
ASUW SENATE MINUTES

The October 9th, 2018 meeting was called to order by Vice President Mulhall at 7:02 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the mission statement was read, and roll was taken. Ex Officios from Faculty Senate, College Panhellenic Council, Student Athlete Advisory Committee, United Multicultural Council, and Union Programs were absent. Senators Madhyanam and Mueller were absent.

SWEARING IN OF NEW SENATORS

The new Senators were sworn in.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Strock moved to strike the second instance of Senator Herold denying his nomination under New Business.

The amendment was taken as friendly.

Senator Strock moved to suspend the Abernathy Clause.

Senator Brooks seconded.

Motion passed.

The minutes were approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

OPEN FORUM

There was no one in the gallery.

SPECIAL EVENT

Erik Kahl, the FSL Coordinator, presented to the Senate to explain FSL and how ASUW can be involved. He explained that FSL is made up of value-based organizations that strive to build connections, grow and develop members and chapters, teach members to lead with integrity, and give back to the community. There are 5 sororities with 3 houses on campus and 9 fraternities with 6 houses on campus. They are working to restore houses and add more chapters to Fraternity and Sorority Row. Overall, they have around 700 students involved in FSL. FSL is focused on academic excellence; since the spring of 2014, the average GPA of students involved in FSL is higher than non-FSL students. FSL plans or is involved with several events including

Basecamp, Cowboy Carnival, Homecoming, Greek Week, service trips and days, philanthropy events, and FSL Awards. There are leadership opportunities in chapters, on the Interfraternity Council Executive Board, Greek Week Leadership Team, Interfraternity Standards Board, Recruitment Counselors, Big Brother Big Sister, and FSL Orientation Leaders. They recently added Alpha Sigma Phi, Phi Sigma Nu, and Alpha Pi Omega. Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Phi, and Alpha Sigma Alpha are competing to be added to campus next year; Alpha Chi Omega will be visiting on October 16th, Alpha Phi will be on campus on October 23rd, and Alpha Sigma Alpha will be here on October 24th. Tau Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Tau Gamma, and Phi Gamma Delta are fraternities that will be added in the coming years, and they are working to add more culturally-based fraternities. FSL is working to improve safety and wellness for all of campus, increase member and chapter progression, growth, service and charitable efforts. They would also like to get alumni and families more involved. Mr. Kahl informed the Senate of a couple FSL updates: the IFC created and elected a VP of Education and VP of Safety and Wellness, and the IFC also passed a bill that restricts chapter houses or events from having alcohol over 15% starting January 1st. FSL hopes to continue working with ASUW through the strategic partnerships with IFC and CPH. Their initiative, Redefining Cowboy Tough, began last week with an event about bystanders and warning signs led by Suzette Walden Cole. For this initiative, each month will have a different theme. October will focus on substance use and abuse, November and December will bring awareness to mental health issues, February and March will be focused on body image and confidence, and April will provide programming on sexual assault prevention. The next event will be November 6th in the Union Ballroom; Josh Riverdall will be presenting on how to listen to personal stories and use them for change. The committee that plans for Redefining Cowboy Tough meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in Union 010.

RSO FUNDING BOARD REQUESTS

There were no RSO Funding Board Requests.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Jones reported that the Pilot Hill Survey is still open, but the results will be submitted in legislation by Friday. He is continuing to work with VP Blackburn on sending out a survey on Housing. He will be participating in a Board of Trustees conference call tomorrow.

Chief of Staff Harris met with the Law Clinic to discuss working together to help students fund a legal name change. She started discussing the creation of a CSIL Student Board with Jeremy Davis, held a meeting with the Counseling Center to give feedback on the Gatekeepers training, and prepared for the Utah State Visit. She will be working with Budget and Planning to find money for the legal name change fund, and she will attend the SLS event on Thursday.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Sanders reported that she has been working on setting up scholarships. The Service Exchange Scholarship is currently open, and the Charlotte H. Davis Scholarship for First-Year Senators should be opening on the 15th; both scholarships can be

found on Academic Works. She informed the Senators that the first Legislative Listening Session was held last Thursday, and since there was no student attendance, so she urged the Senators to spread the word about the events to their colleges. She attended ADP and First-Year Senate Procedures last week to answer questions about SB 2632 and went to First-Year Senate. She encouraged the Senators to attend a FYS meeting as they are an excellent and passionate group of students. She reminded the Senate to use her as a resource for brainstorming and writing legislation.

