ASUW SENATE MINUTES

The October 8\textsuperscript{th}, 2019 meeting was called to order by Vice President Houghton at 7:01 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, Staff Senate, Student Athlete Advisory Commission, and United Multicultural Council were absent. Senators Anselmi-Stith, Applegate, Brooks, Jones, O’Connor, and Titus were absent.

SWEARING IN OF NEW SENATOR

Senator Emilie Fittje of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences was sworn in by Vice President Houghton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the October 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2019 meeting were approved as electronically circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as electronically circulated.

OPEN FORUM

Student-at-Large Jeremy Rief addressed the Senate and introduced himself and let the Senate know he is the Parliamentarian for the First-Year Senate.

SPECIAL EVENT

Jacqueline Rickett of CSIL addressed the Senate; she acts as a Program Advisor for Fraternity and Sorority Life and for Registered Student Organizations (RSOs). She talked about what RSOs are and how to start them and also about what the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership (CSIL) does. 7220 Entertainment, the center for Service, Leadership, and Community Engagement (SLCE), ASUW, and Multicultural Affairs (MA) are all members of the CSIL community. CSIL is a place for students to find opportunities to get involved on campus. To create an RSO, Jacqueline explained that a form must first be filled out to explain what the RSO will do just so that it can be confirmed the missions of RSOs do not overlap with one another. Then, a constitution has to be created and the founders must meet with her to be able to take the next step, registering on UWConnect. This process is fun and easy because it only takes about a month or so. There are over 270 RSOs on campus with fifteen new RSOs being created this year and thirty-eight last year. ASUW is important to helping out RSOs because of the funding they provide to them. This is true because many RSOs do not require dues, or if they do, they are very minimal in cost. They have to put events they want to host on UWConnect at least five weeks in advance of the date of the event. This is because events require approval from many different areas around campus including
Risk Management, Reservations, Contracting, and many others. After all of these occur, they are allowed to go to RSO Funding Board and if their request is over $3500.00, they appear in front of the whole Senate. There are approximately five to seven new events put on UWConnect each week. RSOs are able to disband and when this occurs, their remaining funds go to where their Constitution stated, or to ASUW and different departments to help other RSOs.

**RSO FUNDING BOARD REQUESTS**

There were no new RSO Funding Board requests to hear or consider.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Executive Reports**

President Wilkins said that he and Vice President Houghton met with Acting President Theobald earlier in the morning. They discussed a multitude of issues including the fact that all of ASUW’s edits did not make the fee memo that was sent out earlier; they will discuss this further with Aaron Courtney next week. He has been getting prepared for the Student Government Association Conference occurring on Saturday in Denver. Earlier in the week he met with Dr. Anne Alexander to discuss the GIST proposal which will be up in front of the Board of Trustees’ November meeting. Classes for this program have already begun, but there is no degree. This is why they are looking to approve a degree in the fall of next year which will be an undergraduate on with three certificates and five certificates for the graduate degree. He will be writing a resolution in support of this soon, so if anybody is interested in assisting him on this please email him at asuwvp@uwyo.edu. Western Wyoming Community College’s Student Government is planning on visiting our campus for the Homecoming football game. Acting President Theobald offered to cover the tickets for them to attend the game. The Colorado State University Student Government is supposed to be coming up here for a Tuesday night meeting to see how we operate. A roundtable was held on Friday to discuss the future of diversity in ASUW with relevant stakeholders in the Multicultural Affairs realm of campus. The timeline and process for the hiring of a new Director of Diversity should be finalized with help from Chief of Staff Talamantes by Friday. Finally, he and other members of the Executive Branch will be meeting with Brett Kahler from the Foundation to get a better understanding of ASUW’s money that is in the Foundation.

Chief of Staff Talamantes updated the Senate on the doings of the ASUW Executive Branch. She said that a lot of the work has just been continued from the past weeks, but that she attended the Student Leadership and Involvement Council. The council meets monthly to provide a space of collaboration and updating student groups on what each of them have been working on. This is comprised of representatives from 7220, SLCE, CSIL, and many others. She also invited Senators to attend a National Coming Out Day lunch put on by Multicultural Affairs so they can introduce everyone to their new Program Advisor for Gender and Sexuality, Jess Fahlsing. This event will take place on Friday, October 11, from 11:30am to 1:30pm in the Union Family Room.
Chief of Legislative Affairs Hoversland told the Senate that the retreat would occur on the evening of Thursday, October 17th, and to mark this day on their calendars because it is mandatory due to there being a Diversity training done by UMC for the retreat.

