

## **ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

The February 10, 2026, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President McGuire 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**

All Senators were present. CPC, IFC, and UMC were present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was amended to include Senator and Student-at-Large elections for the month of December.

### **OPEN FORUM**

Cline Martinez spoke regarding the SOFB request.

### **SOFB REQUEST**

Senator Lindsay moved to approve the request for the LDSSA Brown and Gold Ball, Senator Smith seconded.

Senator Swingley moved to previous question, Senator Smith seconded.

The request was approved by a vote of 20-2-0.

### **CONFIRMATIONS**

Nominee Jordan Westman spoke on his own behalf. Senator Cooper moved to approve the nominee, Senator Keasling seconded. By a vote of 20-0-2, Jordan Westman is approved as an ASUW Senator. The Abernathy Clause was suspended.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

President Medina: This is going to be a bit lengthy. My apologies in advanced/ A couple of updates for you all:

- As you all know, Director Fernholz-Hartman made and distributed ASUW's LASSO proposal. We have been receiving good interest and support by administration on this so be on the lookout for that in the future. In the meantime, there are ways that all of you can support this effort. On Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup>, you should've all received an email from the Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center (WYSAC) encouraging you to take a short survey about your Internship Experiences. Hopefully, everyone has taken this survey. I

almost missed it myself. But beyond all of you senators and ex-officios members, I urge you all to talk to your friends and people that you know and encourage them to take this survey regardless of having had an internship. We have under 250 responses so far. This is the first campus wide survey on these issues, so it's incredibly important that we get as many data points on this as possible. What has stalled the process with LASSO the most has been the lack of campus data.

- o AND there's a price! ASUW will be raffling an iPad and a hydro flask through a raffle that student will be able to enter through completing the survey. Let's try to get more responses together.
- Next week, I will be at the Legislature for two days maybe more. My talking points and notes from this effort will all be placed in the "26-27 Budget Session" folder in the SharePoint under Executive Branch. I encourage everyone to drop in talking points and notes on there so that we all know arguments that have been failing and succeeding. Although we are not showing up as a group, it is important that we still look and act organized. Additionally, in that same folder I have added a "Background Information" folder that includes the talking points that VP Smith organized for administration. Please look over that information to help supplement your points. As a reminder, we encourage everyone that talks to Legislators to use their student experiences to supplement the arguments made in our Resolutions. During debate, the most compelling arguments were those from Senators referencing their experiences as students and how they will be affected by these cuts. If you need more guidance and advice, please feel free to reach out to me or Director Fernholz-Hartman.
  - o Also, there are a number of students that have been reaching out to me for advice and also to see if they could show up with us. If you know of any of your friends or constituents wanting this support, please don't hesitate to refer them to Director Fernholz-Hartman or I.

Keep up the good fight everyone!

- Earlier today, I shared *Standard Administrative Policy and Procedure: Academic Program Review* (SAP 2-122.2) with you all. Since, the ASUW Senate is the main student review group for new Programs. I would love to hear your thoughts on the proposed changes. If you do have any, please share them with me by February 27<sup>th</sup> so that I can distribute a packet with thoughts to VP Evans.
- On to a bit of more exciting news, the Office of the President will be hosting a Legislative Lunch on Monday February 23. The lunch will be a drop-in event for legislators from **12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.** The luncheon will be held in the Capitol Extension Conference Center, Rooms W053/W054. Dress is business casual. Now, all ASUW members have been invited and there are two avenues for you to get there:
  - a. You travel with the office. They will be leaving Laramie by 10:45 a.m. and returning around 4:00 p.m. If you would like to travel with the office, please let me know by EOD Friday since they need a headcount to make sure that everyone will be able to fit in the vehicles.
  - b. You travel on your own. The Office assures me that there is free parking nearby for those who choose to drive.

This is a really exciting opportunity. I hope everyone is able to attend!

