

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

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

Senator Cooper was absent. CPC, FYS, and SLS were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

OPEN FORUM

No one wished to speak in open forum.

SOFB REQUESTS

Bengali New Year

Senator Smith moved to pass, Senator Morales seconded.

By a vote of 23-0-0, the SOFB request was approved.

Friends of Nepal

Senator Morales moved, Senator Hathaway seconded

By a vote of 23-0-0, the SOFB request was approved.

Fiesta Primavera

Senator Morales moved, Senator Keasling seconded

By a vote of 22-0-1, the SOFB request was approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Medina: Hello everyone, and I'm sorry that you are seeing me virtually. I had a personal conflict that prevented me from being there today in person.

As you all hopefully know, today was the first day of initial interviews for the Presidential Search Committee. Interviews will resume tomorrow starting at 8 am and ending around 6. If you need me at all tomorrow though, feel free to text and email me and I will reply during any breaks.

On this note, earlier yesterday all of you should've received a text message from the University with a link to submit any questions that you may have for the new President. Although, there will be other opportunities to interact with candidates, as much as possible the goal is to have one representative for staff, faculty, and students asking candidates questions. It is incredibly important for all of you to at the very least think about what you would like in a new president. I would encourage all of you to look through the Presidential Search Website background material, focusing on the president profile that the trustees created and then compare that with your own expectations for the future president. Even if you all don't do that, please submit a question and encourage everyone you know to do the same!

I have added a document titled "Academic Calendar Brief" within the Academic Calendar folder under the President folder on the SharePoint. It has come to my attention that people can't access this directly through the SharePoint, but I shared a link to access the folder externally with all of you. Please go to the folder and read the brief document that I created summarizing the proposed changes. As review:

- The main change is the one related to Thanksgiving Break. Do students want the week off for Thanksgiving break yes or no considering that school would have to start a week early to meet the 15 week of instruction requirement for accreditation? There are other things to consider related to this that are detailed in the document.

So, please go read the document and give me your feedback so I can share an accurate student perspective with the committee. Only five of you have completed the form so far. By the end of tomorrow, I need to see at least 21 responses to the survey. Thank you for all of your help on this.

The native signage project that I shared with all of you two weeks ago, is in its early stages of planning. Currently Senator Pollock and First Year Senator Martinez and I are planning a time to meet with the Director of the Native center to discuss steps forward. It is not too late to join in on this initiative, so please let me know if there's anything that you're curious about.

Another project that we've kind of begun has been in Collaboration with Mohammed, who was the guest speaker at the Tunisia showcase that happened 2 weeks ago. Essentially, he's looking for help from students to encourage administration to expand the Tunisia program and hopefully create more opportunities for exchanges, both for Tunisian students and for us. If anybody's interested in working on this, it'll probably be a resolution, but it also may be a report or a more involved conversation with the administration. Regardless, I would appreciate people getting to know everybody involved in this so that we can keep it on post this administration.

Last week, me and Director of External Public Affairs and advocacy Fernholz Hartman. Travel to the state legislature on Thursday later during the last meeting of the budget session. Our advocacy efforts mostly involved thanking representatives who were key speakers and advocates

in both the House and the Senate to ensure that the \$40 million budget cut did not happen for the university and also to push forward all their priorities that we have focused in the asuw.

We also got the opportunity to talk to VP Smith. He says that there may be an opportunity later in the coming months to do a public signing of the Hathaway expansion bill with plans to involve asuw so please be on the lookout for this exciting opportunity.

VP McGuire: Away meeting in process, would be the meeting immediately following break and will be in contact regarding transport etc. Working on end of year banquet with Director Maves and COS Hargett, will be less formal and more fun than last year. Have been folding in senators in policy discussions to increase transparency of Pres and VP. Started work on transition document, reach out with any feedback on this for the next admin. Except for scholarships and away meeting information, don't work over spring break.

