The September 17\textsuperscript{th}, 2019 meeting was called to order by Vice President Houghton at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the mission statement was read, and roll was taken. Ex-Officios from Faculty Senate, International Students Association, College Panhellenic Council, Residence Halls, Student Athlete Advisory Committee, and United Multicultural Council were absent. Senators Bennett, Brooks, Jones, Lane, Muller, Romero, and Welsh were absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the September 10\textsuperscript{th}, 2019 meeting were approved as electronically circulated.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda for the meeting was approved as electronically circulated.

**OPEN FORUM**

SAL Lucia Ward addressed the Senate and introduced herself as the First-Year Senate (FYS) student advisor. She let the committee chairs know she would be emailing them with the emails of her new FYS committee members and asked that they be integrated and welcomed to their committees.

**SPECIAL EVENT**

Dr. Anne Alexander addressed the Senate about the reaccreditation process for the University. She serves as the liaison with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The University of Wyoming (UW) has been accredited continuously by that organization since 1923. Accreditation helps the University to apply for grants and for federal agencies to see it as legitimate and acceptable to give federal aid to its students. This year is the end of UW’s ten year cycle and this is why it needs to be reaccredited. On November 18 and 19 there will be peer reviewers from other institutions within our region to look over the reports UW has submitted and to substantiate what was claimed within these different reports. These reports will be reviewed by our peers in October and then they will set their own agenda for those two days in November to check over what they see fit. Each year the HLC receives updates on how UW is doing, but this process is much more comprehensive and in-depth. They review many parts of the University, with finances being one of those. According to Dr. Alexander about 33\% of peer institutions in this region do not pass that aspect of the review, but UW has done that in the past consistently. Another part of the report that will be taken into consideration by the peer reviewers committee will be student input and third-party community input. Some questions this committee look to answer with their review are: ‘Does UW live up to its mission statement and conduct itself with ethics and integrity?’ and also ‘Does UW have the planning and resources to sustain itself for the future?’ There will be an All-Senate AccrediCarnival held on Thursday, September 19, from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Acting President
Theobald has approved two hours of leave for this carnival for all faculty, staff, and students to attend. This carnival will help those involved in these Senates to get to know more about UW and how it interacts with the HLC. This fair will have prizes and there will be another Carnival held on Thursday, September 26 from 11:30am to 1:30pm that will be open to the whole campus.

**RSO FUNDING BOARD REQUESTS**

There were no new RSO Funding Board requests to consider.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Executive Reports**

