**ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

The February 6th, 2024, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Anderson at 7:00 p.m. The land acknowledgement statement and mission statement were read, and the Pledge of Allegiance was done at the individual members’ discretion.

**ROLL CALL**

Everyone was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Senator Culp moved to change the year of the minutes to 2024.

There were no objections.

The minutes were approved as amended.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved without amendments.

**OPEN FORUM**

No one wished to address the Senate.

**OLD BUISNESS**

SB 2940 Revisions to the ASUW Elections Policy Regarding President and Vice President Candidate Ticket Endorsements.

The Legislation was read on the floor for the second time.

HOPE recommended a do pass

PID recommended a do pass

SOFB recommended a do pass

Senator Schliebe moved to pass the legislation.

Senator Knull seconded.

Senator Schliebe moved to adopt PIDs amendments.

Senator Keasling seconded.

The amendments were adopted on a 22-0-0 standing vote.

Senator Hennigar moved to suspend the Abernathy clause.

Senator Langford seconded.

The Abernathy clause was suspended on a 22-0-0 standing vote.

The legislation passed on a 23-0-0 roll call vote

SB 2941Creation of Denver International Airport Transportation Services for UW Students.

The Legislation was read on the floor for the second time.

ADP recommended a do pass.

HOPE recommended a do pass.

B&P recommended a do not pass.

Senator Meiklejohn moved to pass the legislation.

Senator Grimm seconded.

Senator Meiklejohn moved amend the legislation as circulated.

Senator Bouma seconded.

The amendments were adopted on a 22-1-0 Standing vote.

Senator Bouma moved to table bill indefinitely.

Senator Langford seconded.

Senator Hulen moved to previous question.

Senator Relaford seconded.

The body moved to previous question.

Senator Culp moved to vote via roll call.

Senator Brown seconded.

On a roll call vote of 16-5-2 the legislation was tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS**

SB 2942 Senate Meeting Time Hard Limit

The legislation was read on the floor for the first time.

This legislation was steered to all standing committees.

Approval of the Ad-Hoc charge letter

The floor was given to President Murfitt to explain the rationale behind the ad-hoc committee and answer the Senates questions.

Senator Bouma moved to approve the charge letter.

Senator Gomelsky seconded.

The charge letter was approved on a 23-0-0 standing vote.

Selection of Senators for the Ad-Hoc committee.

Senator Culp nominated Senator Knull.

Senator Brown nominated Senator Slattery.

Senator Hennigar nominated Senator Bouma.

Senator Saint nominated Senator Bogani.

Senator Knull nominated Senator Relaford.

Senator Grimm nominated Senator Keasling.

Senator Hulen nominated Senator Saint.

Senator Bouma nominated Senator Hennigar.

Senator Gomeslky nominated Senator Brown.

Senator Worcester nominated Senator Culp.

Each nominator spoke on behalf of their nominee.

Senators Relaford, Knull, Slattery, and Culp were selected to serve on the Ad-Hoc committee.

Student-At-Large of the month (January)

Senator Culp nominated William Ward.

Senator Meiklejohn nominated Kellan Chandler.

Senator Moore nominated Wolfgang Wuerker.

Senator Slattery nominated John Sparks.

Each nominator spoke on behalf of their nominee.

William Ward was selected as the Student-at-Large of the month.

Senator of the Month (January)

Senator Knull nominated Senator Culp.

Senator Gomelsky nominated Senator Schliebe.

Senator Worcester nominated Senator Keasling.

Senator Bouma nominated Senator Hulen.

Senator Meiklejohn nominated Senator Brown.

Senator Brown nominated Senator Bouma.

Each nominator spoke on behalf of their nominees.

Senator Culp was selected as the Senator of the Month.

**Communications**

President Murfitt communicated the following: “Hello everyone,

To start things off, I wanted to update you on some good news! President Seidel has looked over the Union Fest $100,000 realignment and I would like to inform you that he has approved it and the 7220 is moving forward in offering contracts for the performance.

Tomorrow at 12:00pm, VP Anderson and I will be hosting our first town hall in the Skylight lounge. Please come, engage, and enjoy free pizza.

Chief of Staff Henderson and I are finishing up interviews for the Director of Community and Government affairs and the Director of Wellness this week and they will be up for confirmation at the next senate meeting.

Like I stated last week, if you have any ideas on updates to facilities around campus or ideas to keep this campus safe, please relay them to me and I will bring them to the appropriate people in upper ad in upper administration.

Now, unfortunately, this is the part of communications where I must address some problems that have come to my attention. There have been senators who have gone and had meetings about very serious and important things with members of upper administration, specifically with Divisional Vice Presidents without my knowledge. I understand and like your drive and want to have those conversations, but I do have to remind you of the separation of branches and therefore the separation of duties. As senators, your main job is to represent your constituents to the senate, not to be meeting with upper administration anytime you like. As President and a member of the executive branch, my main job, as president, is to be the external representation of ASUW to upper administration. If senators need to meet with upper administration, they need to either have me meet for them, or they need to inform me that they want to meet and then I normally will approve it. I only say this because I am constantly working with upper administration on many of the projects that you all want to work on and when others go to meet with these stakeholders without my knowledge, it messes up what was currently being worked on and frankly, causes ASUW to look incompetent to our external stakeholders. I only ask that from now on, if you think something should be brought to upper administration that you ask me to inform them or you ask my permission to meet with them.

