

# **ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

The October 12th 2021, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Anderson at 7:00 pm. The land acknowledgement statement and mission statement were read, and the Pledge of Allegiance was done at individual member's discretion.

## **ROLL CALL**

Senators Bowers, Cooper, Hansen, Houghton, McGee, Poniatowski, and Snyder were not present.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the October 5th, 2021, senate meeting was approved without objection, as electronically circulated.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved, without objection, as electronically circulated.

## **OPEN FORUM**

There was no one in the gallery wishing to address the Senate.

## **SPECIAL EVENT**

Dean of Students Ryan O'Neil addressed the Senate to discuss the Dean of Students office. Dean O'Neil first began her presentation by explaining how the dean of students office is the most student facing office on campus and how students should feel comfortable reaching out to the Dean of Students office with any problems or changes they would like to see on campus. She then moved on to discuss what the dean of students office does. She explained how the division of student affairs is made up of three main clusters. These three clusters are the alumni association, wellness and student success cluster, and the engagement cluster. Within the engagement cluster are three main parts; CSIL, Dean of Students Office, and Residence life. Dean O'Neil specifically focused on the engagement cluster and shared that the engagement cluster is committed to the following four efforts; student sense of belonging, campus involvement, student development, and safety and resources. She then shared the different involvements and resources in each of the different parts of the engagement cluster. For the final part of her presentation, she shared each of the members of the Dean of Students team and their roles and responsibilities. Libby Thorson is the assistant dean of students and is the deputy title IX coordinator and focuses on interpersonal relationships and violence. Michelle DiPasquale is the violence prevention program coordinator and oversees the implementation of Green Dot and is working on developing programs for healthy relationships, Healthy masculinity, and sexual health. The dean of students office also has a welfare program that works to support students who are navigating mental health, medical, or personal situations that are impacting student

success. Karen Drew and Kristi Gatlin are the student welfare coordinators. Related to this, Dean O'Neil shared the welfare numbers with behavioral health services hospitalizations and UWYO Cares reports. Carl Mehta is the student conduct coordinator and manages the conduct process for violation of the Student Code of Conduct. He also co-advises the fraternal standards. Connor Novotny is the restorative justice coordinator which is a brand-new position at the University. This position was created to help meet the current needs of the campus and community. Kaylee Bertolotto is the food share pantry coordinator, and she works with the campus partners to support the food share pantries. Finally, Shelly Schaefer is the business manager and Sandra Clinton is the office associate.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Executive Reports**

President Swilling's report was read by Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam and was the following: "President Swilling apologizes that he cannot be in-person. He is currently at the City Council with Director Brown giving a report on the issues that are facing our students. In the past week, he has been working on multiple projects. First, he has been assisting with the creation of a resolution providing ASUW's input on the creation of a new School of Computing. This will be up for first reading next week. He also had a meeting with Provost Carman, Faculty Senate Chair Freng, and Staff Senate President Maki to discuss some concerns that we have been hearing about the restructuring process at UW. Mainly, these included a lack of communication and transparency, and the rushed nature of the process. He set up a meeting for next Monday with Vice Provost for Strategic Planning and Initiatives Alexander and Vice President for Student Affairs Chestnut to discuss UW's strategic planning process, as ASUW typically follows the same timeline as the University when it comes to strategic planning. President Swilling had a meeting with the Food Security Task Force to discuss the creation of a Food Security Endowment, and while some specifics will still need to be worked out, there was broad positive support for the Endowment. There is a realignment up tonight that would substantially contribute to the creation of this endowment. President Swilling is further working on a resolution regarding the Equitable Access program for online textbooks, but has put this on hold until next week, as they will be giving a special event to the Senate next Tuesday. Finally, there is a Board of Trustees meeting tomorrow morning which President Swilling will be attending. In addition to Executive Session, items on the public agenda include COVID-19 updates, Unireg changes, information about the Wyoming Innovation Partnership initiative, updates on program reviews, and an update on UW receiving ARP funding. He will include a report on this at the next meeting. President Swilling asks for questions to be directed to his email."

Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam said "I am excited to say I have been asked to head the ASUW Homecoming parade effort, and will be looking for Senators to walk in the Parade with me. I will remind you all of this next week as well as bring a signup sheet to next Senate meeting, hopefully you all will walk with me on Homecoming weekend, the parade is always a ton of fun! I have also been asked to attend the next Funding Board meeting to offer my experience with starting my own student organization in the hopes of helping with a grant to financially support newly started student organizations. Finally, I have been working with the Safety and Wellness committee in partnership with our Director of Marketing on social media graphics educating

students on the pros and cons between different types of face masks. Tonight, I will also be giving a report on the behalf of our Director of Governmental and Community Affairs, Allison Brown. Director Brown is currently attending the City Council Working Meeting, where herself and President Swilling are presenting about the work ASUW conducts on campus, and the issues UW students face. Their presentation will be followed by open floor for questions, as well as a presentation from President Sidel. Director Brown will communicate with Senate next week about where the presentation can be viewed for those who are interested. Tonight, I will also be giving a report on behalf of our Director of Partners, Programs, and Events, Ashton Hacke. Director Hacke has been organizing and setting up breezeway tabling in the Union both today and for tomorrow. This upcoming Thursday, he will also be having our strategic partners attend a round table event to discuss strategic planning for the rest of the year. Most of Director Hacke's time this past week has been spent meeting with other Directors and Pro-Staff about the future of ASUW's partners. Please direct any questions about the reports given tonight to specific Executives through their emails or stop by our office hours."

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier said "This past week has been fairly typical for me with minutes, agendas, and meetings. I have also met with a couple of Senators to get them going on some projects they are hoping to pursue. I have also been interviewing applicants for the College of Engineering. I interviewed an individual yesterday and have one more interview tomorrow, and after that, we will hopefully be able to fill our vacancies there by next week. As always, I have also been working closely with First-year Senate to continue help get them orientated and situated here in ASUW. The rest of this week I will be working with President Swilling to write a resolution for the School of Computing which as mentioned, will be hitting the floor for first reading at next weeks senate meeting. Fee unit hearings are also beginning so I will be attending those Fee hearings as much as my schedule allows. I also just want to say thank you for all of you who sent me your reports last week, I really appreciate it. Finally, I am looking for more Senators to sit on the Ad-Hoc committee. We meet Monday 12-1 and then Thursdays 7-8am both times in the ASUW Conference room and you are welcome to come by anytime and share your thoughts and perspectives."

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Sapien reported that for the past week he has been working on Giving Day projects and has continued working with the executive office.

Director of Finance and Student Organizations Reyes-Aguilar said "This week I have been working with Gilbert from the Student Orgs and Entertainment Office. Financial Wellness also had their first meeting last Wednesday. The first Financial Wellness Event will be tomorrow from 12-1. We will be having speakers from the Financial Aid Office and we will have free pizza. We encourage everyone here to stop by if you have the time. I have also been working on the Student Organization violation with Funding Board. I also met with some executives and senators to talk about our Giving Day campaign and have been reaching out to some potential donors. In the upcoming week, I will continue to work on some of the usual tasks. I will also continue to work with Director Stadler to continue to plan out our next Financial Wellness Events and we also plan to make some minor changes to the Finance Policy."

Director of Financial Planning and Analysis Stadler said “This past week we had the first Financial Wellness Committee meeting. If you are interested in planning events to gain students' knowledge in financial literacy, please let me know. I have been helping the Director of Finance and Students Organizations with the planning of the first Financial Wellness of the semester. The event will be tomorrow in the Family Room at Union from noon to 1. We will be providing pizza and having a Financial Aid discussion. I have been helping with the outreach to potential donors for the ASUW Giving Day campaign. This week I will be focusing on planning the Cash Cart which will be the next Financial Wellness event. I will be meeting with SAAC to learn about how ASUW can help student athletes at UW. Me and the Director of Finance and Student Organizations are working on changes to the evaluation process for student organizations.”

Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Brown's report was included with Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam's report.

