
ASUW SENATE MINUTES

The November 13th, 2018 meeting was called to order by Vice President Mulhall at 7:05 PM. 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, College Panhellenic Council, Residence Halls, Staff Senate, and Student Athlete Advisory Committee, were absent. Senators Madhyanam, Swartz, and Van Baalen were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

OPEN FORUM

Courtney Titus, co-author of Senate Resolution #2635, addressed the Senate. She informed the Senators that a similar resolution was passed at CU Denver, and SR #2635 is an opportunity to show support to a population that has been proven to be underserved by the climate survey.

SPECIAL EVENT

Jim Osbourne, Title IX coordinator, addressed the Senate. He explained that the EORR/Title IX office is responsible for UW Regulation 4-2, 4-3, and 4-4. UW's policy is that sexual misconduct and discrimination are expressly prohibited and will not be tolerated and applies when misconduct occurs on University property or off property and in connection with the University. When a report is made, the office takes three steps: establish the reporter's safety, refer them to resources, and discuss reporting options. A report can be made through UW or to law enforcement, and they encourage that reports are made quickly after the conduct occurs. All reports of sexual misconduct made to STOP Violence, SAFE Project, counselors (including the University Counseling Center), health care providers (including Student Health Services), mental health counselors, medical professionals, victim advocates, or clergy members. Confidentiality does not apply, however, is there is an immediate safety concern or if a minor is involved. More information can be found at 111.uwyo.edu/reportit. He also talked about the NO MORE Committee, which is focused on public awareness and an engagement campaign about sexual misconduct needs/policy.

RSO FUNDING BOARD REQUESTS

There were no RSO Funding Board requests.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Jones reported that he will be at BOT meetings Wednesday-Friday. If anyone has immediate questions during that time, they should contact Chief of Staff Harris. The BOT will be discussing the Tuition policy and union vision consult discussed at BOT consolidation of geo dept.

Chief of Staff Harris reported that she attended WyASC and that it was exciting to see high school students wanting to be involved. She encouraged the Senate to be involved with the program next year.

Director of Programming and Events Dia is working to make Honorary Cowboy more comprehensive and on the recycling competition in the dorms.

Director of RSO Relations White is beginning the RSO audit process.

Director of Wellness and Student Resources Schuster had a meeting with UWPD about bike safety on campus and would like any interested Senators to reach out to her. She has also had some productive conversations regarding drinking amnesty in the residence halls.

Director of Diversity McVicker reported that she is on the hiring committee for MA advisor vacancies. The finalists will be on campus in early December, and she encouraged the Senators to attend the student lunches with the finalists. She is on the MLK DOD committee with Advisor Lozano, and they are planning the march, rally, and supper. Finally, she announced that 110 people have registered to attend.

Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Houghton thanked the Senators for helping out with Pokes Vote. He reported that with 5000 voters in Albany County, the numbers were up from 2014. He attended the final facilities meeting relating to UW housing last Wednesday and will be sending out a full report to everyone. He encouraged the Senators to educate themselves about housing situation. He also thanked those who attended the WyASC conference and said that he had many productive conversations. As Mayor Summerville was not reelected, the sustainability projects he had been working on with senators is on hold until at least January. He is waiting to hear back from Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Asay to schedule legislative one-on-one sessions.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Sanders reported that she attended WyASC and that it was a productive way to outreach to high school students about staying involved in college. The Service Exchange Scholarship will be open until Friday at midnight. Since next week's meeting is cancelled, the next meeting will be November 27th; she will be accepting legislation over break, so it must be submitted to her by 9:00 am on November 23rd. Additionally, November 23rd is the last day for legislation to be submitted if it has to be debated on this semester. Finally, she reminded the Senators to not email Executives, Professional Staff, or the Business Office on their personal emails.

