The November 12th, 2019 meeting was called to order by Vice President Houghton at 7:01pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the mission statement was read, and roll was taken. Ex-Officios from International Students Association, Non-Traditional Student Council, Staff Senate, Student Athlete Advisory Committee, Sustainability Coalition, and United Multicultural Council were absent. Senators Diaz, Hoffman, Jones, and Vetter were absent.

SWEARING IN OF NEW SENATOR

Emiline Brown was sworn in as a Senator for the College of Education.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the November 5th, 2019 meeting were approved as electronically circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as electronically circulated.

OPEN FORUM

There was nobody in the gallery to address the Senate.

SPECIAL EVENT

Dave True, the chairman of the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees presented to the Senate. He began by thanking the Senate for having him to present to them and also for all of their work they do to make UW a better place for all the students here. The Board of Trustees has twelve voting members and five ex-officio members. The twelve voting members are appointed by the Governor of Wyoming and then the State Senate has to confirm those appointees. After this all happens, the people then take the oath of office and are ultimately seated on the board. There are seven judicial districts in Wyoming and there has to be at least one member of the Board of Trustees from one of these districts, and the five others can come from elsewhere. It is not typical of there to be more than two members of the board from each district. Further, each district has about three counties within it and it is not typical of Trustees to come from the same county within a district. As for party composition, no more than 75% of Trustees can come from the party of the Governor, so currently no more than nine of the Trustees can be Republicans. This does not matter though according to the chairman because the current makeup is about seven Republicans and five Democrats. This could change though because one of the Trustees, Wava Tully recently resigned, so there will need to be a vacancy filled in the next session of the Legislature. The new member will only finish out the term that is vacant, but still has to follow the same processes. The five ex-
officios are the ASUW President, Jason Wilkins, the Governor, Mark Gordon, the President of the University, Neil Theobald, the State Superintendent for Public Instruction, Jillian Balow, and the Executive Director of the Wyoming Community College Commission, Sandra Caldwell. The heads of the Staff and Faculty Senate also sit at the table with the other Trustees and are fully engaged in the conversations happening. Typical in-person meetings begin on Wednesdays with committee meetings happening all day. These committees are important because they do a lot of the grunt work and make recommendations to the full board. These committee meetings are open to the public and can be sat in on by anybody. The schedule of these meetings and the full board meetings can be found on the UWYO website. The recommendations of the committees then become motions made by members and these are then discussed and voted on. The second day, or typically Thursday, begins the actual board meeting followed by an evening event, this time being a dinner with Trustees Scholars. Friday, or the third day, continues the board meeting and then concludes in the afternoon. In-person meetings happen six times a year on odd numbered months and phone call meetings happen the other six months, or the even numbered months. The phone calls only take about an hour and a half and are to remedy major issues that cannot wait until the next in-person meeting. The board will be involved in the Higher Learning Commission’s reaccreditation process. Mr. True noted that members of the board do work outside of the once a month meetings and are appointed to six year terms that can be renewed one time. The chairman then took questions from Senators. During this period, he said that having the ASUW President on the board is always great because they always bring useful discussion to the table and are a good way to hear the student perspective on a multitude of issues. The ASUW President is allowed to be in executive session with the Board of Trustees, but it is hard because they cannot share with anybody what happens within that period of time. The Board of Trustees are there to be the fiduciaries of the University and employ the President of the University and the internal auditor. One of the main priorities for the board right now is to find a long-term President for the University. The search committee is an integral part in reaching that goal. This committee is made up of sixteen members with two members being student voices, President Wilkins and Senator Mulhall. Applications for this position will be funneled through the search firm based in Georgia and members of this firm are reaching out to people they believe are qualified to apply for the job. Dick McGinity, the former President of the University is also assisting the committee by reaching out to more non-traditional candidates, especially outside academia, that would be fitting for the role. Once the applications close the search committee will narrow the pool to about six semifinalists after winter break and forward it to the Board of Trustees. This body will then interview those semifinalists and narrow that to a list of finalists. Once these are decided on, their names will be released to the public and they will schedule on campus visits and interviews with them and have discussions with relevant parties. A choice will then be made to employ one of those candidates or they have the choice to restart the process if they are not comfortable with any of the applicants. One way students can have a say on issues before the board is to bring those forward to ASUW and its President to be brought up to them. Outside of executive session, these meetings, along with committee meetings, are open to the public with time set out for public comment. This is also a good option for the student body to be involved and give their input to the board. There are not any plans currently to increase their outreach with students, but they are always open to listening to suggestions on how to be able to do that. Not all of the members of the Board of Trustees are former students at the University because the Governor has ultimate say over who will be members. This means that he does not have to replace Trustee Tully with
somebody from Lusk or Niobrara County because there is no rule stating that, but he also very likely could do that.

