
ASUW SENATE MINUTES

The September 18th, 2018 meeting was called to order by Vice President Mulhall at 7:01 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, Student Athlete Advisory Committee, and Union Programs were absent. Senators Cox, Gruntmeir, Herold, Lindsay, Mueller, Regnell, Van Baalen, and Weidenbach were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Strock moved to suspend the Abernathy Clause.

Senator Hungerford seconded.

Motion passed.

The minutes were approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Senator Hungerford moved to move Special Event below Communications.

Senator Brooks seconded.

Motion passed.

The agenda was approved.

OPEN FORUM

There was no in the gallery.

RSO FUNDING BOARD REQUESTS

Senator Madhyana moved to allocate \$8213 to Chi Alpha Christian Ministry for Camp Chi Alpha.

Senator Hungerford seconded.

Motion passed (22-1-2).

Senator Madhyana moved to allocate \$4020 to Chinese Students and Scholars Association for the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival.

Senator Hungerford seconded.

Motion passed (25-0-1).

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Jones reported that he has been working on the Campus Climate Survey, and their goal is to have 30% of campus participate. He finalized the RAVE Guardian Committee with UMC Co-Chair Carlos Gonzalez.

Chief of Staff Harris has been helping the other Executives and encouraged the Senators to contact her if they are working on projects and would like help.

Director of Finance Ditty-Suggs has been working on getting Financial Wellness started.

Director of Programming and Events has been working with SOP and ASTEC on Homecoming. She is trying to meet with Strategic Partners.

Director of Marketing Hu has been taking photos of Senators of the website, so email him if you didn't get it taken. He and Director White are looking for interns.

Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Houghton has been working on Pokes Vote with Richard Raridon in SLCE.

Director of Diversity McVicker has been having meetings with Dr. Monago and has more planned.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Sanders reported that she has been working to fix the website; it is out of space, so documents cannot be uploaded. All documents can be found, however, on WyoCourses. She attended the first Roundtable last week and announced that it was rather successful. The attendees were engaged and provided great feedback. She asked the Senators to reply to her emails about office hours, so she can make sure the website has accurate information. She reminded the Senators to reach out to her for help developing an idea for legislation or writing it.

Vice President Mulhall reported that she has been finalizing University Committee appointment and urged the Senators to spread the word about Workshops. She said that the first Roundtable was successful, and they will be the second Wednesday of every month. She reported that Kristy Issak will be holding an Event Planning Session on September 27th from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm in the Senate Chambers; committee chairs and anyone who wants to plan events need to attend the training. She is planning on creating an ASUW group for the Big Event, so reach out to her if you are interested. Additionally, Senators can volunteer to help run the Homecoming Parade, and they will receive a \$25 gift card. She reminded the Senate that the Senate Retreat is this Sunday starting at 10:00 am. There will be food and Diversity Training, and she will send out the agenda tomorrow. She reported that the Open Education Symposium is inviting ASUW to be a part of their event to provide student input on technology. There will also be a student focus group that same day at 3:45 pm in Coe room 123. Vice President Mulhall encouraged the Senators to use their committees to write legislation, and reminded the Senate that committees need to be meeting regularly to discuss projects. She announced that she and Chief of Legislative Affairs Sanders are great resources for legislation. Finally, she reminded the Senate to review RSO documents before the meetings and use the Tips document she gave them to prepare for RSO Funding Board Requests.

Advisor Lozano reminded the Senate that if they are emailing Executives, Pro Staff, the Grad Assistant, or the Office Aid, they need to email ASUW emails and not personal ones. He informed the Senators that he and Advisor Wheeler will be checking on Early Alert Grades to verify GPAs, and he urged them to stay focused on school.

Ex Officio Communications

First-Year Senate Presiding Officer Adrian Vetter introduced himself and the other members of the First-Year Senate Head Table. They are Parliamentarian Reese Romero, Secretary Carolanne Walls, Treasurer Amanda Doran, and Steering Committee Liaison Cole McNicholl.

Interfraternity Council's representative, Jacob St. Marie, introduced himself. They are working with College Panhellenic Council to spend the \$15,000 CPC won on programming to rebrand "Cowboy Tough." They are working to increase mental health awareness through events and speakers. There are two speakers coming up, and they requested help from the Senators for the rest of their programming. The representative can be reached at jstmarie@uwyo.edu, or the Senators can reach out to Jared Leuquire.

International Students Association met last Monday to organize their Soccer Fiesta, which will be on October 6th.

Residence Halls will be having their first General Assembly tomorrow to welcome their new Executive Officers from Community Senate. On Saturday, they will be hosting a bag toss tournament. They will be attending a conference in the beginning of November, so they have been recruiting members to attend.

Staff Senate's representative, Brandan Helvie introduced himself. He has worked at the University for 10 years, but this is his first year on Staff Senate. He has worked in the academic technology support unit that is responsible for the 2200 computers on campus. He also works with the walk-in service center at IT and the multimedia checkout. His department contributes to the multimedia center in Studio Coe. Staff Senate's committees are up and running; the Communication Committee is making sure all of the monthly updates are getting out to staff, the Holiday Market Committee meets tomorrow, and the Staff Recognition Committee is working on ideas. Staff salaries are now at 86/6% of market value for Wyoming, but President Nichols is restarting the Salary Task Force to keep examining the issue. Staff Senate will be cleaning up the highway by the treatment at Friday at 2:00 pm and invited the Senate to help.