Vice President Mulhall reported that the Student Voice Summit on November 28th will count as a service hour. The Mandatory Student Fee Committee will be starting soon, so all members need to stay after the meeting to discuss the timeline. The committee will be producing a resolution to be introduced on the 27th. She was disappointed that no one showed up for Diversity Training on Sunday, so the last chance to attend is November 18th from 4:00-5:00 pm. All new Senators and everyone who has not yet completed training must attend, or they will be brought before Steering. She reminded the Senators to wait for a member of the head table to acknowledge them before using their point of personal privilege card. Additionally, she encouraged the Senators to watch their absences as they only get three per semester and missing one committee meeting counts as half an absence.

Advisor Lozano thanked the students in the gallery for coming and encouraged them to get involved on legislation with Senators or Executives. The search is still on for an accountant and Assistant Project Coordinator for ASTEC. He is working with Director of Diversity McVicker as judges for International Education Week, so he encouraged the Senators to attend the dinner this weekend to learn about other students and see how ASUW money is spent. Tickets are on sale 11:00-1:00 pm tomorrow and Wednesday at the Union Info Desk.

Ex Officio Communications

Interfraternity Council reported that they had their elections on Wednesday. missed something College Panhellenic Council will be inviting Alpha Phi to campus for recruitment next fall and will have their elections next Monday.

First-Year Senate reported that they voted on Senate Resolutions #2635 and #2636.

United Multicultural Council reminded the Senators to attend diversity trainings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Steering met last Friday and discussed legislation that was steered to them. They steered Senate Bill #2637.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported that they heard from Dr. Monagao and the Sustainability Coalition. They also decided on a recommendation for Senate Resolution #2635.

Budget and Planning met last week to outline a timeline for Special Projects legislation. They will continue hearing presentations.

Programs and Institutional Development reported that they are working on generating more attendance for Roundtables for next semester, and they also discussed other projects.

RSO Funding Board did not meet with any RSOs because the one that was scheduled did not attend.

Student Outreach and Policy met to discuss outreach on possible campus carry legislation. They looked over Senate Resolution #2533 to flesh out questions for survey and encourage all senators to familiarize themselves with the resolution. If anyone wants to talk with the committee about campus carry, they meet Fridays from 12:00-1:00 pm.

Student Wellness Advisory Board met last week to discuss stretching in class to help students focus.

Mandatory Student Fee will be meeting briefly after the Senate meeting adjourns.

COLLEGE CONTACT REPORTS

Agriculture and Natural Resources reported that they had their Donuts with the Dean event and will continue looking at how they can serve their students.

Arts and Sciences reported that Geography Awareness Week is ongoing and will have events on campus until Friday. The planetarium will be showing Aboriginal Skies on Thursday and Friday at 7:00 pm. UW Chorus is performing on November 28th and 29th.

Business had no report.

Education reported that they had office hours last week. They will be meeting with AD Rush to discuss how they can help provide student input on the concept that \$18 million is needed to improve education and student teaching.

Engineering and Applied Sciences had no report

Haub School reported that they are waiting to work on sustainability projects until January. They are working with a student to make ASUW zero waste, so any interested Senators should email them.

Health Sciences reported that they met last week and decided to plan an Easter-themed event for their college next semester.

Law had no report.

School of Energy Resource reported that the fourth Lunch and Learn was successful. Their RSOs had a good week Skyping with their counterparts at peer institutions. The college welcomed a new academic advisor.

OLD BUSINESS

Senate Resolution #2635: ASUW Support of Transgender, Nonbinary, & Otherwise Gender Non-Conforming Students

Second Reading.

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

Senator Pierson moved to approve Senate Resolution #2635.

Senator Hungerford seconded.

Senator Hungerford moved the following friendly amendments:

Insert a hyphen between “non” and “binary” in the title.

Add United Multicultural Council as a sponsor.

Change all instances of “non binary” to “non-binary” throughout the resolution.

Insert a hyphen between “non” and “conforming” in line 34.

Insert quotation marks after “students” and strike the ellipses on line 6.

Insert “and to,” after “identity” and strike the ellipses on line 7.