Advisor: Maureen is going on leave any day now, so Patrick and Rylan will be absorbing her duties. As the end of admin is hectic, Patrick will make time for anyone if they want to check-in or talk about anything. Will be making time for chairs and head table, but everyone is welcome to chat and give feedback on the year. AHC has a bunch of archived ASUW materials from the 1950s to now, all of it is digitized now. This archive has let us build a great relationship with the AHC and we now have a foot in the door to help folks in ASUW with research there. FYS had a spirited debate tonight, and its valuable to look back at previous minutes to see other hot topic issues ASUW has dealt with in the past to see how ASUW has acted in the past. Highlight the importance of dissent and debate, especially in an advanced institution like ASUW, for outside people to look at regarding student government in general. Whatever we talk about now, while it might seem unimportant, may matter to someone 50 years down the line.

COS Hargett: Hi everyone!

I have two updates and then I'll move to the directors:

1. I met with Student Financial Services this morning to discuss using our financial literacy endowment and opportunities for collaboration. They expressed a desire to table with ASUW, so I will send the dates they are tabling for you to sign up when I receive them. We will also be purchasing ASUW and SFS swag with that line item in the Fin Lit budget. They also expressed an interest in sharing about their new program, iGrad, with the Senate, which provides financial wellness materials and scholarship opportunities. I am in coordination with VP McGuire about them coming to a special event, and will circulate more materials on this program when I receive them, too.
2. I have scheduled a demo meeting with College Pads, alongside President Medina and Director Heard. College Pads is a platform that partners with universities to provide verified off-campus housing listings, helping students find accessible and reputable living situations near campus. This project was started when President Medina was a director,

and based on the demo, we plan to write a little proposal of sorts for the use of College Pads at the University. If you are interested in getting involved in this, let me know!

Director of External Public Affairs and Advocacy (Dylan)

With the conclusion of the legislative session, Dylan is looking to get the next ASUW administration prepped for the interim season. Dylan plans to coordinate a meeting with various individuals to gather ideas to propose during the interim period to present to the next ASUW administration. In addition, Dylan is continuing to support efforts to move LASSO forward.

Director of Internal Public Affairs and Advocacy (Logan)

Logan's major effort right now is revamping the DIA Shuttle. Logan, President Medina, and I had a meeting with Charter Services last week to discuss what is going well, what can be improved, and how the shuttle can slowly start to move under Charter Services' control. This information was reported back to the DIA shuttle committee, and legislation will be coming later in the semester to update the shuttle according to both Logan's experiences and the feedback received.

Director of Wellness (Molly)

Molly is currently managing several ongoing projects. She plans to continue assembling Reboot Kits and appreciates the support from everyone who has been assisting with this effort. Following Spring Break, Molly intends to spend significant time tabling with the Reboot Kits to increase outreach and engagement. In addition, she is organizing an Earth Day event titled "Bring a Recyclable, Plant a Flower" (name is a work in progress). These are her primary projects at this time.

Director of Student Organizations (Ashlyn)

Ashlyn is collaborating with Senator Kaiser on legislation for support for Fraternity and Sorority Life that is up for first reading tonight. Thank you all for your sponsorships! Additionally, Ashlyn is working with SWAC to get a student org guide book off of the ground and continuing her ticketing conversations. Lastly, she wants to thank you all so much for your SOFB request approvals. We are so grateful to support these student organizations with the help of the senate.

Director of Programs and Events (Grace)

Grace is currently working on the end-of-year banquet and working on documentation for Band in the Sand in collaboration with our director of wellness to help ensure a smoother event planning process for future administrations. She is also arranging tabling for New Student Days on behalf of FYS and the ASUW Senate, so please keep an eye out for a sign-up sheet.

Marketing Intern (Justice) | Director of Marketing (Peyton)

Justice and Peyton are working on polishing election posts. Additionally, they are working on an ASUW wins post about how ASUW impacted the Wyoming legislature this year. As always if you see any issues on the website teams Justice.

That's all I have, so I hope you have the most awesome spring break.

