

## **ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

The January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Swilling at 7:04 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 and Meiklejohn were absent.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes was approved without objection.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved without objection.

### **OPEN FORUM**

SAL Artemis Langford expressed discontent with SF#117 and argued that there is little regard for LGBTQ+ students' lives. Subsequently, that this state legislation could lead to further harm in the community, which could kill students in the state. SAL Langford expresses that three students have lost their life because of cruel treatment to them.

VP Kim Chestnut spoke about President Brown's consideration to remove ASUW through Student Affairs. Kim Chestnut wanted to provide an idea to create a special committee to modify.

The President of the Bangladesh Students Association spoke on behalf of the SOFB event request for the Bangladesh night.

### **STUDENT ORGANIZATION FUNDING BOARD REQUEST**

#### **Bangladesh Students Association**

Senator Ewalt moved to pass.

First-Year Senator McGuire seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Nate Martin talked about his background and how he ended up here in Wyoming. He discussed what better Wyoming is and how they operate. They are a multi-issue organization working primarily on Medicaid expansion in the current session. They work primarily with policy at the state level and lobby heavily. He discussed the state of Wyoming budget and other policy

issues. He talked about lobbying and what it is. He took examples from members who have lobbied before. He talked about running elections and shaping the press to get your narrative out there. He discussed how a bill becomes a law in the state of Wyoming.

## **CONFIRMATION OF NEW ASUW SENATORS**

### **Grant Brammer ASUW Senate Confirmation**

Senator Bouma moved to confirm.

Senator Stadler seconded.

Grant Brammer was confirmed unanimously.

### **Emily Gipson ASUW Senate Confirmation**

Senator Mclean moved to confirm.

Senator Ewalt seconded.

Emily Gipson was confirmed unanimously.

### **Krislyn Gundling ASUW Senate Confirmation**

Senator Castronovo moved to confirm.

Senator Ewalt seconded.

Krislyn Gundling was confirmed unanimously.

### **Peri Hennigar ASUW Senate Confirmation**

Senator Bouma moved to confirm.

Senator Almejo-Ponce seconded.

Peri Hennigar was confirmed unanimously.

### **Paden Knull ASUW Senate Confirmation**

Senator Bouma moved to confirm.

First-Year Senator McGuire seconded.

Paden Knull was confirmed unanimously.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Executive Reports**

President Brown: “Congratulation to our new senators! I welcome you all to ASUW and so look forward to working with you all! My office downstairs is always open! I will try to keep it brief, as I know the majority of communications have been limited to 5 minutes and as we have an incredibly busy agenda tonight – and it is already late. Congratulations to our friends from IFC/CPH and in FSL, so excited to hear that you all will be going to testify on that bill and are seeing the results of your work on this issue! Director Heddins will be attending with you all, with a p-card, so please do let her/us know what all we can do to help. Additionally, when I send out our student newsletter tomorrow as planned, I will be asking in our planned section about student advocacy for students to reach out to relevant lawmakers on this issue. Thanks to Nate Morneau for that event. I just wanted to clarify statements I’ve made prior that ASUW students are more than welcome to go and advocate to the state legislature, but I ask that we wait to say

we represent ASUW until legislation has been passed by the senate, showing our opinion, as we want to ensure we have formed our opinion on behalf of all students. Thank you, VP Chestnut, for sharing those remarks about the initial conversations I enjoyed with the Chairman of the Board of Trustees last week and providing that initial insight, I wasn't certain that the news was able to be shared that I met with the Chairman so thank you for that. I certainly think that an ad-hoc committee is an idea which we could further examine. Last week, I had an initial conversation with Chairman McKinley, administration, and Staff Senate Leadership about exploring the potential for ASUW, and Staff Senate, to shift our budget reporting line from the Division of Student Affairs to the Division of Financial Affairs while maintaining our line of reporting authority to the Division of Student Affairs. This conversation was an initial discussion regarding shifting these lines and what it could look like for ASUW to potentially shift our budget reporting line. All things considered, when I receive a draft of what the ASUW Regulation, 11-5, looks like I will communicate that all with you and go through the proper channels of approving that by this body. Senate insights and of course approval is essential in this process. So certainly more to come in the next few weeks, I welcome any and all questions on this initial conversation. AA&SA, Biennium Budget Committees had the vote on the 15% increase for dining and housing, I spoke against it in committee. I have updated the draft of the strategic plan, which I can share with you all or you can search online Tuition Policy changes were voted down! Thanks to my collaboration with Faculty Senate and Trustee True. Introductions to new VPs: VP Hall, VP for Online, Continuing Education Matt Griswold which shared his interests in working with us/being a special event here. There are three primary concerns for campus this spring: parking/transportation, freedom of expression/community inclusion on campus, and affordability of UW Freedom of Expression Working Committee broke into subcommittees: Institutional Mapping and Operationalization and Implementation. The Block Tuition Exemption Committee will have a continued discussion regarding Exemption Applications and/or a bank of hours if students don't use all. We are looking for grad/younger undergraduates to fill external committees. Budget Realignment to be a cosponsors on a distinguished lecturer coming this spring for \$1,000 from unspent exec/senate salaries. Budget Hearing for Executive Branch – again welcome any/all questions the Student Issues Survey will be the week of February 13-17 I will go on a committee tour with the questions – I will be reaching out to committee chairs to schedule Seidel's Cabinet on Thursday. The ChatGBT and AI Working Group Friday New Ad-Hoc meetings for wages/student employment and accessibility Meeting with VP Swilling, Chief of Staff Skorcz, and Accountant Schaefer and Office Associate Lobato to talk about adding tech updates, like microphones and other updates to better tech and accessibility."