Another topic that has been brought to my attention but not as concerning as the prior, but as all if not most of you know, the Wyoming State Legislative Session is swiftly approaching. I understand there are multiple pieces of legislation of concern to not only ASUW but to the students at UW. When writing resolutions about these pieces of legislation to the legislature, I ask that you don’t write the resolutions without collaborating with stake holders and other senators. There are multiple senators that I know plan to be writing resolutions, so I believe in the best interest of ASUW and of students on campus, you all work together to write the best possible pieces of legislation. Also please stay tuned for information regarding lobbying efforts. Although the Director of Community and Government affairs is vacant, it and its responsibilities are still under the purview of the Executive Branch, not the Senate. Once the new Director of Community and Government affairs is confirmed, we will be meeting with VP Mike Smith to create a full plan of action for the legislative session.”

Vice President Anderson communicated that his absence this week would not be replicated in the future. He communicated that he would be at the Town Hall mentioned by President Murfitt. He asked Senators to come to him with projects so that he can help and offer advisement. He communicated that if Senators would go over budgeted hours to email him 24 hours. He further asked that these be Standardized. He emphasized the needed respect to the separation of powers in the body.

Assistant Director interim communicated that they appreciated the senate's hard work on the scholarship committees. They also shouted out the Budget and Planning committee who took 10 hours on Sunday to finalize the budget and that they were very diligent with their budget cuts. Office Associate Hamiliton has been working on the website and encouraged the senate to make corrections. They then yielded to COS Henderson who communicated the following: The Director of Finance has been drafting a financial literacy month plan, the Director of Marketing is coming back on the 12th and working to develop the ASUW podcast and are getting positive feedback on the Student Right to Know, the Director of Policy and Analysis is working on the strategic plan and drafting a special committee as well as a bill to shorten meeting times and that he was trying to act as a resource to those wanting to write legislation, the Director of Student Organizations and Outreach was working on the newsletter for december and January and the townhall, the Director of Justice and Equity met with identity based groups on Campus and is now serving on the accessibility council and are developing ways ASUW can be more accessible.

First-Year Senate communicated that First-Year Senate elected the two new delegates for the ASUW Senate.

Non-Traditional Student Council was working on some changes as well as having a full exececutive branch

United Multicultural Council communicated that UMCs next meeting would be next Thursday at 5PM in the multicultural resource room green dot would be coming and giving a presentation.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Saint announced next Wednesday at noon TPUSA would be hosting the CO2 commission giving a lecture on climate change.

Senator Hennigar reminded everyone to sign up for election tabling CCSC would be doing their regular meeting but next week would be doing a valentine's dance.

Senator Schliebe announced the first meeting of Bridge UWYO would be at 5-7PM in the business atrium and chipotle would be catered. He further announced he finalized the podcast and encouraged people to reach out to them if they want to be on it.

Senator Culp announced that she congratulated those who placed at their competitive speech events. She shouted out Senator Rzeszuts panel on abortion that was a huge success.

Ex-Officio Mahoney thanked the senate for their discussion and encouraged the senate to schedule a meeting with her to work on the bill.

Senator Brown announced the ecology symposium will be on this Friday the 9th in the berry auditorium the ISA coffee hour from 5-6PM.

First-Year Senator Mackenzie had their first bylaw reading tonight and said that the senate would be seeing the constitutional changes for FYS soon.

Senator Gomelsky announced that there is an Advocacy workshop through SLCE and that the wyo legislature would be happening and that their email about the legislature was in her capacity as a student.

Senator Knull announced that the rec sports would be doing curling and are looking for teams and have until the 10th to register teams.

Senator Moore announced that next Thursday at 6 would be the opening ceremony for the model Arab league competition. Tickets open tomorrow at 12 at the union desk.

Senator Worcester announced that the chess club is still meeting Monday 4-6 in the skylight lounge. He further announced that the 2024 Laramie chess open is happening March 9th-10th and on campus there would be a tournament.

Director Medina announced that they were working on resolution templates. They encouraged everyone to attend a y'all means all safe zone training on April 1st from 5:30 to 7:30 and they could find more information on MA. February 2nd who we are when the world goes wrong about how we can interact with conflicts abroad and domestically. They further encouraged everyone to attend green dot training as well as UMC who are working on big events.

VP Anderson announced that there is a townhall tomorrow in the skylight lounge from 12-1pm in the skylight lounge

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 9:36p.m. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on February 13th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

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*Supplemental Notes taken by Senators Keasling and Hennigar*