**ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

The February 20th, 2024, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Anderson at 7:11 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**

Senator Worcester was absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved as circulated.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Senator Hennigar moved to add voting on opening a general election for ASUW

There were no objections.

Senator Langford move to move ex-officio communications between open forum and old business.

There were no objections.

Senator Knull moved to add SOFB Funding requests before old business

There were no objections.

Senator Culp moved to add a funding board appeal after the SOFB requests.

There were no objections.

The agenda was approved as amended.

**OPEN FORUM**

Lauren Balcom apologized for the name error in the last edition of the Branding Iron.

**SOFB Requests**

The floor was yielded to the chair of SOFB to speak on behalf of the SOFB request and then yielded to the members of the organization to answer the senates questions.

Senator Langford moved to pass the funding request.

Senator Knull seconded.

The funding request passed unanimously

**SOFB Appeal**

Senator Culp spoke on behalf of the appeal for the Student Organization, the floor was then yielded to the chair of SOFB to speak on the violations.

Senator Culp moved to decide that a SO did violate the ASUW Finance Policy or additional stipulations, and place that SO on advisory term for a full calendar year.

Senator Hulen seconded.

On a 14-2-4 vote the body heard the appeal.

Senator Hennigar moved to suspend the Abernathy clause.

Senator Keasling seconded.

The Abernathy clause was suspended.

On a roll call vote of 2-14-5 the suspension shall remain.

**Ex-Officio Communications**

College Panhellenic Council communicated that they would be having a black history movie night.

First Year Senate communicated that they elected two new delegates for the next weeks senate meeting.

Non-Traditional Student Council communicated that they voted to change their leadership structure and will be having meetings about first generation students and there should be legislation on the way to finalize their change in structure.

Senator Kealsing moved for a five minute recess

Senator Knull seconded.

The body adjourned at 8:31.

The body reconvened 8:38.

**Opening a General Election for ASUW**

The floor was yielded to the chair of HOPE to speak on the item of business.

Senator Hennigar moved to open the general election season for ASUW.

Senator Keasling seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUISNESS**

SB 2943 Revising Approval of First Year Senate Legislation in Programs and Institutional Development Committee

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

PID recommended a do pass.

Steering recommended a do pass.

Senator Hennigar moved to pass the legislation.

Senator Keasling seconded.

On a roll call vote of 20-0-1the legislation passed.

SB 2944 Additional powers of the chair

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

ADP recommended a do not pass

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Steering recommended a do pass with amendments.

Senator Hennigar moved to pass the legislation.

Senator Keasling seconded.

Senator Meiklejohn moved to adopt the grammar change and the steering amendments.

Senator Hennigar seconded.

Senator Gundling moved for a friendly amendment adding Section B subsection B “The Vice President Shall have..”.

The amendment was accepted as friendly.

The amendment was adopted on a 21-0-0.

Senator Relaford moved to previous question.

Senator Rzeszut seconded.

The body did not move into previous question.

Senator Schliebe moved to add a sunset clause to the legislation.

Senator Keasling seconded.

The amendment was adopted on a 14-6-1 standing vote.

Senator Relaford moved to previous question.

Senator Saint seconded.

The body moved to previous question.

The Legislation failed on a roll call vote of 7-13-1.

**NEW BUSINESS**

SB 2945 Support and Recognition of Project Coordinator Craft for His Excellence

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

This legislation was steered to all standing committees.

SB 2946 Support and Recognition of Accountant Shelly Schaef for her Excellence

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

This legislation was steered to all standing committees

SB 2947 ASUW Budget for Fiscal Year 2025

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

This legislation was steered to all standing committees.

SB 2948 ASUW Reserves Spending Proposal

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

This legislation was steered to committee of the whole.

Senator Hennigar moved to suspend Article 6.01 subsections 2,3, and 4.

Senator Keasling seconded.

The rules and procedures were suspended.

Senator Hennigar moved to dissolve into committee of the whole.

Senator Knull seconded.

The body dissolved into the committee of the whole.

Senator Relaford moved to limit speaking times to 3 minutes.

Senator Hulen seconded.

the speaking times were limited.

Senator Hennigar moved to recommend a do pass on the legislation.

Senator Keasling seconded.

Senator Langford moved to previous question.

Senator Relaford seconded.

The body moved to previous question.

The committee recommended a do pass.

The body reconvened as the ASUW Senate.

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

Committee of the whole recommended a do pass.

Senator Relaford moved to pass the legislation.

Senator Brown seconded.

Senator Brown moved to pass the legislation through unanimous consent.

Senator Relaford seconded.

