

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The January 25th, 2022, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Anderson at 7:01pm. The land acknowledgement statement and mission statement were read, and the Pledge of Allegiance was done at individual member's discretion.

ROLL CALL

Senators Anderson, Bogus, Bowers, Dawson, Ewalt, Hughes, and First-Year Senator Petri were not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the January 18th, 2022, senate meeting were approved without objection, as electronically circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier moved to add Accountant Schaefer's report after Project Coordinator Crosby's.

The motion was approved without objection.

The agenda was approved, as amended, without objection.

OPEN FORUM

Jeremy Davis addressed the Senate to promote the student leadership conference being held February 5th in the Wyoming Union. The student leadership conference is completely free and open for any and all students to attend. At the conference there will be keynote speakers and workshops that will really help participants focus on everyday leadership skills. You can register yourself and you can also nominate other students to register.

Annie Ripkey introduced herself to the Senate tonight. She will be serving as the ASUW marketing intern and will be working with Director of Marketing Clark. She will be working specifically with student right to know, tik tok, and other projects as assigned by Director Clark.

SPECIAL EVENT

Richard Raridon and Shelby Kennedy from the SLCE office presented results from a student engagement survey conducted in the fall of 2021. One of the main focuses of this survey was trying to determine why engagement numbers appear to be low and what can be done to try and get these engagement numbers up. There were over 1300 students responses to this survey with a variety of perspectives represented. The structure of the survey was set up by one question being asked and then depending on how that question was answered, more specific and different follow up questions were asked. One of the first questions on the survey was "have you been involved

with stuff this semester? About 75% of students reported yes they have been involved and going to events outside of academics. When students were asked why they weren't attending events, one of the main reasons was due to concerns about COVID. Another question asked on the survey was about how students are finding out about events. The most common answers were word of mouth and social media. Students were also asked specifically what they were concerned about with COVID and why this was causing them to not go out. Many people responded they were simply busy but others responded with that they wanted more clearer guidelines of what the COVID protocols will look like at that event. Additionally, there was a wish for better enforcement of the mask mandate and possibly requiring vaccines as well. Richard also stated that on the survey they made sure to have a lot of open ended questions to try and acquire as much information as possible. One surprising result they found from this was that students said they wanted more emails about events. When students were asked what were the top events they were attending, the results were student organization events, athletics, and 7200 entertainment events. When students were asked why they were going to stuff, students responded with that the content was appealing, fun, and social. Overall, the results of this survey will be used by the SLCE office to try and increase student engagement on campus.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Swilling first reported that that ballot referendum for SB #2769 has been opened and is currently on track to be passed. Next, he reported he has been working on filling vacancies and the elections committee to fill these vacancies and plan the upcoming elections. Next, he reported that it is budget season and he has been working on preparing many of these budgets. He also reported that he is still working on filling the ASTEC director position and has a candidate he is encouraging to apply. He also reported that he is working on restructuring the scope and details of ASTEC, specifically with the budget. Next, he reported that him and Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam will be meeting with each of the directors individually in the coming weeks to help develop and discuss specific goals for each of the directors. Finally, he reported that he met with Vice President Chesnut and Jeremy Davis to discuss the WyoCourses shell and will be meeting with Dean Courtney and John Houghton to further discuss development and he hopes this will be able to be live in the coming weeks. He also gave updates for those Directors not present. Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke has been continuing to meet with the partners and programs to develop goals for the semester. He is interested in collaborating with CPH and IFC about sexual assault awareness month and womans history month. Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Brown is continuing to work on ongoing projects including preparation for the upcoming state legislature session. As always, she invites any Senator to visit her during office hours. Director of Wellness and Sustainability McClean this week worked with the Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to host a Survivor's Workshop here at the University of Wyoming. She is continuing her work with Director Brown on Medical Amnesty. She continues to work with Director Brown on Medical Amnesty. Her upcoming projects will be helping Green Dot with Love Month and the Laramie Joint Climate Action Taskforce on the development of a Climate Action Plan. Director of Diversity and Inclusion Sapien has been working with UMC and DSS to try and resurrect some

diversity and inclusion efforts on campus. He will also be serving on the search committee for the Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam was not present.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier said “this past week for me has been primarily filled with working on getting the ASUW scholarships up and running. I have been in close contact with the WyoScholarship office with working with getting the prompts of essays changed and opening them. They should all be open tomorrow so you can start applying for them which I would highly recommend doing. Additionally, I am going to be putting together committees to review the applicants and award the scholarships, sign up sheets for these will be coming around in the coming weeks. I have also been working closely with multiple directors, senators, and first year senators over pieces of legislation with helping write and amend them. Coming up I am continuing to work with scholarships, the ad-hoc, and other pieces of legislation. Finally, I want to make one more note about the committee amendment sheet, once again, steering and budget and planning have their amendments shown in red, steering accidentally made the exact same amendments budget and planning did so that’s being shown there. Then strategic planning has their amendments in blue.”