Chief of Staff Skorcz reported on behalf of Director Macey who has been working diligently on his Campus Heartbeat application and works with the HAUB school and other relevant stakeholders to discuss sustainability on campus and handed out tabling for sustainability initiatives. This tabling will welcome students to a Hydrogen energy event for Wednesday. He is working with the School of Computing to invite leadership of the CEO of Adaptive where ASUW members can view in the Warm Valley Room at 11:00 a.m. VP Hall is having a meet and greet from 11:00-12:30 on Thursday. Ad-hoc accessibility will be meeting this Friday.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Smith will be scheduling senator check-ins.

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

Director of Student Outreach Murfitt was not present.

Director of Student Organizations Acosta-Engavo not present.

Director of Finance Hamilton had no report.

Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Heddins has been working with the City Council to give out more local parking permits. The East lot bus hours will be extending to 10:30 p.m. The parking garage will open in mid-February. She has also been working on lobbying for the state legislature about the anti-hazing legislation. More information will be given during the lobbying tabling in the Union. There needs to be more people to sign up for tabling.

Director of Wellness Malles not present.

Director of Sustainability Macey not present.

Judicial Council was not present.

Vice President Swilling has been working on Senate orientation along with attending external committees with President Brown. He has dealt with assigning/reassigning committees.

Assistant Director Hansen thanked everyone for coming to the Summit training event.

Accountant Schaefer had no report.

Project Coordinator Craft reported on behalf of the Sustainability Coalition where they had their first club meeting. They will be closely working with the Haub school.

### **Ex-Officio Communications**

College Panhellenic Council (CPH) is heading to Cheyenne tomorrow to lobby on behalf of the anti-hazing legislation at the state legislature.

Faculty Senate was not present.

First-Year Senate (FYS) reported that they met a couple of hours ago. They voted on the resolutions in Committee of the Whole during First-Year Senate.

Interfraternity Council (IFC) is heading to Cheyenne tomorrow to lobby on behalf of the anti-hazing legislation at the state legislature. They offered to view Senator Rothfuss's Instagram to find the form to send letters for the Senate Education Committee or to attend the state legislature session.



International Students Association (ISA): The new ISA ex-officio introduced themselves to the Senate. They are planning to submit a budget for Coffee Hours, to travel to another university, and to work on the Spring Involvement Fest.

Non-Traditional Student Council was not present.

Residence Halls Association is planning to have their first community senate on February 8<sup>th</sup> to let individuals know what RHA is about. On February 12<sup>th</sup> they will have an event for Super Bowl Sunday. There will be catering and any students may attend.

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 Met last Friday at 8:00 a.m. and had preliminary discussions.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy (AD&P) had their meeting at the normal meeting time and discussed the legislation under New Business.

Budget and Planning (B&P) Budget hearings are viewable and are meeting on Friday at 2:00 p.m. where they will elect a permanent chair. Next week they will have weekly meetings on Monday at 8:00 a.m.

Outreach, Programming, and Elections (OPE) were excited that all of the vacancies were filled and are ready to transition to elections.

Program and Institutional Development (PID) had no report.

