The September 24th, 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 Faculty Senate, International Student Association, Non-Traditional Student Council, College Panhellenic Council, Residence Halls, Staff Senate, Student Athlete Advisory Committee, Sustainability Coalition and United Multicultural Council were absent. Senators Brooks, Lane, and Lyle were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the September 17th, 2019 meeting were approved as electronically circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Senator Mulhall moved to place the Confirmation of the Judicial Council Advisor to immediately after the Special Event.
   The Ex-Officio from First-Year Senate seconded.
   The motion passed without objection.

The agenda was approved as amended.

OPEN FORUM

There was nobody in the gallery to address the Senate.

SPECIAL EVENT

Dr. Emily Monago, the Chief Diversity Officer, updated the Senate on the results seen from the Campus Climate Survey conducted last school year. She encouraged Senators and everyone to read the full report that can be found at www.uwyo.edu/diversity. There will be a town hall to discuss diversity issues on campus on October 3rd at 11:30am. This survey collected 2,796 responses and was determined to be a valid sample of the whole community. Some statistics are that 5% of respondents were veterans and student athletes and 8% were international students. The survey focused on three major areas: climate, access to services, and physical safety. These three major categories have subcategories: under climate falls diversity and acceptance, under access to services falls food and shelter, and under physical safety falls sexual harassment and discrimination. She gave this same presentation to the Board of Trustees without the full information and results; these have now been attained and can be found on the UW webpage. These results show us that if there were 100 people in a room, 8 of those people would feel uncomfortable with those around them, but only 2 of those 8 would express that concern. Another concerning number is that 1 in 4 members of this campus feel uncomfortable in the presence of a non-binary individual. There are stark differences in how white and non-white people see racial
inclusiveness on our campus. One-third of international students do feel discrimination on the campus, while 36% of respondents have experienced jokes about religious beliefs. 34% of the campus has dealt with a food insecurity issue with about 21% of those being students. The disability aspect of this survey were also concerning to Dr. Monago. She stated that about 7% of the respondents did not know how to register with disability services or notify Human Resources about accommodations. About 25% of respondents did not know where to go for support with a disability and the report concluded there is a lack of resources for mental illness. They are beginning a campaign to encourage people to self-identify their disabilities and to feel comfortable doing so. Their strategies to deal with the issues discussed above include an expansion of pipeline programs and larger retention initiatives because currently there exists only one and that is for employees and graduate students. Her office also wants to create more opportunities for underrepresented communities to meet up together and also launch a bias education and engagement team in collaboration with the Dean of Students’ Office. The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion also wants to begin a restorative justice program to restore and rebuild relationships when issues arise. These initiatives are set in place to try to make the UW campus a place for everyone to feel welcome and attain success. They will also hold a town hall with relevant groups on campus that will be recorded and have an opportunity for online comments. This survey was a baseline survey to allow for the measure of the UW Strategic Plan, Goal 4. There will be a follow-up survey done at the end of the strategic plan timeline, 2022. Dr. Monago then took questions. She explained that they will look at employment data at the University for different search committees and applicant pools to get more diverse faculty and staff on campus. Her office did not receive hard numbers on which departments are uncomfortable talking about diversity related issues on campus, but they are able to narrow that down more with the data that they received. Another thing they want to begin is focus groups to hone in on the different areas they found to be problematic in this survey, including comfortability talking about diversity and inclusion on campus. She informed the Senate that what they and their constituents can do to help with these issues on campus is to get involved on campus and get exposed; this can be done by showing up to event put on by the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Students can also ask questions about cultures they do not understand and should feel comfortable doing so because these small actions can make a change for them and others. Dr. Monago also dove deeper into the restorative justice program. She stated that the University of Michigan has one currently and that specific program is looking at how to repair harm for both the individuals involved and the community as a whole. This will not be rolled out on our campus until there is a training done for staff on October 15th and 16th; the soft launch will happen this semester and the full thing should continue into the next semester. There was also a question about the Presidential search and she commented that the council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion meets on the last Friday of every month. Trustee Pizzato is on that committee and the Presidential search committee, so she is their beacon for those causes in the next President of the University. This council and Dr. Monago’s office are staying engaged in the search and are hoping to see some people as finalists for this search like the ones on their ‘dream list.’ Finally, Dr. Monago told the Senate that the federal reporting the University participates in does not ask questions about age, but her office definitely pays attention to that demographic. She claimed that there is a new Graduate Assistant position in her office solely to plan events for the older, non-traditional students on campus. This has been happening on campus for graduate students, but she says that they now need to listen to the students and do the same for non-traditional undergraduate students.
CONFIRMATION OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL ADVISOR

Senator Rubano moved to approve Daniel Fetsco as the Judicial Council Advisor.
    Senator Mulhall seconded.
    Motion passed by a standing vote of 29-0-0.