Director of Marketing Clark-Mellott said “Last week, I focused heavily on getting ready for the Green Dot Q&A that I have been speaking about with Director McLean. That included tabling to get more questions. I also worked on the town hall that was conducted last week. Finally, an update on my work with the Homecoming shirts, I had to approve the shirts yesterday and was told they would be finished tomorrow in printing. Coming up, I am working heavily with ASUW's Giving Day campaign and promoting it through IG and Facebook. Additionally, I am working with the safety and wellness committee for a mask campaign that will be talked about more later.”

Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke's report was included with Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam's.

Director of Wellness and Sustainability McLean reported that this week she sat on the food security task force advisory board and the no more committee and is excited to be serving on these committees for the rest of the year. This week she is also working with Green Dot and Director of Marketing Clark to work on the sexual education video. She also announced that Thursday October 14 the campus SAFE project will be hosting a candlelight vigil for the victims of domestic abuse at 6pm. On Friday the 15, Green Dot and Delta Delta Delta will be making cards for survivors at the Delta Delta Delta house from 5:30pm-6:30pm. On October 16, the women's volleyball team is playing a no more awareness game.

Vice President Anderson reported that the WyoCourses page is how service hours will be submitted at that all senators should be added to this page. You can submit service hours on the quizzes posted. Additionally, the quizzes are how other senatorial requirements can be submitted. He also reported that the new Senators will be joining committees. He also reported that the First-Year Senate mentorship program will have pairings soon. Finally, he reported that nametag and name plates for new Senators

Project Coordinator Crosby reported that she has been working closely with Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke to help develop and establish organizations on campus. She also reported she hopes to see increased engagement with events and meetings hosted by First-Year Senate, United Multicultural Council, and the Non-Traditional Student Council. She also

reported that these organizations will be tabling tomorrow in the Breezeways. She also reported she has gotten the chance to sit in on many homecoming committee meetings and she noted that the committee has been working hard to plan a safe, fun, and effective homecoming. Finally, she reported that she is a resource to any students needing her.

### **Ex- Officio Communications**

College Panhellenic Council had no report.

Faculty Senate was not present.

First-Year Senate reported they did not reach quorum so were unable to hold a formal meeting. They instead had an informational meeting ran by Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier where they informally discussed agenda items and ways to gain more First-Year Senators. Additionally, if you refer a first-year student to First-Year Senate, you can receive a \$10 bookstore giftcard.

The Interfraternity Council reported “We have a meeting with director Hacke on Thursday to discuss more about our partnership and plan some events for the future. We had many of our chapters participate in the big event which went well. We look forward to all the homecoming events coming up.”

International Students Association had no report.

Non-Traditional Student Council had no report.

Residence Halls Association had no report.

The Sustainability Coalition reported they had a club meeting last Wednesday where they designed poster and banners for Solar Fest which will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup>. On November 17<sup>th</sup> they will be having an event in Washaki and then on October 14<sup>th</sup> they will be meetig with their other strategic partners.

Staff Senate was not present.

Wyoming Honors Organization had no report.

### **Committee Reports**

Steering reported they did not meet last week as there was no legislation needing to be steered. They will however be meeting on Friday to steer new legislation.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported they welcomed new senators to the committee and discussed the bill up for second reading tonight. They also shared updates on the status of their special projects request and are looking forwards to reviewing the final draft. They also reported that they welcome any ideas or requests that they could handle.

Budget and Planning reported “We met last Friday to go over the reserve's realignment request and made a recommendation on Senate Bill 2757.”

Elections reported they met last week and are still conducting interviews to fill the College of Engineering seat. They also reported they still have one vacancy in the College of Academic Affairs.

Homecoming they met on Tuesday to finalize homecoming events and plans. They are in need of volunteers to help table and hand out pizza and t-shirts on Monday from 10-2.

Programming and Institutional Development reported that they worked with the College Panhellenic Council on anti-hazing week. Additionally, they have been working with the College Panhellenic Council to focus on what their funds are going towards, are working on having a legislation workshop, and are looking at co-sponsoring some projects such as Women's History month and food pantries. Additionally, they reported that they reviewed Sb #2756.