COLA Heffley: Scholarship committees meeting this week. I gave the authors of SR 3098 an extension to get sponsors from IFC for their legislation. The extension was until 7 pm tonight and those sponsors have been updated on the pieces of legislation in the steered legislation folders of the relevant committees. Just wanted to let everyone know in case there would be any confusion over the sponsorship lists being different in committee vs the list on the legislation read tonight. Also a general reminder, if you want to get in contact with me PLEASE teams the chief of legislative affairs account. Don't teams my personal account. I get confused and can't keep track of who's messaged me where and its easy for me to lose things.

CPC: roundtables are finalized and committees are forming for fall work. Information committees formed to inform new members about FSL.

FYS: circulating internal survey to gather info about members of FYS, keep meeting with mentees and remind them to fill out CHD scholarship

SLS: L is graduating this semester, thanked ASUW for help in rebuilding SLS. Thanked B&P and PID for work, introduced new intern Aaron Swaney, a current 1L student who was in the JC during his undergrad.

Steering: regular business, will likely be inviting authors to steering to discuss legislation

B&P: Starting audit process for special projects

HOPE: HOPE is still focusing on elections with two main goals for this season: increasing competition on the ballot and increasing voter turnout. Currently we are in the phase of elections season where applications are open and will be until 4:30 p.m. on March 30th when they close. We've begun reaching out to the people who we are planning on having for elections events as well as getting all the necessary rooms, spaces, and materials for both general and candidate outreach events. Times and spaces for all candidate outreach events have been finalized and the committee is continuing to work away on our upcoming elections and we're super excited for this season!

PID: PID has three pieces of legislation on the agenda tonight, two up for second reading and one up for first reading. We're also finalized a working group to discuss the definition of SWAC. Overall, that's really it. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please reach out as I am always happy to chat!

SOFB: Last Friday, alone, SOFB allocated \$33,730. The Ticketing and Lodging subgroup has finished its work, and I'd like to thank President Medina for finishing the bill with me and

sending it to General Counsel for a review. A common ask from SOs is lodging and travel for their conferences, so next year this will hopefully expand SOFB's reach. Additionally, we are likely to collaborate with SWAC and PID to create physical materials, such as flyers, for SOs to help streamline the funding board and overall student organization process.

SWAC: Good evening everyone. SWAC is starting off with a lot of projects to end the semester. Firstly, SWAC will be looking into helping our Director of External Public Affairs regarding the LASSO program. Secondly, SWAC will also be looking into expanding the recycling program on campus, the feasibility of expanding passing periods from 10 minutes to 15 minutes, and also hosting a town hall with students to here there concerns about safety, wellness, and advocacy on campus. This will be primarily done via small task forces. For SWAC members, you will get your task force assignments tomorrow. If you have questions about the work of SWAC, or you have safety and wellness ideas that SWAC can do, please feel free to reach out.

TASFRC: TASFRC has been working hard to plan our Financial Literacy Events. We will be tabling and hosting a raffle for various items on Tuesday April 7th, and driving a golf cart around asking students about their fees and tuition on April 9th. We are also going to begin our tours of facilities around campus after spring break. If you have any questions about the events or the tours, let me know.

OLD BUSINESS

SB 3092 Amending the Intercession Oversight Committee to Reflect Chairing Vote Precedent

PID recommended a do pass.

Senator Keasling moved to pass, Senator Morales seconded

By a vote of 22-1-0, the legislation passes.

SB 3093 Codifying Permanent Vacancy Procedures

PID, Steering, and HOPE recommended a do pass.

Senator Keasling moved to pass, Senator Morales seconded.

By a vote of 22-1-0, the legislation passes.

SB 3094 Adding Attendance Requirements for Fee Hearings for Voting Members of the Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review Committee

Steering, PID, and TASFRC recommended a do pass.

Senator Keasling moved to pass, Senator Shosh seconded.

Senator Kaiser proposed a friendly amendment to change it to just the fall semester instead of both fall and spring.