- On parking, Director Fernholz-Hartman and I met with VP of Operations Mai last Tuesday to discuss ASUW's resolution on Union Parking. Two main things on this:
    - o The Facilities Contracting Committee, with the approval of the Board has signed a contract to begin the landscaping of the area.
    - o Later this week or next, I will be meeting with the Universities architect to get additional information on ADA parking spots and what efforts will be done to guaranteeing access for students with disabilities to campus given these remodels
- Our efforts on this are not over. Later this week, we will request for members of the JAC to introduce an amendment in this session's budget bill to suspend the green space directive and instead conduct an investigation on the best use of this space. This will also be part of my lobbying efforts next week.
- Lastly, I will be joining the UW BOT's Budget committee this Thursday to discuss Proposals to Incentivize Upperclassmen Housing Options. More on this next week, but if everyone has preliminary thoughts on this, please come to my office hours, schedule a time to meet with me, or teams me your thoughts.

Vice President McGuire: To be respectful of time on the floor, the head table has been directed to note minor violations of parliamentary procedure and inform violations after the fact. However, germane will be enforced more often in cases of redundancy. Cell phone usage will also be monitored and disciplinary actions will be taken. Tabling has been set up to be every Wednesday and Thursday 10-12 in February in the breezeway starting next week. Working with DSS to see how we can help them out. Context on SB 3082 regarding the money looking to be reallocated and the timelines and roadblocks.

Advisor Disque: No communications

Chief of Staff Hargett: Hi everyone! Here are some updates from me, and then on to the directors:

As you are all aware, the legislative session began yesterday, so that is largely what I have been working on. I sent all of last week's passed legislation to the Joint Appropriations Committee and Senate and House leadership. In addition, I am working on scheduling a meeting with Governor Gordon for members of ASUW to discuss our legislative priorities.

I want to thank all of you who have signed up to be in Cheyenne and lobby; your work is very appreciated. If you want paper copies of the legislation to physically hand to members in Cheyenne, feel free to grab it off of my desk.

Hathaway ad-hoc:

- No report.

Scholarships ad-hoc:

- No report.

### **Director of Marketing (Peyton)**

Peyton is primarily working on marketing our legislative advocacy efforts. Additionally, she has been working on organizing a celebration for ASUW's birthday on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Marketing Intern (Justice)**

Justice is doing Bi-Monthly meetings with the Branding Iron, so if there is anything specific you want to communicate to student media, please let her know.

### **Director of Wellness (Molly)**

Molly is out of town this week but will be back next week! She has been working on organizing the Reboot Kits, which will be unveiled at Cowboy Community Day on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, she is collaborating with SWAC, supporting Band in the Sand wellness efforts, and otherwise working with campus partners.

### **Director of External Public Affairs and Advocacy (Dylan)**

Dylan has been meeting with career services leadership around campus discussing the LASSO report and how to move forward with an internship program if the \$1 million/year for internships is appropriated by the legislature.

Dylan has also been working with a team of senators and directors to coordinate advocacy for ASUW's priorities at the upcoming budget session. As part of this, Dylan has organized a postcard drive that he requests all of your support in completing. There are printed postcards in the office that he plans to distribute to student orgs, and that he encourages you all to personally distribute within your departments, classes, and to your friends. The goal is that students will write a brief message for their representative or senator about the impact that potential legislative activity will have on them. In the coming weeks, the postcards will be delivered to Cheyenne by ASUW. Thus, if you distribute any cards, please tell people to return them to the ASUW office so we can sort and deliver them.

### **Director of Internal Public Affairs and Advocacy (Logan)**

Logan is currently working on a debrief of the Fall 2025 DIA Shuttle as well as preparing legislation for updates to the DIA policy. These updates are based on Logan's experience

facilitating the DIA Shuttle in the Fall. Conversations are in progress with Charter Services about the future of the program.

