

# **ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

The October 19th 2021, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Anderson at 7:02 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 Anderson, Bowers, Cooper, Engel-Cartie, Hansen, Huges, Lobato, and Poniatowski were not present.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the October 12th, 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**

Misty Eaton, Director at the University Bookstore addressed the Senate tonight to discuss the new equitable access program that will soon be offered at the University. Equitable access relates to making all course material for students easily accessible and available to all students so that students have all required course materials the day that classes start. Equitable access would provide students with all their required learning materials at an affordable and predictable flat rate cost. These materials could include hard copy textbooks and online textbooks. Misty discussed how a major goal of this program is to make resources available to all students no matter what major or program they are in. Finally, she stated how this would give every student the ability to have the necessary content for when class starts. She then finished the presentation by asking for any questions and feedback on the plan for the program thus far.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Executive Reports**

President Swilling first reported on that he has created a new ad-hoc committee specifically for strategic planning. ASUW has a strategic plan that expires in 2020 so the 109<sup>th</sup> administration is in charge of creating a new one. The committee will meet heavily during the Spring semester and will count as a service hour if you chose to serve on it. He reported that him and Senator

Talamantes met with Vice Provost Alexander and Vice President Chestnut to discuss the plan and process so that they are prepared for creating the ASUW plan. This plan is extremely important as it outlines the goals and visions of ASUW for the next five years. He then reported how he met with Provost Carman and President Siedel to discuss the white paper and to help better communicate with students. Ways that communication could be improved could be with fewer emails, catchier summaries, bullet points rather than paragraphs, and by using Wyocourses pages. He also reported he has begun crunching numbers on student issues survey to consolidate these numbers and share them with relevant groups and projects. Next, he reported that he has been working on Giving Day projects and has also been serving on the ASUW restructuring committee. Next, he reported that his city council presentation with Director Brown went well. He also reported that he had an interview with the boomerang over COVID and student opinions. He also reported that coming up in the future, there will be a social dinner with the President and Provost. Finally, he reported that he heard from President Seidel about his vision for a Vice President for the Office of Research and Economic Development. Finally, he reported that he has continued work on various endowments.

Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam said “As I mentioned last week, I have been put in charge of heading the ASUW Homecoming parade effort, and earlier tonight I spoke during First Year Senate’s open forum about the parade, I am happy to say I have recruited four First Year Senators to walk with me on Saturday. I will be giving more information about the parade as well as passing around a sign-up sheet for the parade to all of you during announcements later tonight. Last week I did much outreach in an attempt to get more students to join First Year Senate, sharing information with multiple student organizations I am a part of, with my own departmental email list serve, and with the Honors College email list serve. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you all to also reach out to first year students through your own friend groups, organizations, and departments or colleges to get more students joining First Year Senate. Yesterday, I attended the Student Organization Funding Board meeting, as I was asked to offer my personal experience with starting my own student organization on campus. The purpose of my attendance at this meeting was to aid in the development of a grant to financially support newly started student organizations, and I thank Funding Board for inviting me to participate in that conversation. Finally, I have been working with the Safety and Wellness committee in partnership with our Director of Marketing Clark Mellott on future ASUW social media graphics. Over the weekend I took photos modeling different types of face masks, photos that will be used in future ASUW social media graphics along with information educating students on the pros and cons of different kinds of face masks. Tonight, I will also be giving a report on behalf of our Director of Governmental and Community Affairs, Allison Brown. Director Brown and President Swilling presented to City Council last week on challenges facing the student body, and City Council was very receptive to the presentation and ASUW’s initiatives for the 109<sup>th</sup> administration. The presentation is available to view on the City of Laramie’s YouTube. Furthermore, Director Brown plans to meet with Mayor Weaver and other Council Members on the issue of a rights document between tenants and their landlords or Property Management Companies. If any senators are interested in this topic or in collaborating with the City Council, Director Brown asks them to reach out to her personally.”

