be presenting to ADP tomorrow at 6:15 pm.

Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Houghton announced that he is continuing community college visits with Director of Programming and Events Dia. They will be going to Casper next week. He attending the state legislature’s Housing Task Force meeting last week and will be sending out a full report later on. There will be a Watch Party on Election Day starting at

7:00 pm in the basement of the Union. Also on Election Day, transit services will be adding a stop at the Armory. The Gubernatorial Debate is Thursday at 5:15 pm in the A&S Auditorium. The People's Supper is tomorrow at the Art Museum. He passed around sign-up sheets for WASC, tabling for Pokes Vote, and the Leadership Scholarship Committee. Finally, he reminded the Senators to attend the Kent Noble presentation.

Chief of Staff Harris announced that the Executives will be attending Sources of Strength tomorrow from 11:00-1:00 pm in Half Acre. Any Senators are welcome to join.

President Jones announced that he needs Senators from Health Sciences and Agriculture to contact him if they are interested in serving on the Central Student Technology Committee.

Senator Pierson announced that the Acres Student Farm will be screening Night of the Living Dead at 6:30 pm on Friday. The Student Farm is on 30th and Harney.

Senator Hungerford announced that WASC is a great opportunity to encourage high school students to participate in student government in college, so any available Senators should go.

Senator Hungerford moved to suspend Article 2, Section 4 of the Rules and Procedures for the October 30th meeting.

Senator Strock seconded.

Motion passed.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M. The next regular meeting will be October 30th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Senate Chambers Union Room 221.

Nicole Sanders
Chief of Legislative Affairs

** Due to technical difficulties, there was no audio recording of the meeting. Therefore, these minutes are not a completely accurate documentation of the meeting. **