**ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

The February 26th, 2024, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Anderson at 7:04 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**

The minutes were approved as circulated.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Senator Brown moved to move new business to after open forum and before new business.

Senator Meiklejohn moved to add two B&P realignments to the agenda.

There were no objections.

The agenda was approved as amended.

**OPEN FORUM**

Student at Large Calla Shosh spoke on behalf of the equity state bill.

**Budget Realignments**

The chair of B&P spoke on behalf of the SOFB realignment.

Senator Keasling moved to pass the realignment for the SOFB committee.

Senator Hennigar seconded.

The realignment passed on a vote of 21-0-1.

The chair of B&P spoke on behalf of the office associate realignment.

Senator Keasling moved to approve the realignment.

Senator Hennigar seconded.

The realignment passed on a vote of 22-0-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

SB 2949 Procedure for Approving Committee Amendments

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

This legislation was steered to Steering and PID

SB 2950 The Creation of a Special Committee, Denoted the Sustainability, Facilities, and Safety Committee, Including Context From Alternative Universities, Contextual History Regarding Former Committees and ASUW Initiatives, and Commentary on Current ASUW Priorities In Regards To Specific Actionable Items Intended To Be Addressed By The Special Committee: This Including the Cooperative Handling of Execution of Initiatives Whose Jurisdiction Will Be Shared With Existing Committees and Other ASUW and UW Related Entities

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

This legislation was steered to ADP PID and Steering

SR 2951 ASUW Acknowledgement of Enrollment Cliff and Decline

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

This legislation was steered to ADP and HOPE

SR 2952 ASUW Opposition to SF0130 The Equality State Not Equity State Act

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 section 6.01 Subsections 2,3, and 4 of the ASUW Rules and Procedures.

Senator Keasling seconded.

The Rules and Procedures were not suspended.

This legislation was steered to all standing committees.

Confirmation of Ad-Hoc Charge Letter

The floor was yielded to President Murfitt who spoke on behalf of the charge letter.

Senator Keasling moved to approve the charge letter.

Senator Hennigar seconded.

The ad-hoc committee was approved.

Nominations for Senators to Serve on the new Ad-Hoc committee

Senator Knull nominated Senator Hennigar.

Senator Brown nominated Senator Gomelsky.

Director Bouma nominated senator Slattery.

Senator Langford nominated themself.

Senator Schliebe nominated Senator Culp.

Senator Gomelsky nominated Senator Brown.

Each nominator spoke on behalf of their nominees.

Senators Slattery, Gomelsky, Culp, and Hennigar were selected to serve on the ad-hoc committee.

**OLD BUISNESS**

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

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

ADP recommended a do pass

B&P recommended a do pass through unanimous consent

HOPE recommended a do pass

PID recommended a do pass

SOFB recommended a do pass

Steering recommended a do pass

TASFRC recommended a do pass

Senator Meiklejohn moved to pass the legislation through unanimous consent.

The legislation was passed by unanimous consent.

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

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

ADP recommended a do pass

B&P recommended a do pass through unanimous consent

HOPE recommended a do pass

PID recommended a do pass

SOFB recommended a do pass

Steering recommended a do pass

TASFRC recommended a do pass

Senator Meiklejohn moved to pass the legislation via unanimous consent.

Senator Keasling seconded.

The legislation was passed by unanimous consent.

Senator Keasling moved for a ten minute recess

Senator Hennigar seconded.

The body adjourned at 8:12

The body reconvened at 8:23

SB 2947 ASUW Budget for Fiscal Year 2025

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

ADP recommended a do pass

B&P recommended a do pass

HOPE recommended a do pass

PID recommended a do pass

SOFB recommended a do pass

Steering recommended a do pass

TASFRC recommended a do pass

Senator Meiklejohn moved to pass the legislation.

Senator Keasling seconded.

Senator Meiklejohn moved to amend the SOFB budget to increase the events line item.

Senator Keasling seconded.

The amendment was adopted.

Senator Meiklejohn moved to pass the executive branch budget.

Senator Keasling seconded

Senator Knull moved to pass the budget through unanimous consent.

Senator Rzeszut seconded.

There were no objections.

Senator Meiklejohn moved to approve the JC budget.

Senator Keasling seconded.

On a vote of 22-0-0 the JC budget was approved

Senator Schliebe moved to pass the legislative branch budget.

Senator Keasling seconded.

Senator Hennigar moved to reduce the amount of hours and move the excess funds to First Year Senate and SOFB.

Senator Saint seconded.

Senator Gundling moved to previous question.

Senator Meiklejohn seconded.

The body did not move to previous question.

Senator Knull moved to limit speaking times to four minutes.

Senator Keasling seconded.

The speaking times were reduced.

Senator Relaford moved to previous question.

Senator Bogani seconded.

The body did not move to previous question.

Senator Meiklejohn moved to reinstate the hour bank and level committee chairs to the same level of pay.

Senator Hennigar seconded.

The amendment was passed on a vote of 21-1-0.

Senator Brown moved to amend the amendment as circulated.

Senator Hennigar seconded.

On a vote of 15-1-2 the amendment was adopted.

On a standing vote of 10-8-0 the amendment was adopted.

Senator Knull moved to accept through unanimous consent.

Senator Keasling seconded.

The legislation was approved.

Senator Keasling moved to recess for five minutes.

Senator Hennigar seconded.

The body adjourned at 10:08.

The body reconvened at 10:14.

