

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The October 22nd, 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

No one was absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as circulated

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated

OPEN FORUM

Director of Student Organizations Anderson addressed the body to discuss the Dr. Kaitlyn Root Memorial Scholarship that will be available for giving day. The scholarship will benefit Criminal Justice and Sociology students.

Office Associate Knopp addressed the body to talk about Chess Club's upcoming tournaments

Communications

- President Murfitt
These last two weeks have been pretty busy. I hope to make this fast. Last week, since it was the mid semester, Chief Hennigar and I held mid semester check ins with all of the directors. They went very well and Chief Hennigar will discuss some of the more important projects the directors are working on during their communications. Last week, a few of us met with Nycole Courtney and Abby Lozano for WEST which stands for Wellness in the West, where everyone strengthens together. This is the new program created by the University after the state gave us 1.8 million dollars for mental health efforts on campus. We met with them about a new partnership between ASUW's No More Empty Saddles initiative and West. We will have more on this in the coming months as things progress. Leading into this week, I have been working with Director Gomelsky to finalize the Cowpokes and Candidates meet & greet and making sure we have everything ready for tomorrow. Speaking of, I am plugging this event one more time. Tomorrow at 6:00pm in the Center Ballroom, we will be hosting candidates running in the Albany County and state elections. We hope to see you all there, and please share it out to your friends and constituents. Giving Day starts tomorrow at noon and will run till noon on Thursday. The campaign is to help raise funds for our No More Empty Saddles campaign. Please share the posts on the ASUW instagram to your senate instagram pages. Also as we are doing the send to ten this year, please send our campaign out to at least ten other people. Today, VP Knull and had a meeting with VP Chestnut, Interim Provost Benham-Deal, and President Seidel to provide updates to upper admin. Thursday, I will be

attending Seidel's cabinet meeting to provide data from the Fall Student Issues Survey. On Friday, Chief Hennigar and I will be meeting with the Graduate School Taskforce for updates and to continue working on creating a Graduate School Student Council. And lastly, on Saturday, VP Knull, Chiefs Hennigar and Bouma and I will be hosting a couple students from Utah State's Student Council before the football game. We will be showing them around the new space and we will have a discussion about the different ways we run things and the different programs each institution has.

- Judicial Council

Judicial Council was not present

- Vice President Knull

Good evening team, Congratulations and my deepest thanks to everyone who helped with the move; your service has not gone unnoticed, and you were each invaluable in helping us get the move done in a day, and might I had we went from disconnecting the first terminal to being back and operational in under 7 hours. If you folks missed it, this new office space is where we'll be conducting business from here out for office hours, check-ins, and most committees unless otherwise stated.

This week I've been working on Check-Ins with senators, so far we've had some good success on getting folks out and attending, These are a bit more relaxed then last months but just as important. Please accept your calendar invites, every single one of you has one. TASFRC has been moving along well, we have conducted 3 hearings so far, with many more scheduled; Expect the fee bill by the end of the month. Next week we'll be tabling every day of that week. Just some reminders, please stay with the table until relieved; if you are the last person or there is a gap in tabling, please take the tabling box downstairs. Senator Service hours are due at the end of the month, expect the form for that soon but many of you are short on hours; If you have no hours by Monday, please stop by and I will find a last minute volunteering opportunity for you. In matters greater to the larger body and Students, we received a letter of intent from the College of Ag's Ag Ambassadors regarding an Ex-Officio Status that will be read at Steering on Friday; we are eager to bring more Student groups representing some of the colleges we see less frequently into the fold. As well I've been in talks with the Sustainability Coalition with the hope of bringing them back as an Ex-Officio. This last week I had a meeting with the Dean of Engineering to discuss finding new ways to get ASUW more involved at one of our largest colleges. ASUW will be looking into setting up a team store to raise money for our discretionary fund, more on this in weeks to come. After a meeting last week with VP Nichol, ASUW's no more empty saddles initiative is going to be working the Student Success and Graduation's WEST program, to find ways to better help students and the campus community. We're excited to be working with WEST, and think this will be a greatly beneficial partnership in the name of students. In regards to the student issue survey, myself and the chief of staff are investigating new software to investigate correlations and data analysis better then we have; it will unfortunately not be ready for President Murfitts meeting with president seidel's cabinet, but will hopefully be able to help us shape our next survey in the spring. Finally, tomorrow at noon begins Giving Day, and ASUW's most ambitious giving day campaign to date; I want each of you to take out your phones during processing, download the Graphics that the director of Marketing has made for you, and send them to ten people. This campaign is incredibly important for supporting our students, and is your chance to leave your mark in ASUW's history. Please, I implore each of you to do your part; Call your mom, call your grandma, call your

neighbour, heck call your neighbours grandma and let them all know about this campaign we're doing. While a donation will go far here, just getting the word out will help start conversations anywhere this empty saddle travels.

- Chief of Staff Hennigar

DO Marketing Hargett

Hi all! Giving Day begins this Wednesday at noon and ends Thursday at noon. Thank you to everyone who helped table today, and thank you to those of you who plan to table tomorrow. If you are tabling tomorrow, please make sure to read my message and the Giving Day tabling guide that I sent over Teams on Monday. The stuff I sent you contains important information about matches/challenges, and it will be helpful for you to know it when tabling.

