

# **ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

The March 24, 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. UMC 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.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

President Medina: Hello everyone I hope you had a lovely and restful spring break. As you all know I will not be physically present in the office this week because it is Board of Trustees week. However, I will still be available over teams and emails, so do not hesitate to reach out. It is a relatively big day for ASUW at the Board meeting; here is a brief overview for everyone:

- I will deliver the ASUW BOT report late on Friday. So, this is an open invitation to everyone but specially for committee chairs to please send me “committee communications” that you feel are relevant to share with the Board, but individual senators this is also a great opportunity to share anything about projects or initiatives to upper admin and the trustees so if there's anything you'd like to share there, please send me something by Tuesday 5pm.
- I will also join VP Courtney, Chitnis, and Provost Alexander on Thursday at 2 pm to share the progress related to experiential learning. Mainly, I will be talking about ASUWS stance on experiential learning highlighting some of our scholarships, progress on LASSO, and relevant resolutions.

Apart from BOT mainly I've been working on efforts related to the presidential search. I can not share much related to this, but please know that I am doing my best to share and advocate for the opinion of students on this.

Finally, later this week the Senate will be receiving resolutions related to the parking ticket relief fund so please be on the lookout for that. General counsel finally shared their final feedback on this.

VP McGuire: RSVP for banquet, please fill that out by the end of this week so we can get a number of attendees. Current plan is that it will be hosted at the Library downtown. Working to accommodate dietary restrictions with catering. Banquet will be where awards will be given and new Pres and VP will be sworn in. Committee chairs must make transition documents for committees. Working out issues with visit to men's correctional facility, still hopeful that it will happen. Make sure everyone is filling out payroll on time, especially with new HR rules. Let him or COLA Heffley know about tabling/volunteer hours so we can keep track of those.

Advisor Hamilton: Splitting duties with Rylan from Maureen. Patrick is reporting directly to VP Courtney, Rylan will likely be more present in the office for questions in the office. Scholarships had some hiccups, hopefully should all be fixed now. Let him know if there are any remaining issues. Welcome SLS team to communications, kudos to L as the outgoing intern for all the work she's done for the program. Elections applications close next week, direct any questions to HOPE Chair or Patrick since website is a little funky. The marketing team is doing good work for elections. All senate seats are open to grabs, run for elections if you want to stay.

COS Hargett:

Hi everyone! I just have a few updates from directors who are not here, then I'll yield to the others!

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

Molly has recently begun transitioning from her role with ASUW, as she will be departing on March 31. She has accepted a position with the University Foundation as the new Annual Giving Day Coordinator. In preparation for her departure, she is actively working to transition her projects to ensure a smooth and organized handoff of responsibilities.

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

Dylan doesn't have a ton of new updates, but he is still working on making forward progress with LASSO and planning for the next interim.

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

Logan is continuing to work on the DIA shuttle updates and is also continuing to attend staff and faculty senate, to update them on our work.

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

Grace is working with FYS to table for new student days which are coming up soon. She is also working on the end of the year banquet and her transition document. Finally, she is collaborating with our Director of Wellness for some events in the final days of spring semester.

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

Ashlyn is excited for the rest of the semester with SOFB and is hoping to keep the ball rolling on funding requests to spend down the SOFB budget. Applications for funding close on April 24<sup>th</sup> and the last SOFB meeting will be on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you know any student org who is interested in applying, encourage them to do so in the next month. Remind them that this administration can fund events, competitions, or conferences that take place over the summer and up to the first five weeks of next school year which lands around the beginning of October 2026. Ashlyn is also working on her transition document for the next director!

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

I am working on elections marketing materials to get more posts out as well as designing posters for student organizations like Nepal night. I have also been working on my transition document.

COLA Heffley: Nothing.

UMC: Jason Thompson awards are open for nominations, last event of the year out of UMC. Will be a banquet on April 21 at 6, food and some short speeches. Celebration of end of semester. UMC is looking for interest in new officer roles for the coming year, if you know anyone that may be interested, let Jasmin know.

SLS: Thanks to the Senate for helping her revamp the program. SLS is meeting with the marketing team on Thursday, working on looking through archives for the history of SLS. Working with public defenders office on projects and driving issues. Will likely have SLS statistics next communications meeting. Introduced second new intern.

Steering: working on transition document for next admin.

B&P: Approved \$25,000 SOFB realignment, will come to the floor next week. Really important that everyone logs hours since we're looking good but could be better in regards to extra salaries.

HOPE: HOPE is still working away on the elections season. Elections applications are currently open and can be found on the ASUW website as well as on marketing materials that should be up around campus. To give an update on what stage we are in regarding the season, the applications are open but will close next Monday at 4:30. The elections workshop will be held after they close with headshots also being taken by Kosta. There will be more updates about that coming through later. The committee is working away on our elections events and excited to see how this season turns out!