Senator Meiklejohn moved to pass the business office budget.

Senator Brown seconded.

Senator Brown moved to amend the legislation cutting the professional staff development line item and move the excess funds to the SOFB budget.

Senator Gomelsky seconded.

Senator Hulen moved to previous question.

Senator Relaford seconded.

The body moved to previous question.

On a vote of 2-16-4 the amendment was not adopted.

The budget was approved.

Senator Keasling moved to approve the financial literacy budget.

Senator Meiklejohn seconded.

Senator Culp moved for unanimous consent.

Senator Moore seconded.

There were no objections.

The budget was approved through unanimous consent.

Senator Hennigar moved to approve the FYS budget.

Senator Meiklejohn seconded.

First-Year Senator Morales moved for unanimous consent.

Senator Keasling seconded.

The budget was approved via unanimous consent.

Senator Hennigar moved to approve the HOPE budget.

Senator Meiklejohn seconded.

Senator Keasling moved to add money from carryover account to the t-shirt line items.

Senator Culp seconded.

Senator Culp moved to accept the amendment through unanimous consent.

Senator Slattery objected.

The amendment was adopted on a vote of 16-3-3.

First-Year Senator Morales moved for unanimous consent.

Senator Keasling seconded.

There were no objections.

The budget was approved via unanimous consent.

Senator Meiklejohn moved to approve the non-trad budget.

Senator Hennigar seconded.

The budget was approved on a vote of 21-0-1.

Senator Relaford moved to approve the scholarship budget.

Senator Hennigar seconded.

The budget was approved on a standing vote of 22-0-0.

Senator Keasling moved to approve the Special Projects budget.

Senator Meiklejohn seconded.

The budget was approved on a standing vote of 22-0-0.

Senator Relaford moved for a ten minute recess.

Senator Keasling seconded.

The body adjourned at 11:08

The body reconvened at 11:18

Senator Meiklejohn moved to approve the Student Legal Services budget.

Senator Keasling seconded.

On a 22-0-0 standing vote the budget was approved.

Senator Meiklejohn moved to approve the SOFB budget.

Senator Keasling seconded.

On a vote of 21-0-1 the SOFB budget was approved.

Senator Hennigar moved to approve the UMC Budget.

Senator Meiklejohn seconded.

On a standing vote of 22-0-0 the budget was approved.

Senator Hennigar moved to pass the legislation.

Senator Keasling seconded.

On a roll call vote of 22-0-0 the Legislation passed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Schliebe announced that the first episode of the ASUW podcast is out and is looking for a diverse perspective for his podcast.

Vice President Anderson announced that union after dark would be happening this Friday and passed a signup sheet for that event.

Senator Worcester announced that the 2024 Laramie Open chess tournament will be happening, and that online registration is now open.

Senator Rzeszut announced that YAL would be hosting the legalize drug science fair in the senate chamber tomorrow.

Senator Meiklejohn announced that sustainability coalition would be hosting several meet and greets with the local legislators and an environmental advisory meeting.

Senator Culp moved for a four-minute recess.

Senator Keasling seconded.

The body adjourned at 11:36

The body reconvened at 11:41

Senator Langford announced that the UW college democrats would be hosting one of their first events.

Senator Hennigar announced that there would be tabling for elections and encouraged people to table for elections, bridge would also be meeting in their usual time and space.

Senator Relaford announced that at 5 tomorrow there would be a going away party for Cameron and Shelly.

Senator Moore announced that the middle east would be having an event with traditional middle eastern food.

Senator Brown announced that the anthro club lecture was tonight but there would be one more SOFB request happening this week.

Dean Oneil announced that they are working on some changes in staffing and would be open to feedback from the body.

Vice President Anderson announced that the senate away meeting was scheduled at march 26th from 2PM to 5PM and excused absences would be provided.

Senator Hennigar announced that for those tabling they should ensure that they clean the space and grab the tablecloth in the union.

Senator Culp announced that the speech team would be competing in districts, LAWS is looking for more volunteers and Ed Seidels townhall is tomorrow and a fight the power event would be occurring on campus, and she is looking for trivia team members.

Senator Schliebe moved to suspend the relevant section of Roberts Rules of Order.

Senator Keasling seconded.

Senator Keasling moved for a three-minute recess.

Senator Hennigar seconded.

The body adjourned at 12:03

The body reconvened at 12:06

On a vote of 18-1-3 the motion will be debatable.

Senator Keasling moved to suspend Article 6 section 6.01 subsections 2,3,4.

Senator Schliebe seconded.

Senator Gomelsky seconded.

On a vote of 16-0-5 the Rules and Procedures were suspended.

Senator Keasling moved to dissolve into the committee of the whole.

Senator Schliebe seconded.

On a vote of 16-0-5 the committee dissolved themselves into committee of the whole.

The chair was given to Senator Knull.

Senator Gomelsky moved to recommend a do pass.

Senator Keasling seconded.

Senator Keasling moved to take a ten-minute recess.

Senator Grimm seconded.

The body adjourned at 1:18

The body reconvened at 1:28

The committee recommended a do pass.

The chair was returned to Vice President Anderson.

SR 2952 was read on the floor for the second time.

The committee of the whole recommended a do pass.

Senator Knull moved to pass the legislation.

Senator Gomelsky seconded.

Senator Hulen moved to previous question.

Senator Relaford seconded.

The body moved to previous question.

On a roll call vote of 14-5-3 the Legislation passes

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on March 5th, 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*