RSO FUNDING BOARD REQUESTS

Senator Mulhall moved to allocate $5,275.00 to the Chinese Students and Scholars Association for their Mid-Autumn Festival event to occur on October 19 at 5:30 pm in the Union Ballroom.
    Senator Vetter seconded.
    The motion was approved by a standing vote of 27-0-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Wilkins began by yielding his time to Acting Vice President for Student Affairs, Kimberly Chestnut. AVP Chestnut told the Senate that she wanted to address the sudden shift in this position. She has talked with Jason, John, and other groups on campus concerning this matter and understands people think they know parts of the story, but transparency is a luxury sometimes. She understands this frustration with lack of transparency and wants the student leaders to know that. She is looking forward to this opportunity for herself and said the search for a permanent Vice President will be clearer when more is known about the Presidential search. The Dean of Students Office is short-staffed and cannot assign somebody as an interim Dean of Students, so she will be juggling both jobs for a while. Jason will be a conduit for communication between ASUW and the Student Affairs office because she will meet with him regularly where Jason will be able to bring these concerns and ideas up to her. The Dean of Students position was not filled because the whole office is understaffed and the Director of CSIL, Jeremy Davis, also acts as the building supervisor for the Union. They did look outside of the University for somebody to fill the position, but it is a hard sell because the job is temporary in a somewhat rural area. This option will be explored further if suggestions are brought forward to them. President Wilkins reclaimed his time and stressed the fact that he will meet with AVP Chestnut regularly so if there are concerns that need to be brought to the Dean of Students Office or Student Affairs Office to go to him first so that he is able to bring those upward and keep a streamlined flow of communication. We should all be respectful and allow AVP Chestnut some time to get acquainted with her new job. President Wilkins has been working on the fee memo with the former Vice President for Student Affairs. This memo should be released soon after other offices review the wording. Earlier in the day he worked with the Presidential search committee and the new search firm; they also got input from a listening session and time with Vice Presidents, Deans, and Directors from around campus. There is a place for public comment on the UW web page for the Presidential Search that is anonymous and should be used by students and the community. He has also been meeting with executives about ideas and projects they want to get done in the office and encouraged Senators to contact him or other executives with ideas as well. October 12th is a Student Government Association Conference in
Denver and we have been invited. It is only during the day from about 10:00am to 5:00pm. There are five spots available to us, so we wanted to extend the offer out to two Senators. To go, they need to email a cover letter on why they want to go and what they would get out of it to Chief of Legislative Affairs Hoversland by Thursday at noon so he and Vice President Houghton can decide who will go and they can get registered before the deadline on Friday.

Director of RSO Relations Good reported that Senators are required to attend an RSO even that ASUW funds according to the by-laws. She gave Senators some events that they could attend to fulfill this requirement. These events included: the Fall into Good Health Fair sponsored by Phi Lambda Sigma; this is happening on Saturday, October 5th from 8:00am to 12:00pm in the Union. She also mentioned that there will be three game nights put on by the Students Supporting Veterans RSO. These will happen on this Thursday, September 26th, and following Thursdays October 31st and November 28th. Lastly she brought to the Senators attention the event they just funded, the Mid-Autumn Festival put on by the Chinese Students and Scholars Association. That event is happening on October 19th from 5:30pm to 8:00pm.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Hoversland passed out sign-up sheets for various scholarship committees and the Cowboy Count (Census) Committee. He asked that these all be filled because the scholarship committees only meet once or twice later this semester or next and they require only a little bit of outside work. He also reported that Chief of Staff Talamantes could not make it to the meeting, but she wanted him to report on a couple of events brought forward by some of the executives. First, Director of Finance Pounds asked that at least two Senators interested in the Financial Wellness Committee email Chief of Staff Talamantes at asuwexc2@uwyo.edu. Second, Director of Programming and Events wanted to update the Senate that The University of Wyoming Open Education Symposium is on Thursday, October 3rd from 12:00pm to 5:00pm in Coe Library. There are two Breakout Sessions centered on students on Open Educational Resources (OERs), essentially free textbooks. One is a presentation on OERs that were made by grad students to either replace or supplement traditional textbooks. The other is a student meeting to discuss OER advocacy. The date that registration closes is September 27th, this Friday, if you have specific dietary restrictions. To register go to uwyo.libguiders.com/wyoer/registration. If there are any questions, email Director of Programming and Events Williams at asuwexc3@uwyo.edu.

Vice President Houghton he has been discussing hazing legislation with Director Asay because Wyoming is one of only six states without any legislation of the sorts. He thanked those who went to the successful AccrediCarnival last Thursday. The Vice President also noted that he has been putting together the Cowboy Count (Census) Committee that will be a University-wide committee. Finally, he thanked those willing to be members of the Faculty Senate committees and let them know that the faculty members on those committees will be getting in touch with them regarding their meeting times.

Advisor Lozano reported that he unfortunately has no update on the temporary replacement for Student Legal Services. They are working on finalizing that contract and getting it approved by all parties, so that person should be ready soon. He also attended a meeting with the Global Engagement Office to discuss how ASUW can work with other groups to put on events downtown.
They are worried that this may be more work for the next administration, but he will be emailing more Senators to get involved in these meetings in the near future.