Vice President Mulhall reported that she is finalizing University Committees, so Senators who have not heard about their appointment yet should contact her. Additionally, there are still plenty of spots open for any Senators who would like to serve on more. She informed the Senate that she will be visiting committees in the next few weeks and started with Budget and Planning last week. She met with the College Contact Representatives, and she is pleased with their work. There will be a meeting with Committee Chairs soon. She encouraged the Senators to sign up for the Big Event and to tell their constituents and RSOs to attend the Roundtable tomorrow at 7:00 pm in Union 203. She reported that she is working on setting up a make-up time for the Senators who missed Diversity Training. Finally, she informed the Senators that service hours only need to be completed for service periods if they are trying for the scholarship. The requirements to remain a Senator only involve completing 6 total service hours in the fall semester and 4 in the spring semester. Because of this, the service hours assignment will be open until December.

Ex Officio Communications

First-Year Senate reported that Rebecca Despain from ACES presented to them about SOAR and adding value to a four-year degree. They also debated Senate Bill 2632 and 2633.

Interfraternity Council thanked the Senate for listening to Erik Kahl. They emphasized that fraternities and sororities recruit people who have their same values. The representative stated that he will be working on getting anti-hazing legislation to pass in the state legislature.

International Students Association reported that they generated \$100 from their event, Soccer Fiesta, and donated all proceeds to the Laramie Soup Kitchen.

Non-Traditional Student Council reported that they had their second in-person meeting earlier today. They are working on ageism issues by talking to departments and spreading awareness that 20% of the student population are non-traditional. They are also working to get a gluten-free option in the Gardens and will be co-sponsoring an event with the Veteran Students Association. Their next meeting will be the second Tuesday of November in the Non-Traditional Student Center. They will have a guest there to talk about cooking and eating on a budget. They are continuing to recruit.

Residence Halls reported that they are preparing for a conference at the end of November. Last week, they were visited by the residential housing group from LCCC to get ideas on housing.

Staff Senate reported that they have tabled most of their discussions until they get more information and reports back. They met with AVP Durr about the workplace survey and a taskforce was created to investigate why the results were so poor. The Tri-Senate Social they are hosting will be on November 2nd. They announced that they used their returned Reserves to give out 5 scholarships to staff members to continue their education.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Steering met last week and discussed legislation.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy met last week and discussed Senate Bill 2632. They also talked about projects, specifically Senator Lyle's recycling program. This would include a recycling competition between dorm floors and reusable silverware for Homecoming. SLS will be presenting to them at their October 31st meeting, and they reported that they also discussed UMC programs at their last meeting.

Budget and Planning reported that they met about Special Projects. The application is open and closes November 9th. They are working with Director of Marketing Hu and Director of Finance Ditty-Suggs to spread the word, but they ask that the Senators help as well. They may be working on legislation to increase the amount of money allocated to Special Projects.

Programs and Institutional Development met last week to discuss their next steps regarding the McGraw-Hill presentation. They are also working to create a joint council between ASUW and RSOs.

RSO Funding Board had no report.

Student Outreach and Programming met and folded Homecoming t-shirts. They discussed Horseshoe Hunt locations and prizes. They passed around sign-up sheets for the pizza and t-shirt giveaway, pig roast, and parade.

Student Wellness Advisory Board had their first meeting last week. They introduced the history and purpose of the Board, discussed statistics from the National College Health Assessment performed last spring, and planned future topics and speakers. Their next meeting will be November 7th from 5:00-6:60 pm in Half Acre 115.

COLLEGE CONTACT REPORTS

Agriculture and Natural Resources reported that they are continuing to work on the Donuts with the Dean event. Applications to intern with the National Western Stock Show are now open.

Arts and Sciences reported that the Brown Bag Seminar Series will have its next event on October 12th from 12:00-1:00 pm. On Saturday, the UW Geological Museum is having a

meeting. The representative requested that the Doodle Poll for the college meeting be filled out by Arts and Sciences Senators.