For people who are not tabling, please keep sending the "Send to 10" e-post card and posting the story graphics on your senator Instagrams. Every post and share matters for this campaign!!!

DO Wellness and Sustainability Malles

- This Thursday please wear purple to support domestic violence survivors. We will be giving out purple ribbons as well that can be worn around on backpacks or on clothes

DOS Outreach Mackenzie

- If any of the senators have anything to include in the newsletter next week, please send it my way.

DO Finance Rockwell

Financial Literacy week

DO Governmental and Community Affairs Gomelsky

meet & greet

More volunteers wouldn't hurt, also just encouraging people to come stop by for a little / not having to stay for like two whole hours

DOS Organizations Anderson

"I have been working with our amazing Directors of Marketing and Student Outreach to further develop our Student Organization Round-Table (SORT) initiative. Although it has been tentatively postponed, we have exciting new directions we are pursuing. I am also waiting to hear back from the ASCSU president on establishing a meeting time for an interstate collegiate council. Besides my other obligations with student organizations, I have maintained the ledger and helped SOFB operate. Please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns with any projects I have brought up!"

DO Advocacy and Campus Unity Medina

Bylaws updates

Me

- DIA Shuttle

- Student Issue Survey

- New space guidelines for closing up the space at the end of day/general things to know

- Utah State

- Chief of Legislative Affairs Bouma

I am excited to see more legislation come through and am available during my office hours to help with any work on pieces of legislation and I will be helping work on the strategic plan updates.

- Assistant Director Interim

Director of the Union Erik Kahl showed an appreciation for the swiftness of the office move. He also announced the hiring of the new advisor/assistant director who will be transitioning Ex-Officios

- College Panhellenic Council

College Panhellenic Council was not present

- Faculty Senate

Faculty senate was not present

- First-Year Senate

First year senate advisor McGuire announced that FYS has started their rotating head table that will be in attendance at senate as well as committee assignments have been given for first year senators.

- Interfraternity Council

IFC is preparing for giving day and elections in. november

- International Students Association

International Student 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 was not present

- Student Legal services Intern
SLS intern was not present

OLD BUISNESS

- **SB 3003 Clarification of the Judicial Council Appellation Process**
Steering Recommended a due pass
PID Recommended a due pass
Senator Schliebe moved to pass SB 3003
Senator Keasling seconded
On a vote of 19-0-0 SB 3003 passes
- **SB 3004 Changing Committee Quorum Requirements**
Steering Recommended a due pass
PID Recommended a due pass
HOPE Recommended a due pass amendments
SOFB Recommended a due pass
TASFRC recommended a due pass with amendments
SWAC recommended a due pass
B&P recommend a due pass
Senator Saint moved to pass SB 3004
Senator Culp seconded
TASFRC amendments were taken as friendly
Senator Keasling moved to adopt HOPE amendments
Senator Langford seconded
On a vote of 7-13-1 the amendment failed
On a vote of 18-3-0 SB 3004 Passes
- **SB 3005 Updating Communications to Include Committee Reports and Remove College Council Communications**
Steering Recommended a due pass
PID Recommended a due pass
HOPE Recommended a due pass
SOFB Recommended a due pass
TASFRC recommended a due pass with amendments
SWAC recommended a due pass
B&P recommend a due pass
Senator Saint moved to pass SB 3005
Senator Ward seconded
TASFRC amendment was taken as friendly
On a vote of 17-2-2 SB 3005 Passes

NEW BUSINESS

- **SB 3006 HOPE Committee Tabling Requirements**
- **SB 3007 Inclusion of the Judicial Council's Policy Recommendations and SOFB Precedent into the SOFB Finance Policy**
- **SR 3008 - ASUW Supports the Creation of a Graduate Nuclear Energy Science Certificate**
- **SR 3009- ASUW Supports the Creation of an Undergraduate Nuclear Energy Science Certificate**

Each piece of legislation was read for the first time

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Heffley announced PID is working on strategic plan still, BridgeUWYO is hosting a reproductive rights debate between students for reproductive rights and students for life 10/23/24 at 5-7 in the Skylight lounge

Senator Culp MENA Club – HALLOWEEN NIGHT! 10/31/24 from 6:30-7:30! Costumes, candy, henna, etc.!

Giving Day for MENA Program, Students for Reproductive Rights, Robotics Club, etc.

10/23: the diplomat-in-residence Denver Herren from 12-1pm in A+S 139 (Simpson Room) with Jersey Mike's!

10/23: the Palestine Film discussion with Jimmy Johns from 12-1pm in A+S 332 (MENARA Center) with Dr. Crane!

10/23: the virtual cybersecurity event with Dr. Anderson from 8:30am-noon!

School of Politics, Public Affairs, and International Studies is hosting a Halloween Party on 10/30 with a costume contest from 12-1pm in Rm. 401 of A+S with prizes for best political figure costume, best overall, and department head's favorite! Catered Qdoba!

Senator Brown announced We are discussing the election policy changes, the bill should be sent after the new year. We will also be going to the American Heritage Center to go through the ASUW archives hopefully two weeks from now. Please reach out if you are interested on going with us.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on October 29th , 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Senate Chambers.

Langston Bouma

Chief of Legislative Affairs 112th Administration