**Ex Officio Communications**

First-Year Senate reported that their Steering Committee Liaison resigned so they will be holding new elections for that position next week. Additionally, they have their first reading of Senate Resolution #2670 and steered it to Diversity and Student Outreach.

Interfraternity Council reported that their chapters had given out bids and done initiations or had done pledges. Their next project is new member orientation.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Steering reported that they met on Friday and went over the resolution to make minor grammatical fixes. They also discussed attendance issues and sent out emails earlier this week to those who fell on their radar.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported that they met on Thursday and welcomed the First-Year Senators and explained to them what their committee does. Finally, they briefly talked about the resolution up for first reading this week.

Budget and Planning reported that they met on Wednesday to finalize the Special Projects application. Their meeting tomorrow will consist of them going over the Finance Policy.

Programs and Institutional Development reported that they met and sent out a program survey to ASUW programs. They will begin to dive in and review their charge as a committee and what they want to accomplish. Their new meeting time is Mondays at 4:05pm in the ASUW Conference Room.

RSO Funding Board reported that they allocated $378 to the Students Supporting Veterans RSO for their game night event. They also approved allocating $5,275 to the Chinese Students and Scholars Association for their Mid-Autumn Festival event. They table the request from Cowboy Country Swing Club due to budgetary confusion and awarded $750 to the American Institute of Chemical Engineers for their national conference.

Student Outreach and Programming reported that they met on Friday and Director of Student Wellness and Sustainability Savage presented to them on her proposed sustainability culture survey. They also discussed the proposed advising fee increase survey and finalized the questions for that; the survey should go out in the near future. They also welcomed the new First-Year Senators to their committee.

Homecoming Committee reported that they have been planning lots in the past couple of weeks and are finalizing the t-shirt designs. They finished their clues for the horseshoe find and are
working on doing a barbecue to replace the pig roast; this will be done by the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity outside of Prexy’s Pasture. Sign-up sheets for events will be coming from them next week.

**COLLEGE CONTACT REPORTS**

Agriculture and Natural Resources reported that they are working on joint office hours.

Arts and Sciences had no report.

Business reported that they are attending a lunch for RSO Presidents tomorrow. Their office hours are on the second and fourth Mondays of every month from 10:00am until 11:00am in the ASUW Conference Room.

Education reported that they are meeting this Friday between 10:00am and 2:00pm. Their contact will also be attending a meeting with some administration within the college.

Engineering and Applied Sciences reported that their group office hours have been set up.

Haub School introduced himself as Mike Espy, a 22 year old from Wyoming. He grew up living on a cattle ranch and plays soccer. He is currently working on his undergraduate thesis in the Haub School which is working on a zero-waste initiative through composting. They are also working on getting this at an administration level on campus. They are supporting Director of Student Wellness and Sustainability Savage on her food insecurity resolution as well as her sustainability climate survey. The school and some of its members are trying to get food cabinets on our campus.

Health Sciences reported that Phi Lambda Sigma is hosting the Fall into Good Health Fair next month where there will blood pressure readings and vaccines among many other health related services.

Law had no report.

School of Energy Resource reported that there will be a speaker from the University of Texas at Austin this Friday to talk about carbon capture and storage. Noble Energy will present next week.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to consider.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Senate Bill #2670: ASUW Support for Action on Food Insecurity
First Reading.
Steered to Advocacy, Diversity and Policy; Programs and Institutional Development.
Selection of SAL of the Month
Senator Espy nominated Preston Mackey.
President Wilkins nominated Timberly Vogel.
Senator Walls nominated Lucia Ward.
Senator Rubano nominated Kassandra.
Senator Jones nominated Grace Boorom.
Senator Muller nominated Kennedy True.
    Timberly Vogel was elected as SAL of the month.

Selection of Senator of the Month
Advisor Lozano nominated Senator Mulhall.
    Senator Mulhall was elected as Senator of the Month.

Social Chair Elections
President Wilkins nominated Senator Trent.
    Senator Trent was elected Social Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Senator Nunley announced that he attended the Non-Traditional Student Council meeting last night where an executive team was elected. Their next meeting will be on October 28 at 6:30pm in the Senate Chambers, union Room 221. They have asked for help from ASUW to find a permanent room for their meetings. At this next meeting there will be a guest speaker from financial aid.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Hoversland announced that there were still open spots on his committee sign-up sheets and they need to be filled, so please come to head table after the meeting to add yourself if you are able.

Advisor Lozano announced that it was Senator O’Connor’s birthday today.

Vice President Houghton asked Senators to sign up for the Cowboy Count Committee. This will be a University wide committee so he wants ASUW to show up and represent ourselves well. He also thanked Senators for asking questions of the Special Event and for being patient with him as he gets in the hang of being the chair of the meetings.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:42pm. The next regular meeting will be October 1st, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Senate Chambers, Union Room 221.

Hank Hoversland
Chief of Legislative Affairs