

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The October 11th, 2022, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Carrier at 7:08 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

All senators were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved without objection.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The minutes were approved without objection.

OPEN FORUM

Beck Herman, the president of the UW Chess Club, stated that they moved their meeting time to Thursdays instead of Tuesday nights.

SPECIAL EVENT

Jean A. Garrison, Ph.D. Special Assistant to the Provost Spoke with the Senate regarding the Carnegie Community Engagement Application on behalf of UW. Land grant campuses have recently been increasing their accountability by reporting their work and share nationwide. There is a 40-member taskforce designated to apply for the Carnegie Foundation and to report on the community service done at UW. They are gathering data on which majors primarily focus on community engagement. The taskforce wants to receive a designation and wants to increase opportunities for community involvement for UW students. They want to get the application finalized by May and will have various listening sessions throughout the process.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Brown thanked Dr. Garrison for the update on the Carnegie Engagement Taskforce, she is serving on this and is excited to provide student input. Some of the survey data about student engagement will help to inform the Taskforce's application for this standing. She apologized for being out last week and thanked everyone for the robust debate last week on the Judicial Council candidate, and she is satisfied that the Judicial Council is full. President Brown gave a shoutout to the executive branch for their work with Student Wellness Advisory Board Especially Chief Skorcz and Director Malles. She reported that it was a great first meeting last

week. President Brown announced that the ASUW-Pokes Vote Event on Monday will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. There will be over 45 candidates in attendance including a representative for Governor Gordon and Representative Hageman. President Brown invite everyone to attend and Director of Student Outreach Murfitt talking about it more and tabling this next week to advertise. The Giving Day campaign for DACA/International Students and the campaign for Purple Thursday with Greendot will take place later this Month. There will be the Cashbash financial literacy event in coming weeks, which will have a horse drawn carriage. A Town Hall will take place this week. President Brown continues work on the administration's special projects, working in collaboration with Student health Services, and working with the IT department to purchase more student rental equipment. The survey will be sent out swiftly by the executive branch and by next Tuesday there will be a report regarding each area of the survey. President Seidel's Cabinet Meeting will be on Thursday and the Board of Trustees will ber tomorrow morning. The majority of the meeting will be in an executive session, but I look forward to sharing/communicating when items of discussion become public. President Brown is working with Staff Senate President, Chief of Legislative Affairs Smith, Director of Diversity Lin to write a joint ASUW-Staff Senate Resolution on the reporting lines of the Student Ombudsman Office, and making sure that office is bipartisan. President Brown asked the senators to sign up for the President Seidel Evaluation.

Chief of Staff Skorcz reported that Dinner with President Seidel and Dr. Allen went well. There were productive conversations about the importance of student voice, community perspectives about the university, and the upcoming legislative session. There will be future opportunities for direct student input. Chief Skorcz spoke about Giving Day and Purple Thursday that will be happening later this month. She asked that people share on social media!

Chief of Legislative Affairs Smith congratulated Senator Castronovo and those involved with the flag football charity event. He reported that he is working on various pieces of legislation. He asked those wanting to work on legislative projects to reach to him if they'd like any assistance.

Director of Marketing Pappas was not present.

Director of Student Outreach Murfitt: "This last week has been very busy primarily with planning and helping run the Charity Flag Football Tournament. The event went very well and we were surprised by the number of participants that showed up. We had 17 teams participate and we had an estimated 120 people show up in total. Tomorrow morning, we will be counting the total amount that was raised from this tournament. Last week, Director Heddins and I also met with Visit Laramie about some possible areas for student outreach to the rest of the community to try and close the gap of disconnect between the city of Laramie and the University. This week, I am working on the finishing details on the Town Hall which is this Thursday from 11:00am-12:00pm in the Skylight Lounge. All are welcome to this event and there will be pizza provided. Next week on Monday, ASUW is hosting the Pokes Votes Midterm Candidate Meet and Greet from 6:00pm-8:00pm in the Center Ballroom. As of this afternoon, we have 50 candidates who have stated they will be attending this event to interact with students. As a refresher, we will have candidates from the Local, County, State, and Federal level. You are all welcome to attend this event as well and we hope to see every one of you. With that, the SCLE office is hosting a Pokes Votes Voter Registration Table on Monday from 11:00am-1:00pm, we

will be tabling for the Candidate Meet & Greet next to SCLE. A sheet will be passed around in just a few seconds for people to sign up for tabling on Monday, as well as the set up and tear down of the candidate meet and greet. ”

Director of Student Organizations Acosta-Engavo was not present.

