

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The January 17th, 2022, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Swilling at 7:14 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 Grimes was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved without objection.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved without objection.

OPEN FORUM

No one in the gallery wished to address the ASUW Senate.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Brown

Chief of Staff Skorcz was not present.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Smith: "I will be working on the scholarship budget request due this Friday along with revisions to a previously passed legislation due this Friday as well."

Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Sapient not present.

Director of Student Outreach Murfitt was not present.

Director of Student Organizations Acosta-Engavo not present.

Director of Finance Hamilton: "Today I would like to brief the Senate on the upcoming vote on the Ad-Hoc Wages and Employment Committee that will be formed this spring. This ad-hoc will seek to provide oversight and advocacy for student employees on campus. We will work with Upper Administration, management, student employees, and various other relevant entities on campus in order to find solutions to the various issues on campus that we have heard from students about on the fall issues survey. A sign-up sheet will be circulated for those interested in

participating in this committee next Tuesday, January 24th. If you are interested in on-campus employment and wages issues, I encourage you to sign up. I will also provide a more comprehensive overview of the committee in tandem with a charge letter at this next Senate meeting.”

Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Heddins not present.

Director of Wellness Malles not present.

Director of Sustainability Macey not present.

Judicial Council was not present.

Vice President Swilling

Assistant Director Hansen is excited for everyone to be back. He worked diligently on the ASUW Summit this Saturday during the Winter Break. He believes that there are systematic issues in ASUW, such as a lack of training, structure, etc. He is linking the ASUW Summit to the conversations that were had last semester. Hansen wants the current ASUW to create a plan for years to come to address these concerns. Director Hansen has been working on elections. Senator check-ins for the Spring Semester will be happening soon.

Accountant Schaef: “Budget requests are due this Friday at 530 pm. If you have questions about your budget at all, let me know as soon as possible. I’m happy to meet and guide you through the process. Also, do you want to have fun this semester? If so, I highly encourage you to join B&P! You get to play with money that’s not your own, have multiple meetings with every sub-unit of ASUW, hang out with me, and best of all spend a full Saturday deliberating and finalizing the budget for next year. You do not want to miss out on this opportunity so let Vice-President Swilling know you’re interested before the vacant committee seats are all filled up.”

Project Coordinator Craft welcomed everyone back. He has been working on the upcoming budget season and focusing primarily on programs. Craft has worked over the break to bolster the ASUW programs extensively.

Ex-Officio Communications

College Panhellenic Council (CPH) announced the Kickoff for Fraternity and Sorority Life Spring recruitment on Thursday at 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Faculty Senate was not present.

First-Year Senate (FYS) reported that the FYS was catching up on the tabled legislation and that there are several vacancies.

Interfraternity Council (IFC) also reported on the Kickoff for Fraternity and Sorority Life Spring recruitment in Pokes Pub.

International Students Association (ISA) had its first meeting of the semester today. There are many new international students interested in ISA. They are working with other groups to bolster the international food pantry. They are working on submitting a budget for the international coffee hours. They are considering traveling to other universities. They expressed concerns about the ASUW budget policy because it makes it quite difficult for international students to serve on ASUW- because of its current payment structure. The ISA believes that there is a possibility of a violation of discrimination policies in ASUW's current form.

Non-Traditional Student Council was not present.

Residence Halls Association was not present.

The Sustainability Coalition was not present.

Staff Senate was not present.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee was not present.

United Multicultural Council (UMC) was not present.

Wyoming Honors Organization was not present.

Committee Reports

Steering will be meeting later in the week.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy (AD&P) are planning to meet as soon as possible and are scheduling a meeting time.

Budget and Planning (B&P): "Senator Stadler has been assigned as the Budget and Planning Chair temporarily because of vacancies."

Outreach, Programming, and Elections (OPE) their primary goal is to fill the vacancies within the ASUW Senate.

Program and Institutional Development (PID): "We are still waiting for a few responses on the When2Meet poll, but it looks like the time will be 1pm-2pm on Fridays. My committee is full so please consider other committees if you are looking for new committee assignments."

Student Organization Funding Board (SOFB) re planning to meet as soon as possible and are scheduling a meeting time.

Tuition Allocation and Fee Review Committee (TASFRC) are scheduling a meeting for a bi-weekly committee.

OLD BUISNESS

Senate Bill #2845- Authorizing Expenditures from the ASUW Student Services Endowment for the Creation of an Arabic & Middle East Studies Center

The bill was read for the second time.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy recommended a do pass.

Budget and Planning recommended a do pass.

Senator Bouma moved to pass.

Senator Ewalt seconded.

The legislation passed unanimously via a roll call vote of 14-0-0.

Senate Bill #2846- A Restructuring of the First-Year Senate Working Documents

The bill was read for the second time.

The Program and Institutional Development Committee recommended a do pass.

Steering recommended a do pass.

Senator Ewalt moved to pass

Senator Schliebe seconded.

The legislation passed unanimously via a roll call vote of 13-0-1.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator McLean congratulate the FYS on the passage of the FYS By-Laws. The Senate Committee at 8am tomorrow will be discussing the “Don’t Say Gay Bill” that may be introduced to the state legislature. Putting the zoom link in the Teams chat. She is working on further resolutions.

Senator Schliebe invited everyone into the Kickoff.

Senator Bouma thanked Senator Schliebe for planning this event.

FYS Worcester thanked the professional staff of ASUW for their help with the FYS By-Laws and the idea of the “dictator” clause. He thanked FYS Meester was instrumental in the creation of the documents.

President Brown asked that the opinions of those going to lobbying opportunities cannot represent the ASUW Senates opinion.

CPH Ex-Officio extended support for Chi Omega’s sister who was diagnosed with Leukemia.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on January 18th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

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Notes taken by Senator Engelby

