ASUW SENATE MINUTES

The February 19th, 2019 meeting was called to order by Vice President Wilkins at 7:11 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, and Student Athlete Advisory Committee were absent. Senators Lane, Leyshon, Lyle, Marston, and Van Baalen, and were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

OPEN FORUM

No one in the gallery addressed the Senate.

SPECIAL EVENT

Dr. Anne Alexander, Associate Vice Provost of Academic Affairs for Undergraduate Education, addressed the Senate with an HLC accreditation update. They are currently working on the Assurance Argument Report and the Federal Compliance Report and running mini-audits to gain evidence for the reports. The AAR has 80 subcomponents that we must show we meet, and we must show we comply with federal regulations for the FCR. The third party comment period will open around spring break and close in October. The student opinion survey will open in the fall and will consist of 15 questions to get feedback on how students feel about UW. Both surveys are run by the HLC. The reports will be done by July and are due in October. HLC visitors will be here November 16-20; they are members of peer institutions. They will working with various departments and groups on campus to judge UW on 5 criteria; mission statement, integrity, quality resources and reports, evaluation and improvement of teaching and learning, resource planning and budgeting process. The accreditation process is done every ten years, and UW has been accredited for a century.

Senator Gruntmeir moved for a five minute recess at 7:29 pm.
    Senator Strock seconded.
    Motion passed

Senate reconvened at 7:38 pm.
RSO FUNDING BOARD REQUESTS

Senator Savage moved to suspend Section 5.01, subsection 1, clause A of the ASUW Finance Policy.

    Senator Strock seconded.
    Motion failed (17-5-0).

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

Director of Diversity Tay reported that she has been working on the student voice summit report, and anyone with input on that event should email her. She also asked any Senators interested in serving on the Hurst Scholarship committee to email her.

Director of Finance Ditty-Suggs reported that the financial fraud event is Thursday, and next Thursday Colin Ryan, a financial comedian, will be giving a presentation. A $500 scholarship will be given away at the last event.

Director of Wellness and Student Resources Schuster reported that the third food pantry opened last week in the Visual Arts building, and if Senators would like to help they should email her. She passed around a sign-up sheet to be on a committee to combat sexual violence and a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in starting a mental health RSO.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Sanders reported that she was out of the office last Monday-Wednesday and has been catching up on work.

Vice President Wilkins reported that he and President Mulhall will be out of the office Wednesday-Friday as they are traveling to Houston for the Foundation meetings but will be available by email. He has posted the requirements on WyoCourses, so they are now available for submission. He is working with UMC to set up a time for diversity training for new Senators and with Megan Selheim from STOP Violence to set up bystander training for Senators. He passed around a sign-up sheet for landlord/tenant tabling and one for the union visioning meeting on March 1 from 11:45-12:45. The union visioning meeting needs 5 First-Year Senator and 5 Senators.

Advisor Lozano reported that Steering will reporting on the mandatory outreach event, and it is regarding elections outreach. He reminded the Senators to take care of their health and grades. He asked them to follow the Vice President of Student Affairs on Instagram to see tips for fighting the flu; they should also share the post to their story.

Ex Officio Communications
College Panhellenic Council’s new representative introduced herself as Hannah Good. Last week they ran a social media challenge called #naturallyenough.

First-Year Senate reported that they voted on Senate Bill #2648 and passed Articles of Impeachment.

Interfraternity Council reported that the new VP of Education is Seth Jones. They are looking forward to the Sustainability Fair tomorrow.

International Student Association reported that they met today to discuss the Mid-Semester Festival which will be held March 9th. They are also working to approve support for students who need financial aid.

Residence Halls reported that they finished the recycling event, but it did not go well due to a lack of communication. The recycling pick up never happened, so all the recyclables went to the dump. They expressed their frustration that the event was planned by ASUW, but they felt that RHA did all of the work. They are excited for the showing of Finding Nemo at 7:00 pm on Friday in the Shoshone room and for the sustainability fair tomorrow in the Lower Level of Washakie at 6:99 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Steering reported that they met last Friday, steered legislation, and discussed the bills that were steered to them. The outreach event will be reading a script written by the Elections Commissioner in a class specific to the college the Senator represents. This is to encourage people to run and/or vote in the elections. Senators will need to get approval from their professors to do this, and the professor will then need to email Vice President Wilkins or Advisor Lozano to confirm the Senator presented.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported that they will meet tomorrow at 6:00 pm.

Budget and Planning reported that they discussed Senate Bill #2648. They will not meet this week or next week.

Programs and Institutional Development reported that they continued discussing their transit project and added questions for the J-term survey. They are also working to get strategic partners to attend their meetings.

RSO Funding Board had no report.

Student Outreach and Programming reported that all SOP members need to check their emails.

Student Wellness and Advisory Board had no report.
COLLEGE CONTACT REPORTS

Agriculture and Natural Resources reported that they will hold joint office hours tomorrow from 1:00-2:00 pm in the ASUW Conference Room. They will be attending the next AG Ambassadors meeting on March 5.

Arts and Sciences had no report.

Business reported there will be a networking event on February 21st at 5:00 pm in the COB Atrium. The job fair will be held February 27th in the Yellowstone Ballroom.

Education had no report.

Engineering and Applied Sciences had no report.

Haub School had no report.

Health Sciences set their office hours and are working with the Haub School Senator on a program.

Law had no report.

School of Energy Resource reported that their RSO started this week, and they will be starting the lunch and learn series again soon.

United Multicultural Council reported that the Diversity Ball went well and thanked the Senators for attending MLK DOD events.

Senator Conard moved for a ten minute recess at 7:58 pm.

Senator Swartz seconded.

Motion passed.

Senate reconvened at 8:09 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Senate Bill #2648: ASUW Budget for Fiscal Year 2020
Second Reading.
Budget and Planning gave a do-pass recommendation.
Steering gave a do-pass recommendation.
Senator Conard moved to approve Senate Bill #2648.

Senator Strock seconded.

Senator Conard moved to add the line items PDF document as Addendum B.

Senator Swartz seconded.

Motion withdrawn.

Senator Conard moved to add the line items PDF document to Addendum A.
NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill #2649: Establishment of ASUW Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Plan Ad-Hoc Committee
   First Reading.
   Steered to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Multicultural Council reported that there are still Black History Month events going on, and there will be an event March 1st to kick off Women’s History Month.

President Mulhall reported that she, Chief of Staff Harris, and Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Houghton attended the City Council meeting tonight. The Council voted on a resolution that would lead to an investigation in landlord/tenant relations in Laramie. The end goal is to create an ordinance to protect tenants.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM The next regular meeting will be February 26th, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Senate Chambers Union Room 221.

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