Insert “”As well as to,”” at the beginning on line 9 and strike the ellipses.

Insert “”and to,”” on line 10.

Senator Leyshon seconded.

Motion passed.

Motion passed.

Senator Hungerford moved to strike “Laurie” and add “and her administration” after “Nichols” on line 40.

Senator Wilkens seconded.

Senator Strock moved to amend the amendment by striking “and” after administration and insert “as well as.”

Senator Hungerford seconded.

Motion passed.

Motion passed.

Senator Hungerford moved to switch lines 15-17 with lines 18-20.

Senator Leyshon seconded.

Motion passed.

Senator Leyshon moved to strike “a failure of the University of Wyoming” on line 30, and insert “shortcomings in the policies of the University of Wyoming”

Senator Conard seconded.

Motion passed.

Senator Mueller moved to remove lines 21-24, lines 32-36, and Addendum C.

Senator Conard seconded.

Motion passed

Senator Conard moved to previous question.

Senator Anselmi-Stith seconded.

Motion passed (CHECK)

Motion passed (30-0-0).

Senate Resolution #2636: ASUW Support for the Establishment of Student Success Priorities

Second Reading.

Steering gave a do-pass recommendation with amendments.

Senator Hungerford moved to approve Senate Resolution #2636.

Senator Strock seconded.

Senator Hungerford moved to strike lines 8-11 and insert “half of these funds are allocated for staff and faculty pay raises, including mandatory pay raises for promoted faculty as well as non-mandatory faculty and staff pay raises; and,”

Senator Gruntmeir seconded.

Motion passed.

Senator Hungerford moved to strike lines 12-15 and insert “a quarter of these funds have been allocated to academic unit support budgets, with the other quarter allocated to UW Libraries and Information Technology (IT); and,”

Senator Gruntmeir seconded.

Motion passed.

Senator Hungerford moved to strike line 16 and insert “the funds currently allocated to academic unit support budgets, UW Libraries, and IT could be utilized to fund and develop student resources; and”

Senator Gruntmeir seconded.

Motion passed.

Senator Hungerford moved to strike lines 17-19 and insert “WHEREAS, university fee units that provide student resources that are in need of funding could be designated as Student Success Priorities for designated two (2) year tuition cycles; and,”

Senator Gruntmeir seconded.

Motion passed.

Senator Hungerford moved to insert “WHEREAS, the current proposed tuition policy, as outlined in Addendum A, outlines changes which would incorporate Student Success Priorities into the allocation process; and,” after line 19.

Senator Gruntmeir seconded.

Motion passed.

Senator Hungerford moved to amend lines 23-24 to strike “be” and insert “have”, strike “vocal” and insert “of a voice”, strike “and involved with” and insert “on”

Senator Gruntmeir seconded.

Motion passed.

Senator Hungerford moved to strike lines 25-28 and insert “THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government is in support of the currently proposed tuition policy only if the University of Wyoming (UW) Board of Trustees and UW Administration supports the creation of an ASUW committee that will provide recommendations for Student Success Priorities within each tuition cycle.”

Senator Gruntmeir seconded.

Motion passed.

Senator Hungerford moved for unanimous consent.

Motion failed.

Motion passed (23-7-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill #2637: Creation of the ASUW Mandatory Student Fee and Tuition Allocation Review Committee

First Reading.

Steered to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Steering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Hungerford announced that she is resigning as a Senator and as the President Pro Tempore at the last meeting of the semester. If anyone is interested in running for Pro Tempore, they should contact her.

Chief of Staff Harris announced that there are no reserved tickets for this weekend's dinner, but the Senators can check with Senator Madhyanam to see if he can reserve some.

Senator Garcia announced that UMC will be having a roundtable on Thursday from 4:00-5:00 pm in Classroom 209.

Advisor Lozano announced that they are looking for a new office associate, so Senators should send any interested students his way.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 P.M. The next regular meeting will be November 27th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the.

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