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier said “Last week Vice President Anderson and I finished interviewing the applicants for the College of Engineering. We had two applicants and two

vacancies in this College, so both applicants were selected to fill these seats. Both will be up for confirmation in the coming weeks, Bradley Bowels tonight, and then Aliah Bell next week. Aliah was unable to attend tonight so she will be up for confirmation next week. I have also been attending the fee unit hearings to learn about and evaluate the different student fees on campus, I will also be attending these hearings in the coming weeks as they are scheduled. Last week, President Swilling and I finished the School of Computing resolution which will be up for first reading tonight. Coming up with legislation, I am working on a bill now to define general elections and hopefully that can be hitting the floor soon. Additionally, I am going to begin writing a resolution in support of a new DEI position on the College of Panhellenic council. Additionally, I have also been working with some first-year senators to help them write and pursue a special projects request. Coming up in the future, I am just continuing to do a lot of work with the Ad-Hoc committee and am continuing to serve as a resource to everyone. Finally, we had one good week of this and then it kind of fell off, but once again, please email me your report if you give one at any point in the meeting.”

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Sapien reported that he has been working on Giving Day and with DACA and international students. He is also working with Director of Marketing Clark on some new social media campaigns. He also reported that giving day starts tomorrow, October 20<sup>th</sup>, and will run from noon to noon and urges everyone to donate and share all social media posts regarding Giving Day.

Director of Finance and Student Organizations Reyes-Aguilar said “This week I have been working on some of my usual tasks. Director Stadler and I had our first Financial Wellness event. We look forward to more events throughout the semester. Director Stadler and I also met with Aaron Courtney from Student Financial Services to talk about how they could support Financial Wellness Events. I have also been working on updating the self-evaluation event form for Student Organizations, as well as creating a self-evaluation conference and competition form for student Orgs. Funding Board has also begun to work on some legislation to offer a grant to new Student Organizations to get started alongside the help of Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam and Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier. Over the next week, I look forward to continuing with some of the previously mentioned projects as well as my usual tasks.”

Director of Financial Planning and Analysis Stadler said “Last week Financial Wellness had their first event which me, Director of Finance and Student Organizations, and the Financial Wellness committee helped planned and run the event. I reached out to organizations as a follow up for Giving Day which starts tomorrow. I met with SAAC to see how ASUW can help student athletes. This week I will continue to reach out to people about Giving Day until Giving Day is finished. I will begin planning for the Cash Cart for Financial Wellness. I will continue attending Fee Hearings. Me and the Director of Finance and Students Organizations will begin writing legislation for changes to the Finance Policy.”

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 recorded the Green Dot Q&A with Michelle DiPasquale and Director McLean. Additionally, I worked with getting the

Homecoming shirts printed with Pinebeach, brought to campus, and folding them. They were handed out yesterday, I would say very successfully. Additionally, I began to work on social media for homecoming and Giving Day. This week, much of my time is taken up by homecoming and Giving Day on social media. There will also be a town hall hosted on Thursday.”

Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke reported “Last week started off with tabling for all our programs. The best turn out was for non trad and the First year senate, at least signatures collected wise. The round table of all partners took place last week. Several ideas came out of it, including a food drive and talks about supporting AD&P special projects. Reminder all, if you recruit a freshman or transfer student to the FYS, prizes are available as an award! The rest of my report will be mentioned throughout various other committees.”

Director of Wellness and Sustainability McLean reported “This week Director Clark, Michelle DiPasquale and I finally filmed the “Sex Shouldn’t Be Spooky” video. This will be released on October 28 on Green Dot’s Instagram account. Much of this week was spent finalizing AD&P’s special projects proposal, which we will hear about later this evening. Next, I am working with Director Brown on research regarding college Good Samaritan policies. I am also preparing some more marketing for wellness initiatives on campus.”