Student Organization Funding Board (SOFB) “SOFB met this last Friday at 11am and approved over \$25,000 in requests from 5 different groups. Just to let you all know that Bangladesh Night will be hosted on Feb 18th at 4pm with a cultural display followed by a dinner, tickets will be available at the Union info desk a week prior to the event. Also, the Associated Students Interested in China will be hosting their Lunar New Year Banquet on Feb 17th at 6pm which will include a cultural dinner, guest speakers. Their tickets will also be given out at the Union info desk a week prior to the event.”

Tuition Allocation and Fee Review Committee (TASFRC) had no report.

## **OLD BUISNESS**

There was no Old Business this week.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Senator Castronovo moved for a fifteen-minute recess which reconvened at 9:33 p.m.  
Senator Stadler seconded.

SR# 2848- ASUW Opposition to HB 216 Residential Rental Properties Applicability

The bill was read for the first time.

Senator Bouma moved to suspend Article 6, Section 6.01, Subsections 2,3,4 of the ASUW Rules and Procedures.”

Senator Stadler seconded.

The Rules and Procedures were suspended unanimously via a standing vote.

Senator Bouma moved to dissolve to Committee of the Whole and to refer SR# 2848, SR #2849, SR #2850, SR #2851, SR #2852, to Committee of the Whole.

Senator Stadler seconded.

The motion passed via a standing vote.

Senator Colter Anderson moved to amend the bill for grammatical errors and a new clause submitted by FYS Keasling.

FYS Keasling seconded.

The amendments were passed unanimously.

Senator Ewalt moved to recommend a do pass.

Senator Engelby seconded.

Committee of the Whole recommended a do pass with amendments unanimously.

Senator Bouma moved to pass the legislation.

Senator McLean seconded.

Senator Colter Anderson moved to amend the legislation.

FYS Keasling seconded.

The legislation was passed unanimously via a roll call vote of 20-0-2.

SR #2849- ASUW Support for the Gender and Women's Studies Program

The bill was read for the first time.

Senator Ewalt moved to recommend a do pass

Senator Cord Anderson seconded.

The Committee of a Whole recommended a do pass.

Senator Bouma moved to pass the bill.

FYS Keasling seconded.

The legislation was passed unanimously via a roll call vote of 20-0-2.

SR #2850- ASUW Support for UW 2023 Budget Priorities

The bill was read for the first time.

Senator Ewalt moved to recommend a do pass.

FYS McGuire seconded.

The Committee of the Whole recommended a do pass.  
FYS McGuire moved to pass.  
Senator Ewalt seconded.  
The legislation was passed unanimously via a roll call vote of 19-0-3.

**SR #2851- ASUW Opposition to SF#00117 Parental Rights in Education**

Senator Ewalt moved to recommend a do pass.  
The bill was read for the first time.  
Senator Bouma seconded.  
FYS Keasling moved to amend to fix formatting and grammar errors.  
Senator Ewalt seconded.  
The amendments were passed as a friendly.  
FYS Keasling moved to amend to add a therefore clause that would require the resolution to be sent to pertinent stakeholders.  
Senator Ewalt seconded.  
The amendments passed unanimously.  
Senator Bouma moved the previous question.  
Senator Stadler seconded.  
The Committee of the Whole recommended a do pass with amendments.  
Senator McLean moved to pass.  
Senator Colter Anderson seconded.  
First-Year Senator Keasling moved to pass the amendments.  
Senator Ewalt seconded.  
The amendments were passed unanimously.  
The legislation was passed unanimously via a roll call vote of 20-0-2.

**SR #2852 - ASUW's Recommendations for Wyoming HB#0105, "Repeal Gun Free Zones and Preemption Amendments"**

The bill was read for the first time.  
Senator Ewalt recommended a do pass.  
Senator Engelby seconded.  
The Committee of the Whole recommended a do pass.  
Senator Ewalt moved to pass.  
First-Year Senator Worcester seconded.  
The legislation was passed unanimously via a roll call vote of 20-0-2

**SB #2853 - Reforming Communications, Special Events, and the Order of Business for ASUW Senate Meetings**

The bill was read for the first time.  
The bill was referred to Program and Institutional Development and Steering.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator McLean announced that it is Love Month and Black History Month, which there will be multiple events for each.

Senator Willis gave the report on behalf of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. They will be presenting tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. in the Buchanan Center.

Senator Ewalt announced that next week in the ASUW Conference room that there will be a legislative workshop for First-Year Senators.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

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*Notes taken by Senator Engelby*

