

# **ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

The January 18th, 2022, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Anderson at 7:02pm. The land acknowledgement statement and mission statement were read, and the Pledge of Allegiance was done at individual member's discretion.

## **ROLL CALL**

Senators Bowers, Considine, Dawson, Laverell, Lobato, and Thompson were not present.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the December 7th, 2021, senate meeting was approved without objection, as electronically circulated.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved, without objection, as electronically circulated.

## **OPEN FORUM**

There was no one in the gallery wishing to address the Senate.

## **SPECIAL EVENT**

Vice President Anderson put together a scavenger hunt in the Wyoming Union as a welcome back and team bonding activity.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Executive Reports**

President Swilling first reported that there were two Board of Trustees meetings over the break, one in December and one in January. First he gave updates on COVID, the Board of Trustees decided that the mask mandate will be in place until the February board meeting where it will then be reevaluated. He also reported that Albany county is having its highest COVID cases at the moment but the Omicron variant is less harmful than original. Next, he reported that they discussed the student fees at the board meeting. With the student fees, President Swilling reported that they approved a \$200 saddle up fee for incoming students, there was a 4% increase to the consolidated student services fee, \$6.25 fee was put in place for food insecurity efforts, \$4.50 fee for interpersonal violence fee, \$15 per semester Union fee, and there was a \$29 increase to the student success fee. There was also discussion about an increase to the distance fee and a \$35 fee was approved, however, they no longer pay other student services fee. Next, he reported that the parking lot in the Union is going to be removed soon and reported that him, along with other student success members, spoke in opposition to this. Next, he reported that the

School of Computing was approved and Governor Gordon provided some funding to this new school. They are beginning work on the school immediately with hiring an administrator and research scientists. The Board of Trustees also looked closer at the budget as we are under budget currently. The University is looking at giving a %3 increase to all of the staff on campus with this “extra’ money they currently have. Next, he reported that he is sending out a welcome back and recruiting email to the all student list serve tomorrow to help remind students of the services on campus. Finally, he reported he is sending out another student issues survey in the coming weeks.

Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam said “Welcome back everyone, I hope you all had a great first day of classes. I was budgeted 15 hours to work over the winter break. With this time, I attended the Intersession Oversight Committee meeting, as well as worked on the ASUW WyoCourses page alongside the Director of Marketing and other Executives. I also worked with the seven Executive Directors on their spring semester schedules, setting times for their office hours, weekly check-ins, and other recurring meetings. It is important to mention to the Senate that all Executives have new office hours this semester since we all have new class schedules, so please note that change if you would like to drop by the office and speak with an Executive. Those new office hours will be up on the ASUW website by the end of this week. There is no report from those Directors not present tonight.”

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier said “first of all I want to say welcome back and I hope you all are as excited I am to be back. Over break I worked on making sure our website is up to date with legislation, minutes, agendas, and our working documents. I also worked on my section of the wyocourses page and ad-hoc restructuring planning. With the ad-hoc, we will be meeting this semester to be focusing on more legislation, reworking some of our strategic partnerships, and focusing on how we can make first year senate a more effective body. If you are interested in sitting on this committee this semester, I am sending around a sign up sheet right now, just put your name down and I will reach out tomorrow to find a meeting time. I am not 100% sure if we will be meeting twice a week or only once, but I want to remind everybody that this his not a huge commitment. If you are only able to come some weeks and not others, no worries, you’re not gonna get in trouble for not showing up on like a consistent basis, I really just want to hear everybody's thoughts and get as much input as possible. So anyone can sign up, senators, executives, first year senators, and ex-officios you all are more than welcome to sign up too! Coming up, I am beginning working with the ASUW Scholarships and I met with Accountant Shaef, Project Coordinator Crosby, and President Swilling to discuss what the scholarship process looks like and the timeline. I will be working diligently on these scholarships over the next couple of weeks. Also we have a ton of vacancies if you can tell, the first colleges that come to mind needing filled are health sciences, arts and sciences, and education. If you know anyone in these colleges who is not currently affiliated with ASUW please have them reach out to myself or the chair of the elections senator true. Please let me know if you need help with any projects or legislation this semester, I am more than happy to meet whenever.”

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Sapien was not present.

Director of Finance and Student Organizations Reyes-Aguilar had no report.

Director of Financial Planning and Analysis Stadler reported that the financial wellness committee is looking for more members and to contact her if you are interested in serving on it.

Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Brown reported that city council tonight was a quick working session. She first wanted to thank everyone for supporting the residence housing ordinance resolution and that city council did in fact pass this resolution. With this, she stated that three city councilors wanted to thank ASUW for their work and support on the resolution. The code will be in full effect in January 2023 and ASUW is continuing to work closely with the city council on these efforts. Next, she reported that she worked on the WyoCourses page over break. She also gave an update on the medical amnesty and good Samaritan policy and will be meeting with Director McLean to plan out what the process will look like this week. She is ensuring to work with the dean of students office and other relevant stakeholders on this task. She also reported that there will be a new student issues survey going out next week. Finally, she reported that the state legislature's budget session will be coming up and will be lobbying during this time. If you think you will be interested in lobbying, please reach out to her. She has also been working to schedule the Governors dinner with Governor Gordon. Finally, she is working with scheduling Representative Cheney to come visit ASUW and UW.

Director of Marketing Clark's reported that he worked on WyoCourses over break and this should be coming soon.

Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke reported that he has finished evaluations with partners and is working on restructuring the partners with the Ad-Hoc restructuring committee.

Director of Wellness and Sustainability McLean had no report.

The Judicial Council was not present.