United Multicultural Council met last week to discuss diversity training. They will be meeting Thursday to make armbands. They informed the Senate that attending this meeting counts as a service hour and that there will be a symposium most of the day Friday as part of the Matthew Shepard Commemoration. They have also opened their application for executives and interns; they can be found on the ASUW website or you can email umc@uwyo.edu. The executives will serve on their and help plan events, and interns are generally first or second year students. The interns will receive a small scholarship.

SPECIAL EVENT

Mayor Andi Summerville addressed the Senate and thanked them for inviting her to speak. She introduced herself and explained what goals the Laramie City Council have for the year. They are focusing on entrepreneurship by hosting Start-Up Weekend, which is an event that will provide resources and information about starting businesses. They have been working with the College of Business to come with ideas and opportunities that will keep students in Wyoming. The sixth-penny sales tax will be spent on fixing streets, fire training, and parks and recreation. They hope to use some of the money for new trails on Pilot Hill if the purchase goes through. Their final goal is to improve Laramie's overall financial health as they are still recovering from last year's budget cuts. They have been recruiting retailers to open businesses in Laramie, and they are encouraging local businesses to start providing products and services that are more relevant to the student population. They hope that these and other creative solutions will help the city be less dependent on the state government for funds. Mayor Summerville then addressed the relationship between Laramie and the University and explained that the two are dependent on each other- if one suffers, so will the other one. She plans to continue strengthening this relationship by meeting with University officials like President Nicholls and ASUW. Finally, she strongly urged the Senators to vote in elections, specifically local ones. She reminded the Senators that students make up a third of Laramie's population, and local elections affect them more than federal ones. She emphasized the power of the student voice by explaining that Laramie became the first city in Wyoming with an anti-discrimination ordinance after students took a stance after the Matthew Shepard death. Her last piece of advice was to utilize your right to vote as a US citizen and go out and ask candidates what they plan to do for students.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Steering did not meet last week.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy did not meet last week. They will meet tomorrow from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm in Union 124b to discuss ideas for the semester.

Budget and Planning did not meet last week. They will meet tomorrow from 4:00 pm-5:00 pm in College of Business room 301.

Programs and Institutional Development did not meet last week. They will meet tomorrow at 4:20 pm in Coe room 340.

RSO Funding Board allocated \$500 to the Society of Women Engineers for conference registration, \$3000 to the Sustainability Club for Solar Fest, and \$1124 to IHI for Medical Error and Apology.

Student Outreach and Programming met with Director of Programming and Events Dia last Friday, and they are working on finding locations for the Horseshoe Hunt.

COLLEGE CONTACT REPORTS

Agriculture and Natural Resources reported that their RSOs are up and running. Alpha Gamma Rho is hosting the AG Olympics and registration for the event is open.

Arts and Sciences reported that the Senators should follow the department on social media platforms for updates and events. The music department is having its first symphony on September 20th at 7:30 pm. Award nominations for alumni and faculty are open and are due October 26th.

Business reported that they are finalizing their office hours, working to coordinate Donuts with the Dean, and are creating a prototype for outreach program through the Dean's office.

Education reported that starting next week, their office hours will be from 11:00 am-12:00 pm every Friday in the Education Annex. They will be meeting with AD Rush this Friday.

Engineering and Applied Sciences reported that all of their RSOs have started and that Wyo Moto Club is planning on attending a competition later this year.

Haub School reported that they met with some faculty and the Sustainability Coalition to outline projects for the year.

Health Sciences is meeting tomorrow.

Law reported that they have been meeting with faculty, staff, and first-year legal students. The legal fraternities are currently in recruitment.

School of Energy Resources reported that they gained access to the college list-serves and introduced themselves to their constituents. They met students during office hours and will be meeting with Director Mark Northam this Friday. The Lunch and Lecture series will be starting with a talk on carbon materials.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Confirmation of Judicial Council Justice

Senator Strock moved to approve Connor Bergman for a one-year term.

Senator Brooks seconded.

Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Hungerford announced that the State of Wyoming School Facilities Commission met today and changed the ratio for k-12 classrooms from 1:16 to 1:25. She will forward a link for petition that you can sign if you do not agree with this change. She encouraged the Senators to stand up and voice their dissent.

The Ex-Officio from UMC announced that they meet from 4:00 pm-5:00 pm in Classroom room 209 on Thursdays. They reminded the Senators that Rave Guardian has an in-app anonymous tip-line that sends tips to UW PD, so that can be used to report incidents.

President Jones announced that Student Affairs is hosting NASPA President Kruger. He will be presenting tomorrow at 11:00 am in the Union Family Room. Student Affairs is also having a Town Hall at 9:00 am on Friday. SLCE will be having a Service Saturday this Saturday from 9:00 am- 3:00 pm. The Arena of Privilege will be on September 24th at 5:00 pm and sign-ups are on the SLCE website.

Senator Swartz asked how to access Trello. She asked the Senator from the College of Law if the law school still needed jurors. She announced that the jurors will be needed on Saturday from 8:00 am-12:00 pm or 12:00 pm-5:00 pm.

ISA announced that their Soccer Fiesta is October 6th, and they will be begin tabling for the event tomorrow. There is a \$5 registration fee per person, and all money will be donated to the Laramie Soup Kitchen. Education week will be November 12th-17th. The Midsemester party is a costume party on October 27th in the Cheney International Center basement. The announced that the Big Event will be October 13th.

After processing the meeting adjourned at 9:01 P.M. The next regular meeting will be September 25th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Senate Chambers Union Room 221.

Nicole Sanders
Chief of Legislative Affairs