

# **ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

The October 25th, 2022, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Carrier at 7:01 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 Hacke was absent.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved without objection.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The minutes were approved without objection.

## **OPEN FORUM**

No one in the gallery wished to address the Senate.

## **SPECIAL EVENT**

There was no Special Event for the evening.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Executive Reports**

President Brown: "the Student Issues Survey Report has been published! We sent this to everyone last week in the email chain. There is a summarized abstract at the top of document. Feel free to share these out to anyone! We will be widely sharing these with other administration groups on campus. We will have an Instagram Series & announce it in our November Newsletter. Unfortunately, Director of Diversity and Inclusion Tesia Lin has offered her resignation effective this Friday, October 28th to focus on graduate school, her work in her research lab, and other priorities. We deeply appreciate Tesia's dedication to supporting marginalized students on this campus and will miss her presence in the office. Moving forward, Vice President Carrier, Chief of Staff Skorcz, and I will be reviewing applicants from this summer and offering the position to one of those students. We hope to go through the confirmation process next week during Senate. Please let me know if y'all have any questions or concerns. We met with IFC and CPH leaders. The administration is going to be addressing medical amnesty with Senators and FSL Leaders working groups. We will be drafting anti-hazing legislation at the state legislature. I have been involved with the Student Wellness Advisory Board (SWAB). We are going to tackle the block tuition exemption processes and

attempt to make it as equitable for students as possible. I attended Seidel's Cabinet Last Thursday where he gave his opening remarks. There are few updates on the Strategic Plan. There is a Presidential evaluation process for President Seidel as well. VP Carrier and I will be meeting with President Seidel. I have been reviewing impacted revenue areas on campus such as, retail dining options on campus, block tuition, equitable access, expanded scholarships for students and CHIPS and Science Act working groups. ASUW has been working on October Outreach. In November Board of Trustees have a few items of discussion. There is a fellowship for a student, likely ASUW President, on the Cabinet. There's been discussion on centralized ACES advising. We are following up with Academic Affairs and Provost Carmen. There is hiring for a Vice President for Online and Continuing Education. I am serving on that hiring committee the next two weeks. There are a few ASUW Giving Day Updates. Namely, over \$6,000 for our funds. Over \$51,000 in students, above national average, working with the foundation to celebrate/announce this for students. There is upcoming Student Outreach which we are expanding like the Town Halls and Q&As. Ways of further engaging with students and the importance of social media/union. In President Seidel's Evaluation I'm Working with VP Carrier to develop ASUW's review. I am meeting with Tara Evans from UW General Counsel later this week to determine what all is public and sensitive on this. We are developing a survey report as well as I slide deck that I will deliver during the executive session of the November BOT Meeting. There are some Special Projects / Facilities Endowment developing an internal one-pager for facilities, let me know if you're interested. The November Newsletter will have more next week. We are discussing Visit Laramie and UCC Services. There will be a board of trustees lunch with 12-16 ASUW members on November 16th or 17th. There will be some upcoming legislation such as a resolution with Senators for our statement on Chick-Fil-A (which is laid out in the summary of the survey report). Senators McClean and Swilling have worked diligently on this. We will be sending it to AD&P tomorrow and looking for feedback/sponsors prior to Thursday. We have worked on Expectations/guidelines for the block tuition exemption committee, bringing this resolution to ADP on Friday for their review and feedback as they've been critical on this."

Chief of Staff Skorcz was not present.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Smith reported that he has been working on legislative projects and updated the ASUW website to include the Judicial Council nominees.

Director of Marketing Pappas was not present.

Director of Student Outreach Murfitt was not present.

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 Wellness Malles was not present.

Director of Sustainability Macey was not present.

Vice President Carrier: "Apologies for not having a special event tonight, turns out I did not send an email that I thought I did. We have a full schedule though for the rest of the semester. There is a Mandatory Green Dot Training on November 2nd at 5:30 in the East Ballroom in the Union. This is required and if you are not able to attend, you need to let me know ASAP with evidence as to why you cannot attend. Reminder to please be putting your legislation drafts in the SharePoint. Pretty much everyone's service hours have been approved. If yours were not, I sent you an email, let me know if you have any concerns about that. Also with service hours, the month of October is its own period in which you need 2 service hours for. Month of October service hours will be due on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Yesterday, I had a committee chair check in meeting. We all touched base about what is going on in each committee and talked about ways that we can better have collaboration with legislation and amendments. This meeting will be occurring monthly. This is more relevant to committee chairs, but I have created in the SharePoint an area under the committee folder where all committee amendments will be going. Yesterday, I also sent out the When2Meet for our mid semester check ins. Please fill this out if you have not already and I will be sending you a calendar invite unless I have specified otherwise. All the meetings will be in my office unless otherwise noted or needed. I also worked today with Project Coordinator Craft to assign all of the First-Year Senators to their committees, and they will be joining your committees next week please be welcoming and kind. Committee chairs, I will be emailing you all your senators later this week

This week my Senator of the week is Senator Stadler- If you don't know, Senator Stadler is my co-chair for the tuition allocation and student fee review committee. She has been a massive help in the process, and I would not be able to survive or do it without her, so I wanted to show my app.