PID: PID is going very well, especially as we are beginning to wrap up for the year. We have a piece of legislation up for second reading tonight and our working group to define SWAC will be meeting for the first time this Friday. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please reach out as I am always happy to chat!

SOFB: SOFB has officially hit over 100 requests for the school year! The committee has allocated almost \$40,000 to student orgs for conferences and competitions and nearly \$150,000 for events this year and interacted with 68 student orgs.

SWAC: SWAC will be getting busy with plenty of end of year projects. More to come on that during next communications meeting.

TASFRC: TASFRC had its first facilities tour of the semester today at the UW recycling facility. It was very interesting and was an amazing opportunity to see student fee dollars in action. On Friday the committee and a few other members from the body will be touring the new dorms and dining facility. Next week we will also be touring Half Acre and the transportation department. If you have interest in attending these tours and have not yet signed up for them, please let me know ASAP.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **SB 3096 Disability Support Services Testing Center Appropriations Bill**

B&P and SWAC recommended a do pass. TASFRC recommended a do pass with amendments.

Senator Smith moved to pass SB 3096, Senator Morales seconded.

Senator Swingley moved to adopt the TASFRC amendment, Senator Wellikson seconded.

By a vote of 0-24-0, the amendment fails.

By a vote of 24-0-0, SB 3096 passes.

### **SB 3097 Restructuring of Program Audits**

Steering, B&P, and PID recommended a do pass.

Robinson moved to pass SB 3097, Senator Morales seconded.

Senator Kaiser moved to adopt the amendment circulated requiring the full program report to be provided to B&P, Senator Keasling seconded.

By a vote of 24-0-0, the amendment passes.

By a vote of 24-0-0, SB 3097 passes.

### **SR 3098 A Resolution Affirming Fraternity and Sorority Life as Essential to the University of Wyoming Student Experience**

SWAC, SOFB, and HOPE recommended a do pass.

Senator Keasling moved to pass SR 3098, Senator Cooper seconded.

Senator Swingley moved for unanimous consent, Senator Kaiser seconded. Motion failed.

By a vote of 23-0-1, SR 3098 passes.

## **SR 3099 Resolution to Redefine Conducted Energy Devices (“Tasers”) in UW Policy**

SWAC recommended a do pass. Steering recommended to table until April 28, 2026.

FYS Senator Martinez moved to table until April 28, 2026, Senator Wellikson seconded.

By a vote of 22-2-0, SR 3099 is tabled until April 28, 2026.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Morales: Hello everyone. The organizations that I am a part of are hosting multiple events in the coming weeks. This week is MEChA's Semana Primavera. Upcoming events for this dance lessons tomorrow, there is another Latin Night at the Cowboy at 8 p.m. on Thursday, and finally, the big event is Fiesta Primavera this Saturday at 5 p.m. in the Union Ballroom. Please show up, there will be comida mexicana, baile folklorico, music, dance, and so much fun. Next week on Thursday, the Criminal Justice Club will be hosting the Criminal Justice and Human Service Career Fair at 10 a.m. in the Union Ballroom.

Senator Keasling: Tomorrow, March 25th (Wednesday) 2-5pm in the Green Johnson Student Success Center, they are hosting an Industry Hiring Event. This is an opportunity to come meet with employers who have active internship and job openings and are ready to hire for all **College of Business majors**. 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. The COB is hosting an Etiquette Dinner on Thursday April 9th at 5:30pm at the Wyoming Sports Ranch Club at War Memorial Stadium. They will have guest speaker Callista Gould. **There is registration/RSVP for this event by April 1st.**

Senator Robinson: There are quite a few musical events this upcoming week and they all just happen to be free! The first is tomorrow, Wednesday, March 25th at 7:30pm in the BCPA Concert Hall where the UW Trombone Company is performing. The next one is Thursday, March 26th at 7:30pm in the BCPA Recital Hall where Michael Shults is presenting a wonderful saxophone performance. The next one is this Saturday, March 28th at 7:30pm in the BCPA Concert Hall where the UW Piano Ensemble is celebrating the retirement of Dr. Theresa Bogard. Finally, next Monday, March 30th at 7:30pm in the BCPA Recital Hall Nicole Chamberlain is performing a flute recital. As always, if you're interested in any of these events, I highly recommend you reach out to me for more details or to just attend!

Senator Shosh: QCC hosting gay prom on April 1, at 7 pm.

Senator Golden: Everyone be on the lookout and clear your calendars on April 20th there will be tabling opportunities, so let's get that variance up, it's a great way to get hours. That spreadsheet will be circulated in the teams soon.

Advisor Hamilton: Will likely bump hours to help people get more involved with elections tabling.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:05. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on March 31, 2026, at 7:00p.m. in the Senate Chambers.

Ray Heffley

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