By a vote of 23-0-0, the legislation passes

SB 3095 Introducing an ASUW Scholarship Policy

Scholarship recommended do pass, PID recommended do pass with amendment

Senator Keasling moved to pass, Senator Wellikson seconded

Senator Keasling moved to adopt PID amendment, Senator Wellikson seconded.

The amendment was taken as friendly by author.

By a vote of 23-0-0, the legislation passes.

NEW BUSINESS

SB 3096 Disability Support Services Testing Center Appropriations Bill was read for the first time. This legislation was steered to SWAC, B&P, and TASFRC

SB 3097 Restructuring of Program Audits was read for the first time. This legislation was steered to Steering, B&P, and PID.

SR 3098 A Resolution Affirming Fraternity and Sorority Life as Essential to the University of Wyoming Student Experience was read for the first time. This legislation was steered to SWAC, SOFB, and HOPE.

SR 3099 Resolution to Redefine Conducted Energy Devices (“Tasers”) in UW Policy was read for the first time. This legislation was steered to Steering and SWAC.

HOPE Chair Vote of Confidence

Keasling moved to pass a vote of confidence in the HOPE chair, Morales seconded.

By a vote of 21-0-1, the HOPE chair retains chairship during elections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Keasling: The usual announcements from Senator Robinson: There are two performances in the music department this week. The first is this Thursday, March 12th at 1:10pm in the BCPA Recital Hall where Gene Pokorny, Principal Tuba for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra is performing. **This is a free performance.** The final one is this Thursday, March 12th at 7:30pm in the BCPA Concert Hall where the UW Chamber Orchestra is performing. **This is a ticketed event.** Tickets can be purchased online or at the BCPA Box Office. As always, if you’re interested in any of these events, we highly recommend you reach out to Logan for more details or to just attend!

Wyoming FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) will be running their State Leadership Conference this upcoming week, from March 18th to 20th. Volunteers are needed to help run the conference and judge events. They still need another 3-4 volunteers. If you are available, please fill out the link that was sent in the teams by Senator Robinson shortly before senate started.

Now for my announcements: Applications are open for the UW Leadership Academy, this is an

experiential leadership program that builds economic and civic leadership skills through real-world engagement across Wyoming. You explore major industries, meet leaders statewide, and grow with a cohort through travel-based sessions from May-December 2026 (including stops in Cheyenne, Jackson, Casper, and more. Applications are due by April 1, 2026. Further details can be found uwyo.edu/ethics/leadership-academy/ Tomorrow March 11th, the College of Business is hosting their UW Supply Chain Expo. This event is from 10am-2:30pm in the College of Business Atrium. This event is an opportunity to meet and network with industry partners, learn about careers in supply chain and operations, enter for a chance to win some great raffle prizes. Additionally, they are being joined by Christopher Spear, President & CEO of the American Trucking Associations as the events keynote speaker at 11am in the Scarlett Auditorium (just below the atrium). **All students are welcome at this event.** The rest of these are after spring break and I will mention again, but I'll give a sneak peak. ****FOR COBUS STUDENTS:** On March 25th (Wednesday) 2-5pm in the Green Johnson Student Success Center, they are hosting an Industry Hiring Event. (I will provide more details as this gets closer.) The COB on March 26th (Thursday) 11am-2pm is hosting a Destress Event. Join for Stay A-Float, a retro-themed destress event in the Atrium. Events in April that I'm already aware of (again sneak peaks): The COB is hosting an Etiquette Dinner on Thursday April 9th at 5:30pm at the Wyoming Sports Ranch Club at War Memorial Stadium. There is registration/RSVP for this event by April 1st. The COB is hosting a Cheyenne Career Trek on Wednesday April 29th from 7am-5pm. This is a chance for **business students** to visit employers in Cheyenne, build connection, and gain insight into potential career paths. Spot may fill up quickly so if anyone knows a business student who might be interested, reach out for further info. As the COB CJSSC says: Stay curious. Stay caffeinated. Stay out of Grand Ave. Traffic.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:14. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be March 24, 2026, time and location to be announced at a later date.

Ray Heffley

Chief of Legislative Affairs 113th Administration