**RSO FUNDING BOARD REQUESTS**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Executive Reports**

President Wilkins reported that the monthly Board of Trustees meeting is in town this week, so he will be out of the office most of the rest of the week, beginning tomorrow. At this meeting, they should be discussing the parking and transit aspect of the Master Plan and Director of Student Wellness and Sustainability Savage will be presenting to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee tomorrow, while Vice President Houghton and Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Campbell will be at the Facilities Committee meeting. He will give a report next week on major happenings of this meeting. HLC Accreditation is in the thick of things with the peer reviewers visiting campus next week on Monday and Tuesday. They will have drop-in sessions for students on the 18th from 3:30pm to 4:20pm and on the 19th from 9:00am to 9:50am, both in the West Union Ballroom. This will provide students an opportunity to have anonymous discussion and answer questions without UW employees present and in an anonymous environment. They have also set up a separate session to visit with ASUW on Monday from 10:00am to 10:50am in the Senate Chambers, of which there is a signup sheet being passed around for. This semester’s lunch with Dean of Libraries Gaetz is now schedule to happen on Friday, November 22nd, from 12:00pm to 1:00pm in Coe Library, Room 504. Yesterday, he had the opportunity to read names for the national roll call event for Veterans Day and thanked Marty Martinez for all of the work he has done for the veterans here on our campus. The business plan for the Student Services Endowment and the 2007 Senior Class Legacy endowment was submitted by Advisor Lozano. The senior class endowment is for the use of Half Acre and Pat Moran does not want to activate it until it reaches $20,000, and this should happen within the next year or so. For the Student Services Endowment, also known as the Facilities Endowment, $220,000 of this has been put towards funding for the Housing Plan and the Union Visioning Study under Senate Bill #2561. The rest is not going to be spent just yet. The President announced he has been working with Accountant Schaef to realign the money for the salary of the Director of Diversity to compensate the UMC co-chairs for all of the work they do because they do not get that, but their intern does. Finally, Mackey Mitchell and the architect for the new residence halls will be on campus on November 21st to meet with students who previously lived in residence halls to discuss new plans and improvements including amenities, common spaces, bathrooms, safety, security, and room configurations.

Chief of Staff Talamantes reported that she and other members from the executive office will be sitting down and meeting with the advisors from Multicultural Affairs on Friday afternoon. Senator Titus will also be there to provide them with an update on what ASUW is up to and see where
there is room for collaboration. She also noted that diversity work will be done in this administration through the paying of the UMC co-chairs like President Wilkins noted. This would be discussed in the Friday meeting along with how we can do more outreach to multicultural RSOs. The first food security task force will be happening soon with some Senators and the Chief of Staff to be part of that conversation. Finally, she and Director Campbell attended the Ballot Ballout event that happened just before the meeting and showed students how they can be politically involved on campus.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Hoversland reported that he had a few announcements to share from Director of Student Wellness and Sustainability. First, on Saturday, November 23rd, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is holding the International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day from 10:00am to 3:00pm. This event is a good way to show support for those who have experienced loss from suicide or survived it. Next week, Sources of Strength is hosting thankfulness events all week. From the 18th to the 20th in the Union people will be able to write post cards, and mail them for free, to those who have been a source of strength. Then, on the 21st, they will be handing out free hot chocolate for you and a friend if you write encouraging notes. As for his report, the Chief reported that service hours are due through WyoCourses on Friday, the 15th. He also noted that scholarships are up on WyoScholarships and will be closing on December 8th, including the Charlotte Hearne Davis Scholarship, the Service Learning Exchange Scholarship, and the Childcare Assistance Scholarship. The new Opportunity for Success scholarship will follow the same deadline, but will be up in the very near future, so he reminded Senators to tell their constituents about these opportunities in addition to the marketing that the executive office will do for them on social media.

