

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The October 7, 2025, Senate meeting was called to order by Vice President McGuire at 7:03 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 Kincaid was absent. President Medina was absent. IFC, Staff Senate, FYS, UMC, Ag Ambassadors, and Engineering Ambassadors were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended to include a Judicial Council confirmation and Senator and SAL at large at the end of New Business.

OPEN FORUM

Student-at-Large Jordan Westman spoke in favor of SR 3061. Student-at-Large Will Ward spoke regarding SR 3062

COMMUNICATIONS

VP McGuire: Check ins are going well. Parking relief is going well, working with admin to get a policy drafted. TASFRC and fee reviews are going well. Social Senate was a success, hoping to do a holiday party near end of semester.

Advisor Disque: October 20th at 5 is deadline for ASGA conference. October 15th is deadline to give feedback for Union Fest artist -- see email from Maureen on 9/17. Union Director position should be filled soon. Will keep y'all updated

COS Hargett: Hello all! A few things from me and President Medina, and then on to the directors!

- The Scholarship Procedures Ad-Hoc Committee met yesterday and reviewed/revised all of our scholarship questions. Going forward, the committee will work on making a more defined rubric for scoring applications and looking into who is on scholarship committees.
- The Hathaway Expansion Ad-Hoc Committee is meeting tomorrow morning. At this meeting we will review background information on the committee and the state of Hathaway at the legislature, discuss resolutions the exec branch will be working on, and solicit feedback from the committee. As time progresses, the committee will support the

drafting of emails and reaching out to high school and community college leaders, to gather public comment. Director Fernholz-Hartman's communications will discuss this further.

- LASSO is also going well. President Medina, Director Heard, Director Fernholz-Hartman, and I are in communication with Dr. Aiken, who works on experiential learning with the Provost. President Medina and I are also collaborating with campus partners on a survey on internships to be distributed by WYSAC.
- Giving Day efforts for the Cowboy Emergency Fund are well underway. Today, President Medina and I had a meeting with Lucas Hansen to discuss ways to target high-level donors. The marketing team has also been hard at work on this effort. We are going to need all of your support in getting the message of this campaign out. Director Wilkerson has worked on little blurbs for you all to share on your socials, with your family, etc. This campaign is significant for students, and your support is critical.
- ASUW historically had a stronger relationship with FSL and a larger role in supporting the community. I am working with VP Courtney to find ways that ASUW can revitalize some of these efforts to support a stronger Greek system on campus. If you have thoughts, let me know.
- ASUW is bringing back the annual dinner with the Governor. It will be on Thursday, November 21. I am coordinating additional details with their office right now, but I sent you all a calendar hold last week so you all have ample notice. If you have questions in the meantime, let me know!

Director of Marketing (Peyton)

- Peyton wants to thank you for all your help for a successful homecoming, she says that she could not have done it without your efforts!
- As of right now, she is working on working on Giving Day outreach and has some informational posts planned about what the senate does and how it can help the student body.

Marketing Intern (Justice)

- Justice is continuing to work on updating the website, and wants to let you know that later in the semester, she is planning on doing a brochure to show the legislative process in ASUW, and wants you all to let her know if you have any ideas. She would also like to extend a thank you for your homecoming efforts.

Director of Student Organizations (Ashlyn)

- Hi everyone! Thank you all for your approval of Ethics Club's Spark Tank Event. They are a great student organization, and we are really excited to work with them again. Their request was the first of many requests that will come to the senate this semester!
- With that being said, SOFB has now heard and approved 27 requests; by the end of October, we will have heard nearly 45 requests, so it has been and will continue to be a busy month.

- Last Thursday, Senator Smith and I attended the Student Organization Officer Training hosted by Gwen Dailey to give a brief overview of the funding process. It went very well, and we are looking forward to more opportunities for face-to-face student organization engagement.
- With that being said, the ASUW Student Organizations Networking Event will be on October 22 at 12:15-1pm in the family room. This event will allow Student Organizations to collaborate, network, and strengthen their involvement on campus over free QDOBA lunch. If you are a part of a student organization, encourage your members to attend. It will be an informal discussion style event and if anything, you get free food!
- Thank you, Speaker, thank you Chair!

Director of Finance (Casey)

- Casey wants you all to know that P-Card checkouts have been going smoothly, and he appreciates everyone's cooperation with the process. He also wants to thank you for your work in committees and for your engagement and communication with him.
- He wants to remind everyone that if you need to use a P-Card for any purchases, please ensure you schedule a checkout time in advance and return the card promptly after use. This helps us keep financial operations running smoothly and ensures everyone has access when needed.

Director of Wellness (Molly)

- Molly has a lot of wellness events coming up from now until the end of the year. If any senators want to get more involved with wellness events, please reach out to her.
- There are three big things on the radar right now:
 - First, Saturday, October 18 at 1:30pm there will be a trivia, food, and Football watch party at Pokes Pub, in collaboration with Violence Prevention for domestic violence awareness month.
 - Second, SWAC wellness week will be October 14-17, and more info will be shared on this by Senator Morales.
 - Last thing, Molly has submitted a special projects request for reboot kits and will share more details on this as it comes!