Director of Finance Hamilton “I apologize in advance for the exhaustive report I am about to convey, there was quite a bit that occurred this past week that is important to you. This week, I met with Central Scheduling, Student Financial Services, members of the executive branch, as well as clubs as we work to finalize financial literacy week, which will hereafter be called Cash Bash. I am pleased to report that Central Scheduling has approved Cash Bash for the week of Oct. 24-28. This event will feature a variety of events and activities in Prexy’s Pasture including a decorated horse-drawn carriage from the University Horse Ranch Team, a Halloween-themed golf cart, and members of the University administration including some trustees. We will be distributing information about student debt and block tuition as well as merchandise and cash prizes. We will have a number of booths set up with Student Financial Services and ASUW taking point on the event. In particular, SFS and I are prepared to go forward with resources and assistance for any student seeking Student Loan Forgiveness from the Federal Government. This is, however, contingent on the Department of Education releasing guidelines on time. Should this happen, I would advise the Senate that this may be the most important thing we reach out to students about this semester. Opportunities for senators will come next week as we work to schedule time for executives and administration officials. If you would like to quiz students and give them money on the back of a horse-drawn carriage, I’m sure you will have the opportunity to do so. For a little insight into why I view this event as a paramount objective for this government, I would like to share some of the conversation that I had with SFS. SFS conveyed to me their concerns that there is no current strategy to reach students about block tuition, student debt relief and student fee increases. This past year, the UW administration was disappointed in its ability to reach enough students with one event seeing an attendance of a whopping two students. Consequently, SFS now turns to us to lead on financial outreach and I believe this week-long event is a good first step in that direction. Going forward, SFS has already requested a Spring event following a similar template to that of this Fall’s Cash Bash. There is much to do and much to be excited about. I look forward to speaking with you all next week as I will distribute sign-up forms, more information, and strategies for Cash Bash then.”

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Lin was not present.

Director of Wellness Malles was not present.

Director of Sustainability Macey “This last week in the executive office I attended the first School of Computing Advisory Board meeting. I wanted to share a few key takeaways that are relevant to you all: A proposed computing minor is currently going through the approval process Current activity in SoC includes the development of a computing major along with certificates Also, to jumpstart student engagement, the School of Computing expressed their interest in being a special event here at Student Senate. On another note, in my role, I am currently collaborating with Sustainability Coalition in developing a few zero waste initiatives This

includes piloting the Food Recovery App And integrating bamboo materials and utensils into ASUW events that is all I have.”

Vice President Carrier reminded the ASUW Senators to have their service hours filled in on the excel sheet by October 20th. There will be a required green dot training on November 2nd at 5:30, although the location is still to be determined. Vice-President Carrier urged the Senate to try not to have any meetings on Friday. Her Senator of the Week is Senator Etchepare for her work with her Special Projects request.

Assistant Director Hansen thanked everyone for their hard work during the first eight weeks of school. The University is going through evaluations of the SaddleUp Program and the first group selected to give feedback and announced that there will be student representatives is the First Year Senate.

Accountant Schaef was not present.

Project Coordinator Craft reported that There First-Year Senate (FYS) created a new special committee for Homecoming and learned ASUW processes along the way. The Sustainability Coalition held the Solar Fest after the BIG Event and there was quite a good turnout. He reported that the Flag Football Charity event went well and thanked those who put it on.

Ex- Officio Communications

College Panhellenic Council (CPH) reported that Kappa Kappa Gamma is the first sorority in the university to offer membership to a transgender member. Alpha Phi raised over \$13,000 at their red dress gala. Oct 22nd-23rd is the annual Tri-Delta pancake fundraiser.

First-Year Senate (FYS) was not present.

Interfraternity Council (IFC) There was a great Interfraternity council turnout for the Big Event. Sig Ep will have a speaker Kent Noble on November 8th.

International Students Association (ISA) worked on budgeting and planning the international coffee hours.

Non-Traditional Student Council is continuing to finalize the event for October. They have been in contact with Project Coordinator Craft to assist with programming for the event.

Residence Halls Association was not present.

Faculty Senate was not present.

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The Sustainability Coalition’s report was given by Project Coordinator Craft. The explained that voting in local politics is just as important as federal. The coalition plans to spread awareness for

a vote. They will be having an event with solar powered equipment to increase sustainability, which will include student led bands.

Staff Senate was not present.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee is partnering with Green Dot on Oct 7th for sexual assault training.

United Multicultural Council reported that they are working on reestablishing international coffee hour on Oct 2nd. They are looking to hire for an open position in their leadership. Working on writing the UMC Constitution.

Wyoming Honors Organization was not present.

Committee Reports

Steering met on Friday from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. steered legislation, held conversation on what constituted a memo, and continued talks on other pertinent issues.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy (AD&P) met on Friday at 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. and discussed special projects.