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Sapien’s report was included in President Swilling’s.

Director of Finance and Student Organizations Reyes-Aguilar reported “This week I have been working on helping student orgs submit their budgets for events later this semester. I have also been working closely with Director Stadler to finalize our Financial Wellness event for the month of February. Tomorrow, we will be having our 2nd cash cart event which Director Stadler will talk more about. In the coming week, I will continue to work on Financial Wellness events as we have multiple events planned for the next month.”

Director of Financial Planning and Analysis Stadler reported she has been working a lot with financial wellness events. There will be 8 different events in February and she hopes Senators will attend the events. She also sent a sign-up sheet if anyone was interested in volunteering with cash cart. Finally, she reported she has been starting an analysis of student fees and tuition.

Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Brown’s report was included in President Swilling’s.

Director of Marketing Clark’s reported “This past week I have been working with on finalizing the WyoCourses page and we are moving forward with getting that live. Additionally, I am working on the next episode of the podcast about financial wellness month.”

Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke’s report was included in President Swilling’s report.

Director of Wellness and Sustainability McLean’s report was included in President Swilling’s report.

The Judicial Council was not present.

Vice President Anderson reported that members are still being shuffled around on committees but budget and planning and elections should be set with their committee members. He also reported that he hopes to have the ASUW WyoCourses page set up to submit service hours in the next week. He reminded everyone that two of their service hours this semester must be spent doing elections outreach and that campaigning does not count. Finally, he reported that he wants committee chairs to give him their finalized meeting times and locations.

Project Coordinator Crosby reported “This past week I found myself quite occupied with: reorganizing the ASUW Office and ASUW materials held in Big Storage; working closely with Dr. Jeremy Davis of CSIL and Quinn Marquardt of Union Operations regarding the ASTEC Coordinator vacancy; coordinating with our Strategic Partners in FSL, collaborating with ASUW Accountant Shelly Schaefer and President Swilling on budgets; consulting Chief Carrier for ASUW Scholarship updates; and serving on CSIL's Conference Planning Team, which is hosting the inaugural Student Leadership Conference here in Union on Saturday, February 5th. I look forward to this week's continued efforts on supporting Executives' goals; aligning UMC with current Multicultural Affairs events; supporting Non-Traditional Student Council's event calendar; generating change within First Year Senate; serving on the search committee for ASUW's revamped Advisor position; and inviting students of any and all leadership backgrounds to the Student Leadership Conference.

As always, if I can be of service to you in any capacity, please don't hesitate to reach out.”

Accountant Schaefer reported that she has moved back into the ASUW office. She also reported that it is budget season which will be consuming much of hers and other's time. She noted that even though the budget season can seem daunting it is very important and impactful so please do not hesitate to reach out to her for any help or questions. Finally, she gave a shoutout to Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier for her hard work and stepping up to handle the ASUW scholarships.

Ex- Officio Communications

College Panhellenic Council reported “CPH had their first Delegate meeting this past Monday the 24th. We have our Compass retreat this weekend in Centennial with IFC. We will have our first exec meeting tomorrow. Otherwise, our chapters are continuing and beginning COB.”

Faculty Senate was not present.

First-Year Senate reported “Tonight we met and had some discussion for ideas on the future of First-Year senate and ideas of how to create and foster friendships and get to know the rest of the senators. Along with that we steered three bills one of which was written by our own first-year senators that will push back the start time of First-Year fifteen minutes to allow for senators that get out of classes that end at five to make the meetings on time. We also elected our new First-Year treasurer which is senator almejo-ponce. We also selected our first year senator of the month which is senator Etchepare.”

The Interfraternity Council reported “IFC and CPH have an officer retreat this weekend which we are really excited for. We met with Director Hacke last week which went well. We are excited to plan future programs with ASUW. Next week we are going over evaluations with ASUW and are looking forwards to hearing ways we can improve our partnership. Lasty a few of our chapters are having recruitment events this week.”

International Students Association was not present.

Non-Traditional Student Council had no report.

Residence Halls Association was not present.

The Sustainability Coalition reported they have a climate action task force meetin on Monday the 31st, a food security task force meeting tomorrow the 18th, and their first club meeting on Tuesday the 1st.

Staff Senate was not present.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee was not present.

United Multicultural Council was not present.