Director of External Public Affairs and Advocacy (Dylan)

- Dylan wants you to know that the legislature is considering 2 workstreams related to Hathaway expansion.
- The first is reformatting the scholarship to better serve the needs of non-traditional students, those interested in community college, trade schools, or certifications, and to increase flexibility to UWyo students with summer and J term courses. This change would create a pool of money recipients can draw from rather than the current rigid distribution of funds over 8 consecutive semesters.
- The second is an increase in the scholarship award. The scholarship was designed in part to compel students to attend UWyo. At the current levels, with the funding available for

many students, the out-of-pocket cost of attendance is still too steep to justify pursuing higher education. The Wyoming constitution also states attendance at the university should be as nearly free as is feasible. 40% coverage, as is the current reality under the Honors tier of the scholarship, is not nearly free.

- We will continue working on this issue through the Hathway committee and please expect updates on Hathaway expansion soon.

Director of Internal Public Affairs and Advocacy (Logan)

- Logan has been attending a variety of university meetings, including Staff Senate and the Access and Engagement working group.
- Additionally, he is finalizing DIA shuttle applications, to be distri

COLA Heffley: By-Laws updates, if you see anything funky or strange come find me because I have a document going with changes that should be made this year regarding out-of-date information or projects currently being worked on. Also, anyone giving announcements/communications needs to send them to my email (asuwxexc9@uwyo.edu).

FYS: FYS is going well! I anticipate that we'll be at 21 soon! I'll also be working on their committee assignments this week, so expect them to be joining your committees soon.

IFC: IFC is beginning to dive into bylaw revisions currently we have it separated out into sections for both the council and the chapters to go over and pose any revisions during our upcoming delegate meetings.

There are a few upcoming events in FSL; One of our sorority chapters Alpha Phi is having a philanthropic dinner this Friday October 10th to support women's hearth health. One of our Fraternal chapters Sigma Alpha Epsilon is doing their annual haunted house October 30th-November 1st. We also have our FSL New Member Education on November 8th.

FSL advisor Maquella Rasmussen's last day in person is October 17th she should still be available via video conference, Gwen Daily in student orgs will still be available if we need her and so will our FSL intern Zoie Olguin

Staff Senate: Resolution for new SER certification, filling in president's shoes. Looking at larger issues on campus regarding deans and salaries. Staff Senate president responsibilities and nominee search.

UMC: The Annual UMC Drag Show will be happening next week, Oct 17th at 7 PM. Doors open at 6:30. Tickets are free and the event is open to the public.

Also, UMC is working getting our giving day campaign up and running. We have a list of potential donors and are working on reaching out to them throughout the month up to giving day. Our campaign this year will consist of mainly social media advertising and a video.

Ag Ambassadors: Ag Day BBQ this sat 10/11. Clubs are getting ready for giving day.

Engineering Ambassadors: The College of Engineering and Physical Sciences has had an exciting and productive semester of outreach and student engagement. CEPS outreach efforts have reached over 4,000 K–12 students across Wyoming through classroom visits, school STEM days, the UW STEM Carnival, participation in the Wyoming National Air Guard Discovery Day, and involvement in the Science Initiative's STEM-Ology series, with September's topic focused on engineering. These activities continue to strengthen the college's connection with communities across the state and inspire future generations of STEM learners.

The Joint Engineering and Physical Sciences Council has been meeting regularly, with a renewed focus on increasing engagement among Registered Student Organizations (RSOs), enhancing university inreach, and expanding community and K–12 outreach initiatives.

In addition, CEPS Career Services is launching a new Mentor Program that connects UW alumni in industry with current CEPS students. This initiative aims to provide professional guidance, networking opportunities, and real-world career insight to help students prepare for success after graduation.

Attendance at both the STEM Career Fair and the Design and Construction Career Fair more than doubled compared to previous years — a strong sign of growing student and employer engagement across CEPS programs.

The CEPS recruiter visited nearly 100 high schools across Wyoming during September as part of the Wyoming Admissions Officers Tour and just returned from a college fair in Houston, TX. He will be going to Buffalo, NY soon as well, helping to promote engineering and physical sciences opportunities at UW and strengthen connections with schools statewide and nationwide.

CEPS Advisors are visiting multiple CEPS departments including geology, physics, astronomy, chemistry, and math this week to share information about their services and resources. These visits aim to strengthen collaboration, increase visibility, and ensure students are aware of the academic and professional support available to them.

Overall, CEPS continues to build meaningful partnerships across the university and Wyoming, promoting hands-on learning, collaboration, and community impact.