Vice President Anderson first wanted to welcome everyone back and wanted to remind everyone to either reach out to either himself or Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier if you will be absent from a meeting. He then reported that committees are continuing to be shifted around and that he will be combining student outreach and programming with elections and that members of those committees need to find a new time to meet. With that, he reported that the tuition allocation and student fee review committee will not be meeting in an official capacity anymore this semester and if you are interested in still being a part of the fee review process, to contact him.

Project Coordinator Crosby first reported she is excited to be working alongside everyone again this semester. She reported that over break she spent a lot of time working in the office organizing the space and developing professional skills with the First-Year Senate. She also reported she attended the intercession oversight committee meetings and offered support when needed. Next, she reported that she is working on making a flowchart of ASUW and how different people can offer support depending on location within the flowchart. Finally, she reported that she is working with the ASUW scholarships and wants to offer her support and assistance to anyone who may need it.

## **Ex- Officio Communications**

College Panhellenic Council had no report.

Faculty Senate was not present.

First-Year Senate reported they met, passed bills, and nominated two new voting delegates. They also reported they will now be starting to meet at 5:15pm and held their retention votes.

The Interfraternity Council reported “We have been doing officer training and transitions this past week. We had our first delegate meeting today which was a success. We have an officer retreat next week. A few of our chapters have started recruitment this week. We are looking forward to our first meeting with Director Hacke at the end of the week.”

International Students Association reported that the international student's office will be hosting coffee hours in the morning tomorrow where you will be able to talk to and meet international students.

Non-Traditional Student Council reported that they will be hosting three main events in the Spring. On February 4<sup>th</sup> they will be having an open membership meeting, and Easter event on April 18<sup>th</sup>, and a de-stressor event in May. The details of these events will be communicated in further detail closer to the event time.

Residence Halls Association was not present.

The Sustainability Coalition was not present.

Staff Senate was not present.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee had no report.

United Multicultural Council was not present.

Wyoming Honors Organization had no report.

## **Committee Reports**

Steering reported they met last week to make a recommendation on legislation and steer new pieces. They will be meeting on Fridays at 12pm.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported “ADP met on Sunday, January 16th over Zoom to make a recommendation on SB #2775. We are still trying to determine our regular meeting time for the spring, but we hope to have a permanent meeting time determined by the next Senate meeting.”



Budget and Planning reported “Budget and Planning had a short meeting just before finals week last semester. Director Reyes-Aguilar attended our B&P meeting which gave us valuable insights on the Senate Bill 2774. In addition, B&P is currently in the process of beginning a very important and busy semester with our university budget process. All budget requests are due January 26th, next Wednesday, to Accountant Schaefer and myself for those groups that still need to submit those. Our tentative meeting time this semester will be Friday from 11-12pm where we will be deciding on a permanent meeting time.”

Elections reported they are still working on finding a new meeting time and will be meeting for the first time this week.

Programs and Institutional Development reported “PID met yesterday to discuss the two pieces of legislation steered to us. We are currently working on a permanent meeting time and location for the upcoming semester.”

Safety and Wellness reported “the Safety and Wellness committee put together a winter safety social media post with the help of Director of Marketing Clark-Mellott over break. We also established a new meeting time, Mondays from 2:30 to 3:30 in the ASUW Conference Room.”

Student Organization and Funding Board reported “Yesterday SOFB met on zoom and approved a request from the Collegiate Wool Growers for a conference this weekend in San Diego where students will get hands on experience in the sheep industry in other regions of the US. We also set the official meeting time for the rest of the semester and created two goals for the committee to accomplish by the end of the term.”

Student Outreach and Programming had no report.

The restructuring Ad-Hoc had no report.

Strategic planning reported they are still working on finding a time to meet and for all members to fill out any times that could possibly work.

### **College Contact Reports**

The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources had no report.

The College of Arts and Sciences looks forward to a great semester.

The College of Business had no report.

The College of Education reported that Senator McGee will be attending the ACTE meetings this semester with the dean and will hopefully be providing lots of feedback to the Senate from those meetings.

The College of Engineering and Applied Sciences reported they are excited for the semester.

The Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources had no report.

The College of Health Sciences had no report.

The College of Law had no report.

School of Energy Resources had no report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Senate Bill #2774: Outside Technical Services Exception for Student Organization Funding Board

Budget and Planning gave a do-pass recommendation.

Student Organization and Funding Board gave a do-pass recommendation.

Program and Institutional Development gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator True moved to pass SB #2774.

Senator Bowles seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a roll call vote, 18-0.

Senate Bill #2775: Implementation of Approval Voting for ASUW Senatorial Elections  
Ad-Hoc Restructuring gave a do-pass recommendation.

Ad-Hoc Strategic Planning gave a do-pass recommendation.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy gave a do-pass recommendation.

Elections gave a do-pass recommendation.

Program and Institutional Development gave a do-pass recommendation.

Steering gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Engel-Cartie moved to pass SB #2775.

Senator Bell seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a roll vote, 18-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Senate Bill #2776: Changes to Requirements for ASUW Senators

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to Ad-Hoc Restructuring; Ad-Hoc Strategic Planning; Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Budget and Planning; Steering; Elections

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Swilling passed around a UW Strategic Planning committee and Strategic Planning Council sign-up sheets. The committee is a low time commitment and is more of a focus group concept. The council is a bit of a bigger time commitment as they will be meeting weekly for multiple hours. Both of these committees will help create the strategic plan for the University for the next 5 years.

First-Year Senator Fiori announced that him and President Swilling are working on a student committee for all students with disabilities to come together. This will allow them to discuss potential issues they face on campus so that ASUW may work to make the campus more accessible.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on January 25th, 2022, at 7:00pm in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

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