There were no objections.

The legislation passed via unanimous consent.

**Communications**

President Murfitt communicated the following: “To start things off, Last week I met with the Vice Provost of Enrollment Management, Kyle Moore on how ASUW could help with the university recruitment efforts. With that, if you are interested in helping with university recruitment or have an interest in the enrollment cliff, please connect with me. Also with that, this week I will be sending out a form for all students in ASUW to fill out. This will be to help rebuild an ASUW Roster that will include information on high schools and community colleges.

Next up is the Business Fee Book. Last semester we addressed the student fee book and that was approved by the Board of Trustees. This semester, the committee is discussing the business fee book and included in that is fees for parking. The committee is allowing me to go to the ad hoc Parking committee to create recommendations.

Last week, I met with the Branding Iron and we are going to be partnering to survey around campus areas that are considered dark space that could be unsafe to students at night. We also will be asking students questions when they leave classes in the evening about how safe they feel around campus. With those, we will be publishing them as well as I will be taking the findings to the UW Safety Taskforce to share the concerns of students. We are looking for a couple senators to help with this. If you are interested, please shoot me a teams or email by the end of the week.

The spring student issues survey will be released hopefully by the end of next week. My directors are currently working on questions for the survey. We would like some input. If you have ideas on items we could potentially add to the survey, please email me.

Also, on Friday, Director Bouma and I will be meeting with VP Smith to go over the lobbying plan. As soon as that plan is set, I will be sending out an email to you all that way ASUW can start officially lobbying on behalf of students. If you have any questions about that, please feel free to ask.”

Vice President Anderson communicated that he was working on several projects. He connected with a marketing intern as well as the DoM to create tik tok posts. He also is changing the composition of the committees due to the sizes and representations on the committees. He further communicated that he was scheduling senator check ins. He further emphasized the need for senators to adhere to the dress code as prescribed by the bylaws and would be bringing senators up to steering for violations.

Assistant Director Interim yielded to the Dean of Students who communicated that they would be taking over as pro staff assistance for several of the ASUW committees as well as the Office Assistant. These changes will be occurring March 4th. They further communicated there will be a going away party for Cameron and Shelly, and thanked Senator Schliebe for the graphic attached to that. They finally thanked the senate for their patience and for everything Cameron and Shelly had done as well as Patrick the Office Associate. The Assistant Director then communicated that the dean has facilitated the transition and expressed their appreciation for the dean and for other student leaders. They then yielded to the Chief of Staff who communicated that the Director of Marketing has been creating an elections plan, the Director of Policy and Analysis has been working on action items for the audit, he also has been researching student governments and working on codifying exec positions, the Director of Student Organizations and Outreach was working on the townhall with President Seidel, the Director of Finance is working on financial literacy events as well as bringing back the cash cart, the Director of Justice and Equity has been meeting with campus entities to learn about student needs as well as projects to benefit students while working closer with the programs and how to improve the relationship and is working on resolutions, the Director of Wellness is looking at doing a mental health week for finals and midterms as well as a suicide prevention walk in April and taking inventory of big storage, the Director of Governmental and Community Affairs has been introducing himself to campus stake holders and is beginning setting up the senate away meeting and starting tenant education.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Hennigar announced that applications are opening up monday for elections season. They announced that it is important that candidates cannot campaign until after the campaign workshop elections can not be on ASUW time or within 100 ft of the office. They elaborated on the rules about campaigning for elections that senators need to abide by. They announced that bridge and CCSC would be meeting at their regular times.

Senator Saint announced TPUSA in the at 7 will be hosting a talk more details can be found in the COLA follow up email.

Senator Rzeszut announced that next week in the senate chamber young americans for liberty would be hosting a legalize drugs science fair.

First Year Senator Hargett announced there are three new first year senators who just joined the program.

Senator Culp announced that wyoming global is hosting who are we when the world goes wrong the library is starting a palestianian and israel resource comp speech time is going to be publicly speaking at 8PM to potentially gain funding and doing poetry.

Senator Relaford announced that he is working on legislation that would allow concessions being able to be purchased with dining dollars.

Senator Brown announced that SOFB funding the blockchain club would be hosting a guest speaker and on friday ISA coffee hour would be happening.

Senator Keasling yeilded to FYS Mackenzie who announced that he forgot to submit the FYS constitution bill and will this week or the next.

Senator Hulen announced an update to a unfortunate event that was discussed last week.

Senator Schliebe announced that he was working on a resolution regarding enrollment cliff and was working on changn the definition for a first generation student.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 10:54p.m. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on February 20th, 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*