Vice President Houghton reported that one of the last census meetings of the semester will be occurring on Friday at 8:00am in the ASUW Conference Room. The Elections Committee met on Friday and elected a chair. The sustainability survey went out and has only gotten nine responses thus far, so urge constituents to take this as it closes a week and a half from this meeting. The ASUW Mandatory Student Fees and Tuition Allocation Review Committee heard from two units on Monday and will hearing from the other six on Wednesday. He, along with members of the FSL community, sat down with state Senator Rothfuss to discuss anti-hazing efforts throughout Wyoming schools at every level. Finally, earlier this morning he and President Wilkins sat down with Acting President Theobald and he attended a meeting of the Lifesavers Coalition at lunchtime today.

**Ex Officio Communications**

College Panhellenic Council reported that their elections are occurring next week and their annual banquet will be happening on December 11th.

Faculty Senate had no report.
First-Year Senate reported that they met earlier that evening and had quorum this week. They voted on Senate Resolution #2678. They currently have four applications for their vacancies, of which they have four of, and those will be closing at midnight. Interfraternity Council reported that they are having elections soon and in the near future there are many philanthropy events being put on by different fraternities.

Residence Halls reported that they have their meeting tomorrow night at 5:30pm in the basement of Washakie and will hear about room and board rate increases.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Steering reported that they did not meet this week.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported that they met at their normal meeting time on Thursday to formulate recommendations on the legislation that was steered to them.

Budget and Planning reported that they met on Wednesday to limit their fifteen special projects applications down to eleven so that they can meet tomorrow and ask these units questions and review their applications again. This will be happening from 3:00pm to 6:00pm in the College of Business and the chair asked that any Senators who cannot make it email him as soon as possible so they can be sure quorum is met.

Program and Institutional Development reported that they met yesterday to go over the two pieces of legislation that was steered to them.

RSO Funding Board reported that they did not meet this week.

Student Outreach and Programming reported that they had Director Campbell come talk to them about how ASUW can outreach to Students-at-Large and gave him feedback on his ideas. They also discussed their goals for the rest of the semester and started the beginning stages of planning finals outreach.

Elections Committee reported that they met and elected Senator Street Marie as their chair. They sent out the application for the Elections Commissioner. They are planning to meet on Friday at 5:00pm in the ASUW Conference Room.

Programmatic Fee Review Committee reported that they finished their hearings last week and met earlier in the afternoon to discuss their final recommendations on proposed fee increases. They decided that no advising fee increase was necessary at this point in time, but supported the increase in the College of Education fee increase. They further recommended that the College of Arts and Sciences to explore other ways to get funding to subsidize the salaries of more professional advisors within their college.
Mandatory Student Fee and Tuition Allocation Review Committee reported that they have heard from two of their eight units as mentioned above. They supported the increase for the Consolidated Student Services fee from which they heard from on Monday and will have legislation ready for Steering on Friday afternoon.

COLLEGE CONTACT REPORTS

Agriculture and Natural Resources reported that they have been reaching out to RSOs within their college and noted that the ACRES farm will be having a bake sale on Wednesday from 8:00am to 2:00pm in the Union breezeway.

Arts and Sciences reported that there a bunch of music events happening in the coming days with Laramie High School’s Mamma Mia being one of those events. Follow the Arts and Sciences Instagram page to see the other events. A few Senators met on Thursday and are planning on meeting later this semester.

Business reported that the inaugural Women in business forum is happening in the College of Business Auditorium this week. Wednesday at 12:00pm there will be free pizza, chicken wings, and tater tots in the Business building.

Education reported that they will be holding office hours in the Education annex building. Senator Titus will be attending a meeting of faculty members and also will be working on reaching out to the new Senator.