Additionally, Logan updated both Faculty (on 2/9) and Staff Senate (on 2/4) on the recently passed legislation in response to the proposed JAC cuts. Staff Senate is currently preparing their own letter of support for ASUW's SR 3083 and adding additional context on the ways in which these cuts may impact UW staff specifically.

Lastly, Director Heard is working to strengthen ASUW's relationships with other campus organizations and is planning a lunch-and-learn at the Veterans Service Center.

### **Director of Programs and Events (Grace)**

Grace is actively coordinating key logistical and planning elements for Band in the Sand, including securing the event date and booking the arena. In addition, she is in the final stages of contracting a featured artist, working closely with relevant stakeholders to finalize agreements and ensure the event moves forward as scheduled.

### **Director of Finance (Casey)**

Casey is working on P-Card checkouts and updating the SOFB ledger to reflect last semester's receipts.

**That's all from me, and I'll yield to Ashlyn to give her communications!**

### **Director of Student Organizations (Ashlyn)**

Ashlyn is excited for the semester with SOFB and happy to see requests start to come in. She asks that you spread the word about Student Org funding to any student orgs you are associated with or a part of. Ashlyn is also working on ticketing efforts and policy this semester, including working with the SOFB ticketing working group, union staff, and Chief of Staff Hargett and President Medina. Lastly, Ashlyn has been attending the RSO working group, consisting of upper-administration and individuals from the foundation to analyze the University's relationship with RSO's and how close they hold them. She is excited to report back what she is continuing to learn!

Chief of Legislative Affairs Heffley: Senators, please reach out to me if you are interested in sitting on and/or known someone who might be interested in sitting on a scholarship committee in March. Also, please send me communications and announcements.

CPC: Compass retreat for CPC leadership.

FYS: Mentorship program has started up, please reach out to mentee and Director Maves.

IFC: Compass retreat and spring rush both went well.

UMC: Weekly student circles and moving forward with MLK Jr Days of Dialogue events for the next 2 weeks. Diversity week and Jason Thompson Diversity awards coming up.

Steering: Went over changes to senate policy addressed in communications, went into executive session.

B&P: BNP met on Saturday and finalized the budget for FY27. The bill was drafted today and will be submitted to steering on the 12th. It will be up for first reading on the 17th and second reading on the 24th. Please reach out to myself or another member of the committee if you have any concerns about the budget.

HOPE: The HOPE committee is now in elections season and we are focusing most of our efforts on that. We have established our timeline which is available to everyone on the whiteboard calendar in the office. We've also gone over our goals for this elections season as well as reviewed elections policy which resulted in a few rewrites. Three bills are in the ready to submit folder and if you want to sponsor one or all of them let me know. Additionally, we've narrowed down our specific outside entities for the week of elections. Outside of elections, we're beginning to talk about UnionFest and our role within that. Another item is our nearest event: the Chili Day Event. This will occur from 12-4 P.M. on February 26th in the Union Family Room. It is being catered by UW and will be a first come first serve situation. After 2:30ish the UW Food Pantry will be giving a presentation on food insecurity in Wyoming and more specifically at UW. There's also a raffle with multiple prizes, some sonic coupons, a gift card to rib and chop, my personal favorite, a custom drilled bowling ball, and more. The way you enter this raffle is by bringing canned goods: one canned good is one raffle ticket, two canned goods are two tickets, so on and so forth. All donations will go to the UW Food Pantry; so, come to the chili event, learn about food insecurity, and if you are able, bring some canned goods/unperishable food items. If you have any questions about what HOPE is doing let me know and I'd be happy to answer them.

PID: PID finished up our audit of the First-Year Senate program in the Spring 2026 semester. Additionally, we are continuing to bring in programs and committees to chat with us. Committee chairs, if you haven't presented yet and want to, please reach out. We are also working on some legislation, if you have questions, comments, or concerns, please reach out as I would be happy to chat.