Vice President Anderson reported that the First-Year senate mentorship pairings are ready. If you have a mentee, Vice President Anderson asks that you show up between 6-6:30 before the Senate meeting next week so that you can meet your First-Year senator. He also reported that President Seidel will be the special event next week to discuss the School of Computing. He also reported that the official recommendation for the School of Computing from ASUW will be up for second reading and debate next week. He also stated that he is still working on ordering nametags and name plates for the new Senators and that these should be in in the next couple of weeks. Finally, he reported that if you are a Senator and interested in holding an office hour, let him know. Office hours are a good way to earn a service hour and connect with your constituents.

Project Coordinator Crosby reported that the ASUW programs who had participated in tabling wrapped up their efforts last week and are excited to reintroduce their opportunities and mission onto campus. She also reported they are actively working on facing community harm and making community spaces more accessible and equitable on campus for particularly vulnerable populations. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns regarding this, please reach out to her. She also reported that ASU’s strategic partners participated in a roundtable discussion where they talked about events and marketing. Next, she reported that she sat on some Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy meetings and finally she wished everyone a happy homecoming.

### **Ex- Officio Communications**

College Panhellenic Council was not present.

Faculty Senate was not present.

First-Year Senate reported they were able to reach a quorum and meet at their regular time of 5pm on Tuesdays. At their meeting they read SR #2757 for the first time, voted on the confirmation of a new senator, swore in a new first-year senator, and selected new full Senate representatives.

The Interfraternity Council's report was read by Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacks which was "The IFC would like to report that they had a good meeting last week with director Hacke and project coordinator Crosby. They discussed future partnership opportunities and look forward to working with ASUW in the future. Last Wednesday and Thursday they had new member education which went well. They also look forward to all the fun homecoming events this week."

International Students Association was not present.

Non-Traditional Student Council had no report.

Residence Halls Association reported they are cancelling their general assembly tomorrow in support of homecoming sing. They also reported they are now primarily focusing on their next event which is safe treat.

The Sustainability Coalition reported the climate action taskforce had their second meeting. They also reported that the beta house Foodshare pantry is opening Friday. Finally they reported Solar Fest is the 29<sup>th</sup> in Prexys and on November 17<sup>th</sup> there will be an event at Washaki.

Staff Senate was not present.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee had no report.

United Multicultural Council was not present.

Wyoming Honors Organization had no report.

### **Committee Reports**

Steering reported they met briefly over zoom to steer senate resolution 2757.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported "ADP met last Friday at our usual time of 2:30p. We did not have steered legislation, so we used this time to make final decisions on our special projects application. I am waiting on a couple of updates from tentative stakeholders before I submit our final draft tomorrow. I am extremely proud of the hard work done on this project by all members of ADP, including Senators, First Year Senators, and Executives. We believe that our proposal to distribute free rape-drug prevention products will promote student safety and empower bystander intervention. We realize that there is still so much work ahead to combat sexual violence in the Laramie community, but hope that this effort can help promote a Green Dot culture, and send an unambiguous message that sexual violence is not okay with us. We look forward to the next steps in the process."

Budget and Planning reported “B&P did not meet last week. However, Special Project Applications do close tomorrow at 5pm and over the next two weeks we will be holding hearings to determine which projects we want to fund.”

Elections reported “The elections committee met last week at our usual time, we conducted interviews candidates for College of engineering. We have put forward one applicant for confirmation of said college. We still have one vacant seat for the Academic Affairs, which will remain open on a rolling basis.”

Homecoming reported that the pizza and t-shirt give away went well and they thanked everyone who helped. As a reminder, if you volunteered, this counts as a service hour and to put Senator Wilkins or Vice President Anderson down as verification. They also reported that there will be a BBQ on Friday and the horseshoe hunt will be happening all week, Make sure to follow the social media for updates and information on these events. Finally, they reported that on Thursday in the gardens from 9-12 there will be lawn games and then Qdoba for dinner.