Steering:

BNP: BNP will be hosting another joint meeting with TASFRC this Friday to align our fiscal responsibility and budgetary goals. Special Projects applications close October 17th, please encourage any relevant executives, senators, student orgs, or departments to apply for funding. Finally, ASUW has received our updated fall revenue numbers. For the fall semester we are sitting at 52.2% of our targeted revenue from student fees. This is helpful in keeping our budget viable and allowing for less cuts during the actual deliberations. Additionally, there is one number to in our expense report that is noteworthy for the Senate. We are at 11.1% of budgeted funds expended for benefited employees and 12.4% for non-benefited employees. We should be sitting around 20% for both. There are a few culprits for this, including vacant positions. However it is important to stress that Senators and Executives need to be reporting hours for the work they do. Excess salaries is one of the main culprits in adding to our carryover and addressing this is crucial to align with BNPs goal of fiscal responsibility, in accordance with the

ASUW financial strategic plan. As always please let me know if you have any questions about BNP.

HOPE: Homecoming was a success, we had a few hiccups, but they were all out of our control. Thank you to everyone who helped out tabling and otherwise, we couldn't have done it without the joint effort from everyone. Special thanks to the director of marketing and the marketing intern whose idea it was to partner with red bull.

PID: PID is continuing our annual review of the ASUW Strategic Plan. If you have any suggestions or input, I encourage you to please reach out.

SWAC: SWAC is up to a lot. Firstly, next week, SWAC will be doing what we are calling fall wellness week. Next week, we will giving away free food, as well as swag and flyers of mental and physical health resources on campus. On Tuesday, we will be giving away free donuts. On Thursday, we will be giving away free Jimmy Johns, and on Friday, will be giving away free insomnia cookies. I will get a sign up sheet done here soon, and it does go towards senator's volunteer and tabling requirements. I am also excited to announce that SWAC's Winter Safety Guidebook is getting started. This week, our Director of Wellness, Director of Marketing, Marketing Intern, President Medina, and I will be having a meeting with WYDOT on this project, and I will inform the senate about meeting next communications. Additionally, senators who sit on SWAC have raise concerns about lighting issues on campus. We are currently working with UW Operations, and they are currently investigating those issues. Also, SWAC's trash cans and water fountain projects are going well. More updates to come on this. Finally, SWAC has started planning Movember, so if you have any ideas for this event, please reach out to committee members. We should have a finalized calendar of events for Movember by our next meeting. Thanks!

SOFB: SOFB approved 13 funding requests over the last two weeks. I want to thank Senator Hansen for doing a phenomenal job taking over last Friday's meeting while I couldn't speak due to my wisdom teeth being pulled. Please refer to Director Elwood's report for additional information.

TASFRFC: So far we have had 5 fee hearings with another 6 that will be completed by the end of next week. Expect fee recommendation legislation at the end of October/beginning of November. We are meeting with BnP this week to further discuss ASUW financial goals.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

SR 3061 A Resolution to Establish a Nuclear Engineering Program at the University of Wyoming was read for the first time. This legislation was steered to HOPE, SWAC, and TASFRC.

SR 3062 Allowing Excused Absences for Election Day was read for the first time. This legislation was steered to HOPE and SWAC.

Confirmation of Sean Jansen to JC

COS Hargett spoke on behalf of the nominee. Nominee Jansen spoke on his own behalf. Senator Lindsay moved to confirm the candidate, Senator Shosh seconded.

After a standing vote, Nominee Jansen was approved to the JC.

Senator of the Month

Senator Keasling nominated Senator Golden. The nomination was accepted.

Senator Swingley nominated Senator Robinson. The nomination was accepted.

Senator Robinson nominated Senator Morales. The nomination was accepted.

Senator Golden was voted Senator of the Month for September.

Student at Large of the Month

Senator Robinson nominated Jacob Kmock.

COS Hargett nominated William Ward.

William Ward was voted Student-at-Large of the Month for September.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Morales: The Criminal Justice Club will have a meeting next Thursday, October 16th @ 12:00 p.m in Classroom building 209. Cheyenne SWAT will be speaking with us, and there may be food!

Senator Hansen: BridgeUWYO will be hosting a political violence panel and discussion this Thursday (October 9) from 5:30-7pm in the Union Family Room. The panel will consist of representatives from Turning Point, College Dems, and Young Americans for Liberty. Yes there will be food there. Hope to see you all there!

Senator Robinson: There are some wonderful performances this week. The first is this Thursday, October 9, 7:30pm at BCPA Concert Hall where UW Symphony is presenting From the New World by Antonín Dvořák. This is a ticketed event and is a critically acclaimed and famous symphony. Tickets can be purchased at the Box Office or website. The second is Friday, October 10, at 7:30pm at the BCPA Concert Hall where all UW and Laramie choirs will be presenting WyoSing. At this concert we will be debuting Imagined Corners by composer Reginal Wright. This is also a ticketed event. Finally, on Sunday, October 12, at 3:00pm in the BCPA Recital Hall there is a guest guitarist performing. This event is free.

Senator Siegfried: Dining hall issues (food labeling, to-go portions), will address in committee

VP McGuire: Interest in DIA Shuttle Committee, will assign empty spaces. Reschedule 1-on-1s after meeting.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:25. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on October 14, 2025, at 7:00p.m. in the Senate Chambers.

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