Business reported that they are working to create a WyoCourses site for business students, and the Donuts with the Dean event is still being planned.

Education reported that they held office hours, and Senator Hungerford attended the monthly staff meeting. They discussed curriculum revisions, and it was a great opportunity to provide student input.

Engineering and Applied Sciences reported that their RSOs are running well.

Haub School reported that October 11th at 7:00 pm and October 12th at 7:00 pm will be their film festival, Mountainfilm on Tour. The films will be focused on environmentalism.

Health Sciences reported that they are working on meeting this month. They met with Athletics last week and informed the Senate that they have been invited to tour the High Altitude building. The representative will be working on setting that tour up.

Law reported that October 15th-19th is Law Week. They will have various speakers and panels, and the Wyoming Supreme Court will be hearing cases on Thursday.

School of Energy Resources reported that they met with Director Northam. The third Lunch and Learn will be on Friday.

OLD BUSINESS

Senate Bill #2632: ASUW By-Laws Reformatting & Revision.

Second reading.

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

Steering gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Strock moved to approve SB #2632.

Senator Brooks seconded.

Senator Hungerford moved to make the following friendly amendments:

Strike “of aforementioned” in Section 2.02, Subsection 4, Paragraph C.

Capitalize “Senators-at-large” and “Students-at-large” in Section 2.02, Subsection 10, Paragraph C, Clause c.

Add an “s” to “Executive Assistant” in Section 2.02, Subsection 10, Paragraph G, Clause c.

These amendments were accepted as friendly.

Senator Hungerford moved to amend all sections of the ASUW By-Laws referencing an ASUW standing committee so that each primary mention reads “The ASUW (insert committee name)” and any subsequent mentions read “the (committee).”

Senator Brooks seconded.

Motion passed.
Motion passed (28-0-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill #2633: Sustainable Efforts for 2018 Homecoming.

First Reading.

Senator Hungerford moved to suspend Article 6, Sections B and C of the ASUW Rules and Procedures.

Senator Leyshon seconded.

Motion passed.

Senator Hungerford moved to resolve into Committee of the Whole to discuss Senate Bill #2633.

Senator Brooks seconded.

Motion passed.

Committee of the Whole.

Vice President Mulhall moved to pass Senate Bill #2633.

Senator Gruntmeir seconded.

Motion passed.

Vice President Mulhall moved that the Committee of the Whole rise and report with a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Brooks seconded

Motion passed (28-0-0).

Second Reading.

Committee of the Whole gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Strock moved to adopt Senate Bill #2633.

Senator Brooks seconded.

Senator Hungerford moved to make the following amendments:

Change line 12 to read "WHEREAS, the ASUW Reserve currently has \$128,812.91 above the minimum \$100,000 floor."

Change lines 14-15 to read "Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government that \$1,650 be allocated to the Homecoming Budget in order to buy 250 sets of reusable cutlery to be"

Senator Brooks seconded.

Motion passed

The Ex-Officio from First-Year Senate moved to amend the end of line 16 to add "on an opt-in basis."

Senator Brooks seconded.

Motion failed (13-14-0).

Motion passed (23-5-0).

Election of a New Sergeant-at-Arms

Senator Hungerford nominated Senator Rooney.

Senator Conard nominated Senator Herold; he declined the nomination.

Vice President Mulhall appointed Senator Rooney.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Mulhall announced that the Roundtable is tomorrow at 7:00 pm in Union 203.

Senator Hungerford announced that SLS is putting on an event called “Vote- Know Your History Know Your Rights” on Thursday in the Union Family Room from 12:00-1:00 pm. They will be giving away free reusable grocery bags

Senator Strock announced that UMC will have their general meeting on Thursday from 4:00-5:00 pm in Classroom 209. They will be discussing Matthew Shepard Memorial events. UMC will be cohosting the Matthew Shepard Candlelight Vigil on Friday from 6:00-8:00 pm. The UMC officer and intern applications close Friday at 5:00 pm.

Senator Garcia announced that the Black Student Alliance is starting up again. They meet on Tuesdays at 5:00 pm in the MRC.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 9:19 P.M. The next regular meeting will be October 16th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Senate Chambers Union Room 221.

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

