

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The February 3, 2026, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President McGuire at 7:05 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 Wellikson entered the chamber after roll call; the Abernathy Clause was suspended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended to swap the budget realignment with the special event.

OPEN FORUM

Student-at-Large Reese Davis spoke on the recent decisions made by the JAC.

BUDGET REALIGNMENT

Senator Kaiser explained the budget realignment provided to the Senate. The realignment was amended to reflect the amounts from B&P. The realignment was approved by a vote of 22-1-0.

SPECIAL EVENT

Senator Chris Rothfuss spoke to the Senate about lobbying the State Legislature.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

SB 3081 SOFB Cap Increases was read for the first time. This legislation was steered to SOFB, B&P, and PID.

SB 3082 Reallocating \$50,000 from Expenditures in SB 3048 was read for the first time. This legislation was steered to B&P and SWAC.

SR 3083 ASUW Opposition to the Wyoming State Legislature JAC's Recommendation to Cut \$40 Million from the University of Wyoming's Block Grant was read for the first time. This legislation was steered to Committee of the Whole.

SR 3084 ASUW Opposition to the Wyoming State Legislature JAC's Recommendation to Defund Wyoming Public Media was read for the first time. This legislation was steered to Committee of the Whole.

SR 3085 ASUW Opposition to the Wyoming State Legislature JAC's Recommendation to Deny \$6 Million Request for University of Wyoming Athletics was read for the first time. This legislation was steered to Committee of the Whole.

Senator Robinson moved to suspend Rules and Procedures Article 6, Section 6.01, Subsections 2,3,4; Senator Keasling seconded. The Rules and Procedures were suspended.

Senator Robinson moved to dissolve into Committee of the Whole to debate SR 3083, SR 3084, and SR 3085, Senator Morales seconded. The motion passed and the Senate dissolved into Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

SR 3083 ASUW Opposition to the Wyoming State Legislature JAC's Recommendation to Cut \$40 Million from the University of Wyoming's Block Grant

Senator Morales moved to recommend do pass, Senator Hansen seconded. By a standing vote of 22-1-0, COW will recommend a due pass.

SR 3084 ASUW Opposition to the Wyoming State Legislature JAC's Recommendation to Defund Wyoming Public Media

VP McGuire moved to recommend a do pass, Senator Cooper seconded. By a standing vote of 18-5-0, COW will recommend a do pass.

SR 3085 ASUW Opposition to the Wyoming State Legislature JAC's Recommendation to Deny \$6 Million Request for University of Wyoming Athletics

Senator Morales moved to recommend a do pass, Senator Wellikson seconded.

Senator Swingley moved for a 5 minute recess, seconded by Senator Robinson. The Senate recessed at 9:40 and reconvened at 9:45.

OLD BUSINESS:

3083

Morales moved to pass, Robinson seconded.

Morales moved to adopt the amendments by President Medina, Robinson seconded.

Smith moved to amend the amendment to remove the first two whereas clauses circulated, Swingley seconded. The amended amendment passes.

The amendment passes.

Smith moved for unanimous consent, seconded by Cooper. The movement failed.

By a vote of 20-1-0, the resolution passes.

3084

Moore moved to pass, Morales seconded.

Shosh moved to add friendly amendments. (tribute to tribune and capitalizations)

COS Hargett moved to add circulated amendments, Morales seconded. The amendment passed.

By a vote of 16-4-1, the resolution passes.

3085

Wellikson moved to pass, Shosh seconded

Wellikson moved to amend as circulated, Robinson seconded. The amendment passed.

Keasling moved to suspend working docs to allow Student Athlete Advisory Committee to be added the sponsorship list. The amendment passes.

By a vote of 20-1-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Morales: Just wanted to give a quick update on events that the clubs that I am a part of hosting. Firstly, Prelaw club is going to host their first meeting this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at Multipurpose Room at North Hall. The Criminal Justice Club is going to the tour the Wyoming Supreme Court and the Wyoming State Crime Lab on February 20th. Please go to our Instagram to for information about registration for the trip. Priority will be giving to club members and criminal justice majors. Lastly, MEChA is having many events this month. Firstly, MEChA will be having their Ice skating fundraiser this Saturday at 12 p.m. in the Laramie Ice and Event Center. They will be selling Hot Cocoa, Fresas con Crema, and Brownies. MEChA is also doing their Valentine's Day Fundraiser February 3rd thru February 10th. They will be selling Heart Conchas, Flan, and a personalized note with candy. Information as to how to order and pick-up these items are on the MEChA de UWYO Instagram

Hansen: Legislation workshop tomorrow at 5pm in Big Horn room. Share with fellow students.

Robinson: Howdy everyone! There are no upcoming events in the music department, but I'll be sure to keep you all updated as they are quickly coming up in mid to late February!

Shosh: Andy Warhol show, AI and Art discussion

Marketing Intern Nelson: Laramie high school debate tournament, info in teams chat.

Smith: Chinese New Year on Saturday at 5 pm.

Kaiser: B&P deliberation on Saturday.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 10:23. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on February 10, 2026, at 7:00p.m. in the Senate Chambers.

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