The restructuring ad-hoc committee reported “As mentioned last week, the Ad-Hoc took on yet another task which was to write a resolution on ASUW's thoughts on the School of Computing. We have been working hard on writing this resolution. In this resolution we are addressing the necessity for the school but also some of the concerns with the implementation and presentation of the school. President Swilling also brought to the committee's attention about a slight problem with some wording in our working documents and our ability to change ASUW. Due to this, President Swilling, Vice President Anderson and I are working on writing a bill to define general elections so be on the lookout for that. Our main focus of the committee is to now focus on restructuring ASUW. There are a lot of topics we are working on covering including moving to a student-at-large representation model rather than a college representation model, changing our voting model, changing senate size, paying senators, and more. Due to our wide range of topics, we are looking at moving into a subcommittee model where each subcommittee would be focused on each of these specific topics. However in order to do this, we need more people to sit on the committee. So if any of these topics interest you, you are more than welcome to start attending these meetings.”

Safety and Wellness reported they met from 3:15 to 4:00 on Monday. Director of Marketing Clark attended to discuss marketing for the reusable mask wearing campaign. Part of this campaign will be the filming of a video and they would like Senators and Executives to submit a video about why they choose to wear a mask. This video can be submitted to Director of Marketing Clark.

Student Organization and Funding Board reported “SOFB Met at our normal time, yesterday at 3:30. We heard a request from ASOPA. We did not vote on that request as they wanted to make some changes and bring that back to us. We also had our first potential finance Policy infraction, we met with that student org and discussed about whether or not we would consider it an infraction and to put them on an advisory term. We decided not to, but they will work more closely with Director of Finance and Student Orgs Reyes-Aguilar. Additionally, it was brought to our attention that SOFB should consider creating a grant for new Student orgs to get some

start-up funds. We will be discussing and writing legislation to address that next week and following weeks.”

Student Outreach and Programming reported “SOP met last Wednesday and planned our tabling that we are doing in the library this week as well as an ASUW Executive and Student mingling event in November.”

Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review reported they have their first fee hearing this week and that they are continuing to work on getting units to schedule hearings. Legislation on these fees will be coming to the floor in November.

### **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 reported they will be hosting an event with a speaker from a business in Cheyenne.

The College of Education had no report.

The College of Engineering and Applied Sciences 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 reported that some of the students in the school will be presenting to the land management advisory board regarding student involvement in SER activities. This is an annual report that is required as part of a partnership.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

SB #2756: Outlining the Requirements for Budget Realignment Requests

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy gave a do-pass recommendation.

Budget and Planning gave a do-pass with amendments recommendation.

Programs and Institutional Development gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Smith moved to recommend a do-pass on SB #2756.

First-Year Senator Murphet seconded.

Senator Talamantes moved to amend the bill with the budget and planning amendments as electronically circulated before the meeting.

Senator True seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Debate continued on the original motion as amended.  
Motion passed unanimously via a roll call vote, 24-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Reserve Realignment Request

Budget and Planning gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Wilkins moved to approve the Reserve Realignment Request.

Senator Castronovo seconded.

The motion passed via a standing vote of 24-0.

### Selection of SAL of the Month

Senator Talamantes nominated Dani Ernste.

Senator Laverell nominated Tanner Wright.

Tanner Wright was selected as SAL of the month for September.

### Selection of Senator of the Month

Senator Rhymes nominated Senator Pradhanang.

Senator Nwokejiobi nominated Senator Lobato.

Senator Titus nominated Senator Rhymes.

Senator Pradhanang was selected as senator of the month for September.

### Selection of a Social Chair

Senator Nwokejiobi nominated Senator Castronovo.

Senator Talamantes nominated Senator Smith.

Senator Smith was selected as the social chair.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director of Financial Planning and Analysis Stadler announced that the financial wellness event will be held tomorrow, October 13, in the Union from 12pm-1pm.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier announced there will be two new First-Year senators joining as voting members of the full Senate next week.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:42pm. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

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