SWAC: Hello, everyone. SWAC is very busy right now as we start a new semester of work. Firstly, SWAC's lighting safety audit report is done! The resolution containing the report is currently available in the legislative draft folder. I encourage every senator to read the audit report and its findings, and if you want to sponsor the resolution, please add your name to the sponsorship list. This resolution will come up for first reading next week, and once passed, the report will be circulated to members of Upper Administration and the student body. It will also help us see where we can use ASUW resources to improve lighting on campus. Secondly, SWAC will be tabling for Violence Prevention's Love Better Week. We will inform students about the various wellness resources on campus and the work of this body. Thirdly, SWAC is continuing its project to add trash cans to Sorority and Fraternity Rows, with approval from Operations and an estimate of costs. There will be more information on this project within the next couple of weeks. Of course, this is not the only thing we are doing, so if you have any questions or have safety and wellness concerns that you think SWAC can help address, please let me or someone in SWAC know! Thanks!

SOFB: SOFB created three working groups: travel and lodging, letter, and ticketing, to complete projects outside our regular meeting schedule.

TASFRC: We are working to schedule tours with departments across campus that we heard from in the fall during the fee recommendation process and planning events surrounding student education of their fees and tuition cost. We are also keeping up with the Board of Trustees as they review the mandatory and business fees for next year, especially those that we as a senate made recommendations on. On that TASFRC approved a recommendation for a virtual internship fee from online education department last week and that will be sent to the chair of central fee committee, Aaron Courtney and the BoT. If you have any questions about it, please reach out.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **SB 3081 SOFB Cap Increases**

SOFB, B&P, and PID recommended a do pass

Senator Smith moved to pass, Senator Morales seconded.

By a vote of 24-0-0, SB 3081 passes.

### **SB 3082 Reallocating \$50,000 from Expenditures in SB 3048**

B&P recommended a do pass.

Senator Kaiser moved to pass, Senator Keasling seconded.

By a vote of 24-0-0, SB 3082 passes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Senator of the Month for December**

Senator Hathaway nominated Senator Morales

Senator Smith nominated Senator Kaiser

Senator Robinson nominated Senator Smith

Senator Kaiser was Senator of the Month for December

### **Student-at-Large of the Month for December**

Senator Robinson nominated Cline Martinez

Senator Kaiser nominated Meredith Paul

Meredith Paul was Student-at-Large of the Month for December

### **Senator of the Month for January**

Senator Kaiser nominated Senator Cooper, declined.

Senator Siegfried nominated Senator Morales

Senator Osterli nominated Senator Robinson

Senator Robinson was Senator of the Month for January

### **Student-at-Large of the Month for January**

FYS Senator Paul nominated Cline Martinez

Senator Wellikson nominated Osterli

Cline Martinez was Student-at-Large of the Month of January

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Morales: Hello again. I have a couple Firstly, MEChA is still hosting its Valentine's Day Fundraiser. They are selling heart conchas, flan, and candy with a personalized note. They are taking preorders in the Union Breezyway tomorrow and Thursday, and these items will be available for pickup on Friday in the Union. Secondly, the Criminal Justice Club will have a field trip to the Wyoming Supreme Court and the Crime Lab next Friday. For information on how to sign up, please go to our Instagram!

Robinson: Howdy everyone! I finally have some events for you all! The first is this Friday, February 13th at 7:30pm in the BCPA Mainstage Theatre where Repertory Dance Theatre from Salt Lake City is performing. This is a ticketed event. Tickets can be purchased online or at the

BCPA Box Office. The next one is also this Friday, February 13th at 7:30pm in the BCPA Recital Hall where they will be presenting expressive chamber music and song, comprised of a rich interplay between voice, violin, and piano. This is a free event. Finally, this Saturday, February 14th at 7:30pm in the BCPA Concert Hall the Department of Music is bringing in the Denver Chamber Orchestra for a special free, Valentines performance.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:36. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on February 17, 2026, at 7:00p.m. in the Senate Chambers.

Ray Heffley

Chief of Legislative Affairs 113<sup>th</sup> Administration