President Wilkins updated the Senate on the happenings of the Board of Trustees meetings that he attended last week. Provost Miller gave a presentation about distance education and informed the Board that UW will continue to provide many online courses for distance students, of which there are over 1,600 of. Sasaki and President Theobald also gave a presentation on the Campus Master Plan which will span over about 20 years. Their biggest plan is to stay sustainable and fix what they have before building new structures. Dr. Emily Monago gave a presentation on the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and how they are working to study the results of the most recent Campus Climate Survey. One staggering number that she gave was that less than half of students of color on this campus feel safe with only about 54% of all students feeling safe on this campus. She also said that over 30% of students on this campus have experienced food insecurity issues, with this being an estimate on the lower end. President Theobald also updated the Board on the Strategic Plan which he is continuing to work on to reach or exceed the 2022 goals that were set up. There was a lot of motions made at the meetings to talk about housing. Some of these include to demolish Wyoming Hall and begin putting new residence halls in place of that. Hoyt, Knight, and Ross Halls will be evaluated for the ability to be repurposed as residence halls and there will be a parking structure built where the Ivinson Lot is currently. Finally, the Board agreed to use up to $300,000 from the Housing Reserve to replace the four-way stop at Willett and 22nd Streets with stop lights. The Board of Trustees signed the ASL certificate and they showed great interest in looking into food security on campus. Director of Student Wellness and Sustainability Savage will be working with stakeholders across campus to examine the problem and propose solutions. President Wilkins thanked all those who attended the Black 14 dinner once again. There was a great turnout for their events on campus throughout the week which culminated with a plaque revealing ceremony on Friday and a dinner that same night where they were issued a formal apology. They were also honored and celebrated at the halftime of the football game on Saturday. He is working on a fee memo for mandatory student fees, program fees, and the Student Success Priorities. He is also working with Accountant Schaef and Senator Conard on getting the Special Projects applications finalized. Vice President Houghton and he will be attending Foundation Board meetings this week on Thursday and Friday. They are attending this meeting in lieu of attending the out-of-town meeting to save money that can be used for professional development of Senators and Executives.
Chief of Staff Talamantes introduced herself to the Senate. She is a junior studying Political Science with a minor in Statistics. She is from Southern California, but grew up in Boise, Idaho. She came to UW on debate scholarship and is currently in her seventh year of policy debate. She participated in ASUW her freshman year on then Freshman Senate, what is now First-Year Senate. The next year she spent her time as President of the Debate Team, but is now excited to be back working within ASUW and starting some projects that will benefit the student body as a whole. She will be giving reports on what the Executive team is doing weekly. Director of RSO Relations Good is in the process of reaching out to RSOs and wants to increase relations with them by attending their meetings and volunteering at their events. She has already met with some RSOs who will be going to Funding Board with requests such as SolarFest. Director of Student Wellness and Sustainability Savage has been working on lots of different projects. One of those is the Food Security Task Force. She wants to increase awareness of food pantries and building more on campus. She is also working with the Chairs of Budget and Planning and the RSO Funding Board along with Director of RSO Relations Good and Chief of Legislative Affairs Hoversland to add sustainability provisions into the Finance Policy; she is also working with Director Good and Director of Marketing de Vault-Garvey to create pamphlets on sustainability for RSOs and planning their events. She confirmed with the Wyoming Conservation Corps about getting glass recycling on campus and what their ideas for applying for Special Projects might be. She is going to be working with the Student Outreach and Programming committee on Friday about the campus sustainability culture and literacy assessment that she has drafted. Finally, Director Savage met with Lena in the Wellness Center to talk about engagement opportunities for ASUW in the next month. Director of Finance Pounds is beginning work with the Financial Wellness Committee and is going to create a master list of ideas and goals for this committee to achieve this year and she is also talking about doing a FAFSA information session. Director of Programming and Events Williams is getting in touch with our Strategic Partners and wants to add the Sustainability Coalition as one of these. She is working on setting up meetings with the Non-Traditional Student Council and ASTEC on what they need from her this year. Director of Diversity Dale is still setting up meetings and getting acquainted with the job. He met with Amanda Busick who is with Disability Support Services to work on creating a training for graduate students to accommodate students with disabilities in their classrooms. He also met with Frederick Dixon to discuss collaborating on the Black History Conference occurring in February and getting a panel of student-athletes to discuss their experiences. Finally, he is working with Dr. Monago and her office about getting Angela Davis, a famous feminist and black political scientist, on campus. Director of Marketing de Vault-Garvey has been revamping ASUW’s Instagram page. This will look include a rotation of posts with featuring resources that RSOs have on campus. There will also be historical posts and posts about events ASUW is hosting. She is happy to hear suggestions about other posts from Senators. Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Campbell has also been setting up meetings within the past few weeks. He was at the City Council meeting introducing himself in their chambers and letting them know about this administration’s goals. He plans to bring forward the Landlord-Tenant bill once again. Finally, he will meet with Director Meredith Asay to discuss the lobbying trip this year and about creating hazing legislation in partnership with the Fraternity and Sorority Life community.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Hoversland informed the Senate that the deadline to turn in legislation for the next meeting is on Fridays at 9:00am. This is just so that the legislation can be prepared
and ready for the Steering Committee meeting later on Friday afternoons. He also talked about the absence policy that Steering Committee talked about on Friday and that Senators should email him or Vice President Houghton before meetings if they will be absent from Senate meetings or their committee chairs if they will be absent to committee meetings.

Vice President Houghton reported to the Senate that the Homecoming Committee met last week for the first time. The Advising Council also met last week and new pertinent information was brought forward in this meeting. The Lifesavers Committee, the primary suicide prevention committee on campus, also met the previous week. He thanked the Black 14 Dinner attendees once again and those who transported the members across campus. He passed around a sign-up sheet for Faculty Senate committees and asked for them to be filled out. He welcomed the Ex-Officio from First-Year Senate and encouraged the other Senators to do so as well. He and President Wilkins met with the College Panhellenic Council and the Interfraternity Council on Monday to discuss proposing hazing legislation to the State Legislature this year; they are also working with Director Asay at the University level on this initiative. He also reminded Senators that they would get an approved absence if they attend the AccrediCarnival this Thursday from 11:30am until 1:30pm. This would also count as a service hour. Finally he talked about committee absence counting as a half-absence and let everyone know he would be gone for his Friday office hours.

Advisor Lozano reminded everyone to be respectful of the Special Event and to close their computer screens. These people that present to us come outside of their work schedules so they should be shown appreciation by the Senate. He also said that there is no replacement for Julianne, but that is being worked on and should hopefully be finalized by next week or so. He explained how the absence system for ASUW works and that if you miss three within an academic year steering has the jurisdiction over what that process will look like to go forward. Advisor Lozano reminded Senators that their job is to represent their constituents and that is hard to do when you are absent from important meetings. Sustainability Coalition helped us get the clamshells, reusable utensils, water bottles, and reusable straws which were purchased with end-of-year spending. These items should be used to help reduce food waste at events held on campus and in the community.

**Ex Officio Communications**

First-Year Senate introduced himself as Hunter Swilling. He was elected as the Presiding Officer. The body met at 5:00pm for their first meeting and elected their head table. He is proud of the composition of the First-Year Senate and that he looks forward to meeting and interacting with this Senate.

Interfraternity Council reported that they elected a Vice President of Safety and Wellness to fill out the council. October is when their new member education will begin.