Programming and Institutional Development reported they met this past week but due to weather, about half of the committee was missing. They did have a discussion with project coordinator crosby over first-year senate to try and get more engagement and find a way to better integrate it into ASUW. Coming up, they will be having some discussions regarding the restructuring and will be hearing from ASTEC. They are also revisiting past discussions about partners and programs of ASUW and are working on finding tangible steps to better integrate them into ASUW.

The restructuring ad-hoc committee reported “the Ad-Hoc met last Thursday at 7am. We reviewed the school of computing proposal and ensured we had put everything we wanted to in that resolution. In terms of ASUW restructuring, we have decided to pursue looking at having a student at large model for ASUW rather than a college representation model. If you have any comments or concerns about this, I encourage you to come to one of the Ad-Hoc meetings to share your thoughts. Furthermore, we are now researching other college’s student senate models to get inspiration and ideas on how we could potentially restructure ASUW. Due to this need to research and because of Homecoming events, we cancelled the Ad-Hoc yesterday but will be meeting this Thursday at 7am to discuss the research conducted and decide which direction we would like to go in. If you have any ideas or would like to see ASUW taken in a certain direction, I strongly encourage you to attend any of our meetings.”

Safety and Wellness reported they did not meet this week but have begun creating marketing materials promoting reusable masks. They will be meeting at their regular meeting time next week, #;15-4 PM in the ASUW conference room.

Student Organization and Funding Board reported “SOFB met yesterday at our usual time. We heard a request from the American Pharmacists association for a virtual conference. Their request was approved. We also had a discussion about some legislation we plan to write to give students who want to start a new student org a grant in order for them to get started. I would like to thank Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier, Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam and Gilbert from

Student Orgs and entertainment for helping us with aiding in discussion and answering many questions. We plan to work more on this legislation in two weeks.”

Student Outreach and Programming reported they met last week and worked on planing events but will not be meeting next week.

Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review reported they have begun their fee hearings and will begin constructing their recommendations at their Thursday meeting. They also reported that the legislation with the final recommendations on the fee units will be up on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **College Contact Reports**

The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources reported “we plan on meeting with Dean Rasco next Tuesday. I plan to discuss some student concerns along with learning more about how the FCS move out of CANR will affect students.”

The College of Arts and Sciences had no report.

The College of Business had no report.

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 had no report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Senate Resolution #2757: ASUW’s Recommendation Regarding the Creation of a School of Computing

The resolution was read for the first time.

The resolution was steered to Ad-Hoc Restructuring, Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy, Programs and Institutional Development

Senator Ebben moved to suspend the Abernathy Clause.

Senator Wilkins seconded.

The motion passed via voice vote.

#### Confirmation of a New Senator

Senator Ebben moved to approve nominee Bradley Bowles for the College of Engineering seat.

Senator Castronovo seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a standing vote, 22-0.

#### Swearing in of a New Senator

Bradley Bowles was sworn into the Senate by Vice President Anderson.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice President Anderson announced that there will be a Qdoba dinner Wednesday night at 6pm. Please fill out the RSVP form he will be sending out. He also announced a BBQ will be held for students in Prexys and asks for volunteers for that. The event will be from 11-1pm.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier announced there is a vacancy in the college of Health Sciences and to share this with anyone you may know in this college.

President Swilling announced that he had attended the board of trustees meeting last week. He announced the mask mandate was extended until the next meeting. They also heard updates about the restructuring from Provost Caramn.

Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam announced The Homecoming Parade is this Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 9:30am, although we will most likely be meeting up closer to 9:00. Connect with fellow Senators, Executives, and First Year Senators! Show your ASUW pride and support student government! We will also just have a really fun time, we will be handing out candy! Not enough incentive? You also get to hang out with me and VP Anderson, Senator Wilkins. Technically all UW students are members of ASUW, so please feel free to bring a friend or significant other to walk with you. Passing around a sign up sheet, I am asking for names and emails so that I can send out a single group email to give specifics about a meeting time and place, what to wear, what to bring, etc.”

Resident Housing Associated announced that next Thursday, October 28, there will be Safe Treat.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:34pm. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

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