**ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

The January 25th, 2024, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Knull 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**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved as circulated

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as circulated

**OPEN FORUM**

Don Appiarius the new institutional ombudsman introduced himself to the body and discussed what the office of the ombuds does around campus and how he can support ASUW and the Student body

**Communications**

* + President Murfitt

First off, welcome back everyone. I hope you all had a good break and were able to decompress from last semester. To start things off, tomorrow at 12:30pm, SF0074 Immunity for Drug Overdose Reporting will be heard in committee. If you remember from last semester, we passed senate resolution 3025 which is in support of this piece of legislation. I recommend you to testify tomorrow. After talking with VP Knull, we will be able to offer payable hours for you to testify. Moving forward through the legislative session, I wanted to remind you all of your employee rights. Any University of Wyoming employee which includes all of you are able to execute your first amendment rights and testify at the legislature. By following Uni Regulation 12-4, we recognize and support your participation but also want to make sure that you must make clear that you are doing so as individual private citizens and not in your official capacities. The only way you can testify in your official capacity is by testifying on a bill that ASUW has a resolution on. If that is the case then you have to testify on behalf of what the resolution is for otherwise you have to testify as an individual. The last thing I wanted to let you all know about is that for the remainder of the week, I will be at the board of trustees and they will be approving the student fees this week. It is my duty to inform you that the central fee committee has recommended an 8.5% decrease to Student Media's fee instead of the 75% that ASUW recommended and I will be in discussions with the Trustees on that tomorrow. If you have any questions or need anything from me while I am away, please teams or email me.

* + Judicial Council

Judicial Council was not present

* + Vice President Knull
* Good Evening everyone, I hope you all had a restful break. Welcome back, we’ve got quite the semester ahead of us, so I hope you’re all ready to turn out into another one.
* Before the semester came to a close, it is with great sorrow that I must announced I accepted the resignations of both Senator Artemis Langford, and Senator Kailee Verdeyen. It is unfortunate to see two fantastic individuals depart our organization, but I wish them the best of luck with their future endeavors and the Semester ahead. They will always have a home here in ASUW, and I am keen to see the work they do for their communities in the future.
* Over the Winter Break, I have been working to solicit applications for students from our Underrepresented Colleges for the three senator vacancies ASUW Currently faces. This will hopefully get the application before more students than we have had in past years and yield more participation from parts of campus we currently lack in this body, in addition to new forms of canvassing the recruiting ads around campus. I have also taken this time to begin reaching out to departments to identify any needs that may need ASUW’s attention over the spring Semester, with the hope of Scheduling more one on ones with deans and colleges to hear any issues their students may be having.

* The Prostaff, Chiefs, President Murffit and I met before the break ended to go over the Directives for Committees and ASUW’s short-term strategy for the remainder of the Administration. We’ve updated the directives for most Standing Committees
  + PID – Will be doing some Program Review, with an Emphasis on reviewing NTSC to revive and get it operational. If the Grad Student Council passes in the coming weeks, that will also be their ward to look after.
  + SWAC – Will have the Focus on identifying Projects to spend down the Facility Endowment. Secondly Winter Readiness and a Safety Audit of Campus.
  + SOFB - No new directives, We want them to keep their focus on funding student orgs.
  + TASFRC - Will be conducting field trips and diplomatic missions to our Fee Units to improve relationships and get a better picture of what these units do. I will help schedule and solicit these meetings and trips.
  + BNP - No new directives, we want them to keep their focus on the budget.
  + HOPE – The primary focus for Hope this smester will be the Election, and Election planning. Please have a time table ready to go no later then mid February.
  + Steering – Will have the primary directive of focusing on HR and Retention strategies, Working on a Referendum material and cleaning up any major issues within the existing policy. For the time being, I want Steering to remain the only committee looking at corrections and clerical errors to the working documents, so that your committees can focus on their more pressing duties.
* For the sake of time I’ll cut the rest short. Really excited to have you folks back, and I am eager to see the work you folks do to round out the year. We’re over the half way mark, but there is no promises on what this semester will bring us.
  + Chief of Staff Hennigar
  + Chief of legislative Affairs Bouma

VP Knull and I reorganized the legislative draft folder to be more user friendly and help us out on the back end of finalizing and sorting out legislation. If you all have any questions, please let me know.

* + Assistant Director/Executive Advisor
  + Ex-Officios
    - College Panhellenic Council

College Panhellenic council was not present

* + - Faculty Senate

Faculty senate was not present

* + - First-Year Senate
    - Interfraternity Council

Interfraternity Council was not present

* + - International Students Association

International Students Association was not present

* + - Non-Traditional Student Council

Non-Traditional Student Council was not present

* + - Sustainability Coalition

Sustainability Coalition was not present

* + - Staff Senate

Staff Senate was not present

* + - Student Athlete Advisory Committee

Student Athlete Advisory Committee was not present

* + United Multicultural Council

United Multicultural Council gave an update on events they will be working on this semester.

* Ag Ambassadors

**OLD BUISNESS**

There was no old business

**NEW BUSINESS**

* **Election of a Senator at large to the ASUW Intersession Oversight Committee**

Senator Jackim nominated Senator Keasling

Senator Schliebe moved to wipe the ballot

senator Saint Seconded

By a unanimous standing vote Senator Keasling was confirmed to the IOC

* **Confirmation of Peri Hennigar to Student Media Advisory Board**

President Murfitt spoke on the nominee

On a standing vote of 20-0-0 the nominee was confirmed

* **Confirmation of Gwen Hargett to Student Media Advisory Board**

President Murfitt spoke on the nominee

On a standing vote of 20-0-0 the nominee was confirmed

* **Confirmation of Clay Keasling to the Parking Advisory and Appeals Committee**

President Murfitt spoke on the nominee

On a standing vote of 19-0-1 the nominee was confirmed

* **Confirmation of Hayden Mackenzie to the Student Interaction Commitee**

President Murfitt spoke on the nominee

On a standing vote of 19-1-0 the nominee was confirmed

* **Student at large of month November**

Chief of staff Hennigar nominated Ian fletcher

Senator Schliebe moved to wipe the ballot

Senator Ward Seconded

Ian Fletcher was elected student at large of the month for November

* **Student at large of the Month December**

Senator Schliebe nominated Enjo Salonga

Senator Heffley Nominated Kalin Hicswa

Kalin Hicswa was elected student at large of the month for December

* **Senator of the Month November**

Senator Jackim Nominated Senator Schliebe

Senator Jackim moved to wipe the ballot

Senator Rzesut seconded

Senator Schliebe was elected senator of the month for November

* **Senator of the Month December**

Senator Schliebe nominated Senator Ward

Senator Culp nominated Senator Shosh

Senator Rzeszut nominated Senator Emeritus Langford

Senator Jackim nominated senator Keasling

Cheif of Legislative Affairs Bouma nominated senator brown

Senator Emeritus Langford was elected senator of the month for December

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Keasling Announced Transit got new small buses with Altra non-slipping flooring and also evening routes (6:30p-10:30p) now include stops at the classroom building, science initiative, anthropology (for those who have exams and late labs), also the route stops at Walmart now. However, instead of 10-minute frequency it will be 15 minutes to accommodate the new stops

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 . The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on January 28th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Senate Chambers.

Langston Bouma

Chief of Legislative Affairs 112th Administration