Non-Traditional Student Council (NTSC) reported that they had an interest meeting on the first week of school that did not get great attendance, so if anybody know about non-traditional students send them information about NTSC. Their first meeting will be held next week in the ASUW
Conference Room because the non-traditional student center does not exist anymore this year, but they still make up about 25% of campus.

Staff Senate reported that they were at the Board of Trustees meetings last week as well. They said that the search firm for the Presidential search should be finalized within the next week or so. Along with this, they are cosponsoring listening sessions for faculty and staff to voice their concerns or wants for the next President of the University. Their annual highway cleanup is on September 27 and they are making plans for their float that will be in the Homecoming Parade.

Sustainability Coalition reported that there will be a cycle of people representing them at these meetings. Today they had one of their co-chairs, Zane, representing them. He reported that they are planning on what to work on this year, but also the SolarFest which will be happening on the 12th of October. There will be bands and glass recycling at this event. They are pushing hard for industrial composting both at the University and within the community as a whole. They also are working with Director of Student Wellness and Sustainability Savage to work on the food insecurity issue on campus.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Steering reported that they met on Friday and set expectations for absences and set goals for their committee this year.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported that they met on Thursday at 7:00pm in Coe Library, Room 310. They elected Senator Titus as their permanent chair and went over what everyone wanted to bring to the committee.

Budget and Planning reported that they voted Senator Conard as their permanent chair. They are looking over the Finance Policy to see edits that could be made and finalizing the Special Projects application, so it can be sent out within the next week.

Programs and Institutional Development reported that they met on Monday at 4:15pm and elected Senator Welsh as their permanent chair. They went over ideas for this coming year and set goals.

RSO Funding Board reported that they allocated $750 to Phi Beta Lambda for their Career Connections Conference and to ASCE for the ASCE National Conference. $125 was allocated to Tau Beta Pi for the Tau Beta Pi National Convention. The Funding Board also allocated $700 to the Society of Physics Students for PhysCon. Finally, $3,400 was allocated to Phi Lambda Sigma for their event, the Fall Into Good Health Fair.

Student Outreach and Programming reported that they met and discussed the proposed advising fee increase. They felt the best way to get student feedback on this issue was through a survey, so they began developing questions for this and are hoping to finalize those at their next meeting so the survey can be rolled out in the very near future. They are also working with Director of Student
Wellness and Sustainability Savage to look over her proposed questions for a sustainability climate survey of the campus.

**COLLEGE CONTACT REPORTS**

Agriculture and Natural Resources reported that they will be sending out an email in the near future to meet up with one another and maybe set up some office hours.

Arts and Sciences that there would also be an email sent out by them to set up a time to meet and maybe establish some office hours.

Business reported that they will begin their office hours next week. One of the Senators attended the RSO President’s meeting of which there will be about once a month. Some events that are coming up include a Meet the Firms event for accounting, economics, and finance majors on September 23, an engineering job fair on October 1, and a Denver student job fair as well.

Education reported that they will meet on the last Friday of every month as this is the only time that worked for all of their schedules. There will be a personality test hosted to see what kind of teacher you would be on Thursday of this week.

Engineering and Applied Sciences reported that they are working on finalizing what times their office hours would occur.

Haub School had no report.

Health Sciences reported that there is a 5k on September 28.

Law reported that they are meeting with the first year law students to introduce themselves and tell them about what ASUW is and what it can do for them and their RSOs.

School of Energy Resource reported that all of their clubs started meeting again and that their office hours will begin occurring next week.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to consider or discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Confirmation of Judicial Council Nominees**

Senator Conard moved to approve Nicole Sanders for a two year appointment as an Associate Justice for the ASUW Judicial Council.

Senator Rubano seconded.

Motion passed.
Senator St. Marie moved to approve Nicole Sanders for a one year appointment as the Chief Justice for the ASUW Judicial Council.
  Senator Rubano seconded.
  Motion passed.
Senator Walls moved to approve Sadie Gruntmeir for a two year appointment as an Associate Justice for the ASUW Judicial Council.
  Senator Rubano seconded.
  Motion passed.
Senator Greig moved to approve James Jackson for a two year appointment as an Associate Justice for the ASUW Judicial Council.
  Senator Rooney seconded.
  Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Wilkins encouraged everyone to reach out to people who are part of the Haub School to fill their vacant Senate seat. This application has been posted and will close Friday, September 20th, at 5:00pm.

Senator Nunley clarified with the ex-officio from Non-Traditional Student Council the meeting time for the program. Non-Traditional Student Council will be meeting on Mondays at 6:30pm.

Vice President Houghton asked for the Faculty Senate committee sheet to be passed around again as there were still four open spots that needed to be filled. The committees will only meet about once or twice a month and times will be determined within the committees after their first meeting.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:05pm. The next regular meeting will be September 24th, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Senate Chambers, Union Room 221.

Hank Hoversland
Chief of Legislative Affairs