Engineering and Applied Sciences had no report.

Haub School reported that they are working with groups on the food drive and are pushing the sustainability survey to constituents and campus members alike.

Health Sciences had no report.

Law had no report.

School of Energy Resources reported that their speaker series is continuing this week with two speakers. The first will be on Wednesday from 12:00pm to 1:00pm in the Encana Auditorium with an overview of win projects. On Friday at the same time and place the speaker will lecture about surface mineral rights.

OLD BUSINESS

Senate Resolution #2678: ASUW Recommendation on Advising Fee Increase
The bill was read a second time.
Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy gave a do-pass recommendation
Program and Institutional Development gave a do-pass with amendments recommendation.
Senator Street Marie moved to approve the resolution.
Senator Rubano seconded.
Senator Welsh moved to amend the resolution to strike lines 3 and 4 and add new lines 3-13 reading “WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming (UW) serves as a “resource for accessible and affordable higher education of the highest quality” for residents of Wyoming, the nation, and the world and Article 7, Section 16 of the Wyoming Constitution states that “the instruction furnished [from UW] shall be nearly free as possible”; and, WHEREAS, ASUW passed Senate Resolution #2577, “ASUW Recommendation of Revised Programmatic Fee Implementation”, stating that ASUW supports the implementation of programmatic fees, including the $6 per credit hour advising fee, if there was a proper review process implemented to assure accountability and responsible use of student dollars; and, WHEREAS, ASUW passed Senate Bill #2661, “Establishment of the ASUW Programmatic Fee Review Committee”, establishing a committee charged with investigating programmatic fees in any manner they deem appropriate; and,” Senator Anselmi-Stith seconded.

Motion passed by a voice vote.

Senator Welsh moved to amend the resolution to add lines 16-18, reading “WHEREAS, the ASUW Programmatic Fee Review Committee does not recommend an advising fee increase at this time and firmly believes that an advising fee will not benefit students presently, but would support future reevaluation of this fee; and,” Senator Rubano seconded.

The ex-officio from First-Year Senate moved to place the word ‘presently’ immediately before ‘benefit’ in the new, proposed whereas clause.

The amendment was taken as friendly.

Motion passed by a voice vote.

Senator Welsh moved to strike everything after ‘resolved’ in line 32 and replace it with “that all relevant parties including the Central Fee Committee, the Office of Academic Affairs, and the Board of Trustees take the data from Addendum A into consideration if any advising fee increase is proposed.” Senator Titus seconded.

Senator Titus moved to amend the amendment to remove the second space before ‘Addendum A’ and the second ‘the’ before ‘Board of Trustees.’

The amendment was taken as friendly, with no objections.

Senator Anselmi-Stith moved to amend the amendment to remove the second ‘the’ before ‘data from Addendum A.’

The amendment was taken as friendly, with no objections.

Motion passed by a voice vote.

Senator Mulhall moved to recess for two minutes at 8:05 pm.

Senator Anselmi-Stith seconded.

Motion passed without objection.

The Senate reconvened at 8:07pm.

Motion passed by a roll call vote of 29-0-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to hear or consider this week.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Street Marie announced that the Elections Committee will be meeting at 4:00pm on Friday afternoon in the ASUW Conference Room, not at 5:00pm.

Senator Trent announced that she is planning an ASUW Friendsgiving next Tuesday, November 19th, before Senate, at 5:30pm, in Coe Room 506. She will be attempting to cook the turkey, but will also be sure to have vegan and vegetarian friendly options as well. A signup sheet is being passed around for Senators to indicate which food they will be bringing to the gathering.

Senator Bennett announced on behalf of the Native American Education, Resource, and Cultural Center that they will be putting on a screening of “The Art of Home: a Wind River Story” and a discussion to follow the showing. This will happen on November 14, 2019, at 5:30pm in Visual Arts Building, Room 111.

Vice President Houghton announced that there are extra ready to vote, ditto, and personal point of privilege cards at the head table, so come get them if you are missing them.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:24pm. The next regular meeting will be November 19th, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Senate Chambers, Union Room 221.

Hank Hoversland
Chief of Legislative Affairs