Vice President Houghton reported that the Cowboy Count Committee met on Friday for the first time. This was successful and there will be another meeting in a two weeks or so. He is meeting with General Counsel, Tara Evans, on Friday with others to continue the discussion about the hazing legislation. He and others from the Executive Branch met with the Sustainability Coalition to discuss them becoming a Strategic Partner. He, Chief of Legislative Affairs Hoversland, Director Savage, and Social Chair Trent have been in the stages of planning the Senate Retreat with more information to come in the near future. He informed the Senate that he attended the LifeSavers Coalition earlier in the day and is in the final stages of planning homecoming. Finally, ASUW needs a representative on the Academic Planning Committee which will meet on Friday, October 18th.

Advisor Lozano reported that there is now a temporary attorney for Student Legal Services. She is a graduate of UW and has worked in places throughout the University in the past. She will begin on Monday and work throughout the academic year as a program review is conducted.

**Ex Officio Communications**

College Panhellenic Council had no report.

First-Year Senate reported that they met earlier in the evening and passed Senate Bill #2671 unanimously with the amendments put forward by Steering.

Interfraternity Council said that their Vice President of Safety and Wellness has been working with the Wellness Center to market mental health services to the fraternity community and the UW community as a whole.

International Students Association reported that Soccer Fiesta earlier where the proceeds went to the Soup Kitchen. There will be no International Coffee Hour this week as the association will be working on planning events for International Week.

Sustainability Coalition reported that Solar Fest is occurring on Saturday in the evening at the Laramie Train Depot.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Steering reported that they met on Friday to discuss Senate Bill #2671 and made friendly amendments to Senate Bill #2672.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported that they discussed Senate Bill #2671 and formulated a recommendation.
Budget and Planning reported that they did not meet last week, but will be meeting at 4:30pm on Wednesday.

Programs and Institutional Development reported that they did not meet this week.

RSO Funding Board reported that they allocated $750.00 to two conferences for the Student Dietetic Association and the Society of Women Engineers. They also funded Solar Fest 2019 for $1855.00. This event will be occurring on Saturday, October 12th in downtown Laramie in the evening.

Student Outreach and Programming reported that they continued the advising survey this week with over 2300 responses with about 1900+ being fully completed.

Cowboy Count reported that they will be meeting biweekly up until January, when they will meet every week. April 1st is the actual census day, but there will be people taking it before then. About 3000 people will be hired as census workers around the state of Wyoming, so if anyone is interested they can find that online and they should share this opportunity with their constituents.

Homecoming reported that food orders are being placed and the t-shirts have arrived. Volunteers for events throughout the week are needed and helping out with these will count as service hours. Music and free food are just a couple of the things that will benefit students.

**COLLEGE CONTACT REPORTS**

Agriculture and Natural Resources reported that they will be holding individual office hours with the hopes of getting one group hour to fit in somewhere.

Arts and Sciences reported that they will be getting together tomorrow to discuss upcoming goals for the semester and will sit down and meet with the Dean of the College later in the month.

Business reported that they are again meeting with RSO Presidents later in the week.

Education had no report.

Engineering and Applied Sciences reported that they held office hours and one person came to them with no real substantive issues. They are working on spreading awareness of their office hours and ASUW as a whole in their college.

Haub School had no report.

Health Sciences reported that there will be a career fair for nursing and health professions later in the week and free flu shots will be given out on October 17th out in the Laramie community with a few, small requirements.
Law had no report.

School of Energy Resource reported that their speaker series will continue on Friday from 12:00pm to 1:00pm in their school’s auditorium.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Senate Bill #2671: Defining Parliamentary Rights for the ASUW Executive Branch
The bill was read a second time.
Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy gave a do-pass recommendation.
Steering gave a do-pass with amendments recommendation.
The ex-officio from First-Year Senate moved to approve the bill.
Senator Rubano seconded.
Senator Mulhall moved to amend the bill to remove “, and they are in line with the same rights outlined for SALs as passed in SB 2659” and change Addendum A, under Article 1, Section 7, subsection A, clause e to add “and to make motions” after “except for the right to vote.”
Senator Walls seconded.
Motion passed by a voice vote.
The motion passed by a roll call vote of 26-0-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Senate Bill #2672: Revision to Senatorial Responsibilities
The bill was read for the first time.
Steered to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Student Outreach and Programming; Steering.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements made.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 7:38pm. The next regular meeting will be October 15th, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Senate Chambers, Union Room 221.

Hank Hoversland
Chief of Legislative Affairs