Budget and Planning (B&P): "Budget and Planning . We discussed SB #2826 and came to a recommendation. Received a report that hourly wages have gone up an average of \$2/hr in fiscal year 2023. We discussed how to continue to advocate for higher wages across campus and carefully discussed how to best position ASUW to remain competitive in FY24. Up to 8 special project requests, we will be doing a last push on marketing tomorrow with hopefully one last campus-wide announcement. We reviewed changes to B&P website. Clarified very long list of important dates for B&P covering from now until the very end of February. Important Dates: second reading for budget will be 2/28/22, please be there and be ready for a longer meeting. Review two realignments that have been submitted. Review legislation that Sen. Engel-Cartie wrote on behalf of the committee clarifying some endowments and scholarship committees in the by-laws. We reviewed legislation that I wrote on behalf of the committee that clarifies ASUW student pay guidelines into one centralized place as opposed to disparate places across our various working docs. This will conclude, for the immediate future, the 5 pieces of legislation B&P wanted to complete. We will likely have more in March/April, and possibly earlier, but from now until the end of February, the vast majority of our work will be focused on special projects and then the event."

Outreach, Programming, and Elections (OPE): Met yesterday at their usual time where they talked about Homecoming, they briefly discussed the Charity event, and discussed the various events they will be hosting during homecoming week. They also talked about legislation being written and listened to an event request that would utilize their budget.

Program and Institutional Development (PID) reported that they did not meet last week.

Student Organization Funding Board (SOFB): “SOFB met last Wednesday at our normal time where we approved two requests for funding. We also talked about issues in the Finance Policy that we would like to change and are beginning to work on legislation to enact those changes.”

Tuition Allocation and Fee Review Committee met last week and was the first week of hearings. They met with Agriculture Life Sciences and Natural Resources, Honors, and Education. The fee hearing for Education Abroad was this morning. They will meet with ACES and Student Media these upcoming weeks. There have been no official deliberations this far. Only 2 departments have not responded.

Ad-Hoc Restructuring met last Friday and solidified a piece of legislation to reform the partner/program expectations, which requires them to go committee meetings instead of ASUW Senate.

Ad-Hoc Student Parking continues conversation on potential avenues to make recommendations to the University regarding parking and transportation.

College Council Reports

Director Murfitt gave a report on behalf of the College Council: “The College Council met this last Thursday for the second time and we had some updates from each of the colleges as they start to move towards the splitting of departments from college to college. We also discussed the new representative pay structure again as there were some new questions brought up. To end the meeting, we reviewed the applicant for the College of Engineering and after looking at his application materials, we decided to invite him to the next College Council meeting for a informal interview.”

OLD BUISNESS

SB #2826: Codification of ASUW Policy Regarding Stipends for ASUW Student Employees

The bill was read for the second time.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy recommended a do pass.

Budget and Planning recommended a do pass with amendments.

Program and Institutional Development recommended a do pass.

Senator Engel-Cartie moved to pass.

Seconded by Senator Hacke

The bill was passed unanimously via roll call vote of 20-0.

SB #2827: Restructuring of Programs and Institutional Development Standing Committee and the Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy Standing Committee

Program and Institutional Development recommends a do pass with amendments.

Advocacy, Diversity and Policy recommends a do not pass.

Steering recommends a do pass with amendments.

Ad-Hoc Restructuring recommends a do pass.

Senator Bouma moved to pass.

Senator Engel-Cartie seconded.

Senator Castronovo moved to postpone SB#2827 to the next scheduled ASUW Meeting (Oct. 17th).

Senator Etchepare seconded.

Senator Castronovo moved to amend the date to Oct. 25th.

Senator Engel-Cartie seconded.

The amendment to the motion passed via voice vote.

The motion to postpone the bill failed after an undecided voice vote, which became a roll call vote of 6-14.

The legislation failed unanimously via a roll call vote of 0-19-1.

NEW BUSINESS

SB #2828: Reformation of the Vacancy Process for ASUW Senators

The bill was read for the first time.

This legislation was steered to Ad-hoc Restructuring; Outreach, Programming, and Elections; Steering.

SB #2829: Codifying ASUW Policy on Pronouns and Use of Gender-Neutral Language

The bill was read for the first time.

This legislation was steered to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy and Steering

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Schliebe announced the “Super Cheesy” event that will fundraise for cancer research.

Senator Grimm announced that there will be tabling tomorrow for Tri Delta’s Breakfast 6:00 am–6:00 am on the 22nd-23rd.

Senator McLean thanked everyone who participated in the free testing and flu shots. Another Green Dot event called “Men Speak” will be hosted tomorrow in the Poke’s Pub and Game room.

Senator Sapien announced on Wednesday, Oct 12th Drag Bingo will be hosted at 6:00 pm.

Senator Clark announced that ASUW will be tabling next week for Homecoming.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on October 18th 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

Saber Smith
Chief of Legislative Affairs 110th Administration