Wyoming Honors Organization was not present.

Committee Reports

Steering reported they met over Zoom and steered legislation up for first reading and made a recommendation on the bill up for final reading.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported “ADP met over Zoom this past Sunday from 3-4p. This will be our permanent meeting time for the semester, and we will offer both in-person and Zoom modalities for attendance. We did not have quorum and therefore could not officially make a recommendation on our steered legislation. However, we did make good use of our time and workshopped some questions regarding student employment satisfaction to add to the upcoming student issues survey.”

Budget and Planning reported “Budget and Planning met last Friday morning to discuss the senate bill that is before us tonight. We have recommended many grammatical and structural amendments to the bill which will be discussed later. We also facilitated a discussion on our finance policy in relation to the Non-Traditional Student Organization and the distribution of prizes at their events. This discussion will be continuing for quite some time. Budget and Planning will have a busy semester with our budget process next week where we will hear from everyone who is submitting budgets for next year. In addition, our budget deliberation day will be held on February 6th. Everyone on B&P, look forward to a lot of emails this week!”

Elections reported they have a permanent meeting time at 7am on Wednesdays.

Programs and Institutional Development reported they finally got an official meeting time and location which will be in the Big Horn room in the Union from 11am to 12pm.

Safety and Wellness had no report.

Student Organization and Funding Board reported they met at their normal time in the big horn room. They heard a conference request from Chi Alpha ministries which passed. They also heard a request from CWG for two contest registrations. They also discussed and finalized their FY23 budget request. Finally, they discussed amending the finance policy to allow non-students the ability to receive prizes. It was felt throughout the board that it should remain the way it is.

The restructuring Ad-Hoc reported “the Ad-hoc met on Friday at 4pm on Zoom, as of right now this is the time we will be meeting however this is subject to change as we invite more partners into our discussion. On Friday we reviewed legislation, and began a little introduction discussion about our current strategic partners. As I mentioned last week, the committees main focus will be restructuring our strategic partners. This Friday we will begin discussion about what has been working well and what has not been working well with our strategic partners based off of past evaluations and events that have been held.”

Strategic planning reported they have elected a co-chair who is Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam and will be meeting Mondays 8-9sm in the Warm Valley Room. In this meeting they went over the SWAT analysis and will have a strategic plan legislation written by the end of the semester.

College Contact Reports

The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources had no report.

The College of Arts and Sciences had no report.

The College of Business had no report.

The College of Education had no report.

The College of Engineering and Applied Science had no report.

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 #2776: Changes to the Requirements for ASUW Senators

The bill was read for a second time.

Ad-Hoc Restructuring tabled the bill.

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

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy informally tabled the bill.

Budget and Planning tabled the bill.

Steering gave a do-pass recommendation.

Elections gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Engel-Cartie moved to pass SB #2776

Senator Castronovo seconded.

President Swilling moved to adopt the amendments proposed by the Budget and Planning Committee as electronically circulated prior to the meeting.

Senator Smith seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Senator Rhymes moved to adopt the amendments proposed by the Strategic Planning committee as electronically circulated prior to the meeting.

Senator Engel Cartie seconded.

President Swilling moved to add the line “service hours shall not be paid on line j after senators are required to accumulate 2 service hours per period”

Senator Engel-Cartie seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

President Swilling moved to strike the line “full time” on like m.

Senator Smith seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Debate continued on the proposed amendment as amended and passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Debate continued on the original motion as amended.

The motion passed unanimously via a roll call vote, 16-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill #2777: Changes to the ASUW Standing Committees

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to Ad-Hoc Restructuring; Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy;

Elections; Steering.

Senate Bill #2778: Amending Article 5 of the ASUW By-Laws to Allow for an At-Large Senate Election.

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Elections; Steering

Confirmation of Student Media Board Members

First-Year Senator Etchepare moved to confirm Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam to serve on the student media board.

Senator Engel-Cartie seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a standing vote.

Selection of a Student-at-Large of the Month for December/January

President Swilling nominated Courtney Titus.

Vice President Anderson nominated Michael Pieper.

Michael Pieper was selected as student-at-large of the month.

Selection of Senator of the Month for December/January

Senator Rhymes nominated Senator Engel-Cartie.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier nominated Senator Smith.

Senator Smith was selected as Senator of the month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Swilling announced that if anyone is interested in serving on the student media board, to let him know.

Senator Nwokejiobi announced that WASA is holding their annual African week in collaboration with the black studies center. If anyone would like more information, please reach out to her.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:32pm. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on February 1st, 2022, at 7:00pm in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

Kathryne Carrier
Chief of Legislative Affairs-109th Administration