Assistant Director Hansen reported that he Had a division of student affairs leader meeting. They track how many people are checking into student health, how many people went to Half Acre, etc. They discussed the effect of student's burnout midsemester and how it seems much earlier than prior years. They established how staff can best support students. He invited everyone to the ASUW student circle at Turtle Rock tomorrow!

Accountant Schaef: "Just a quick payroll reminder - when entering your time in HCM, unfortunately you cannot just enter your sum total hours in one day each week. I know it's not fun, but HR has started rejecting several of these. Please ensure you enter the number of hours each day just like in your excel timesheet. If you have any questions on this or any other payroll issues, please let me know. This week, my Moment of Inspiration goes to Senator Madison Willis. I'm so impressed with the collaboration opportunities with athletics that Madison has brought to ASUW over the last 2 years. You truly make such a difference as a senator so thank you. Also, good luck on Friday as you and the cross country team race and host the Mountain West Cross Country Championship. We're all cheering you on!"

Project Coordinator Craft Gave a shoutout to UMC and ISA for hosting international coffee hour this past Friday. He also announced that First Year Senators will be attending standing committees in the following week and committee chairs should expect about 3 more members on the committee. FYS is also starting head table elections and will soon be at Senate meetings. He also announced the FYS mentorship program where a member of the full Senate is paired with one or two first year students. It isn't mandatory, but highly encouraged to.

### **Ex- Officio Communications**

College Panhellenic Council (CPH) was not present.

Faculty Senate was not present.

First-Year Senate (FYS) was not present.

Interfraternity Council (IFC) was not present.

International Students Association (ISA) reported that they will be at SOFB tomorrow and the international coffee hour is this week.

Non-Traditional Student Council was not present.

Residence Halls Association reported that the first event is this week where they will be participating in Safe Treat.

The Sustainability Coalition was not present.



Staff Senate was not present.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee reported that Friday is the Mountain West Conference Championships for men's and women's cross country. Athletes will be hosting the Halloween Bash for kids in the community, this will be held in the Field House.

United Multicultural Council reported that they hosted their first international coffee hour to great success and will be hosting another one soon. They are working on an event regarding the Dia De Los Muertos in the upcoming week.

Wyoming Honors Organization was not present.

### **Committee Reports**

Steering met on Friday from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and reviewed and steered legislation.

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): "Last week we reviewed all 28 Special Projects applications. We rejected 12 because the committee determined that they were not eligible based on the guidelines for the endowment funds, for various reasons such as asking for travel costs, salaries/stipends/honoraria, not having a developed plan to determine the special project or did not have a long-term impact. We offered a hearing to 16 applications. We have conducted 7 hearings already and will be wrapping up the other 9 by end-of-day Tuesday, November 1st, so one week from today. November 8th will be first reading for special projects and November 15th will be second reading. We decided to sponsor the legislation that is up for first reading tonight. We decided to sponsor the legislation that is up for first reading tonight, thank you to Sen. Engel-Cartie for that. We discussed legislation that Senator Hacke is writing. This week Special Projects are ongoing. The Committee will take a look at hearings, including written proposals, Qualtrics form submissions, and recorded hearings in the B&P folder. If you have any questions, please let me know. Happy to discuss and communicate this. On Thursday, we will discuss legislation steered to us and take action on any realignments that may come in. We will welcome any First-Year Senators who will serve in the committee."

Outreach, Programming, and Elections (OPE) Met yesterday at normal meeting time where they gave a recommendation on the bill steered to them. They also did an evaluation of Homecoming where they broke down their spending for events. They are looking into creating an evaluation form for events and published the vote count for the previous election they are also looking into drafting legislation regarding their committee.

Program and Institutional Development (PID) reported that they held conversations on becoming the restructuring committee next semester and discussed pertinent topics regarding ASUW programs.

Student Organization Funding Board (SOFB): “we met at our normal time last week and discussed the one request we had. We reviewed the piece of legislation we drafted which should be up for first reading next week and talked about some potential changes to the committee such as Sustainability Coalition sitting on funding board.”

Tuition Allocation and Fee Review Committee reported that they are in the middle of fee hearings and are asking for more information from certain departments. They are considering having a focus group to have student feedback for the resolution, but there is only 15 days left to finish the resolution. They are going to reconsider this in the Spring semester. They met with the School of Energy Resources, the Haub School, Athletics, and WyGISC GIST. The Haub School is requesting a 5 dollar increase, athletics is also requesting an increase of 12.50. The Committee has coming up this next week including recycling, Student Affairs, College of Engineering, College of Health Sciences, College of Business, and Transportation Services.

Ad-Hoc Restructuring: “We had a lengthy discussion on SB #2828 and the vacancy process. We continued conversation on the Steering Bill and the Program Expectation bill is being written by Senator Castronovo.”

Ad-Hoc Student Parking Met and debrief their conversation with the office of Transportation. They are contacting different stakeholders and creating marketing programs addressing the concerns.

### **College Council Reports**

Representative of the College of Agriculture Madison Blaeser gave a report stating that they Met with the Dean of the college to address their concerns.

Representative of the College of Business Colter Anderson reported that They had their first leadership meeting. The second one will be early November. He has an interesting proposal regarding IT application for the modern world of business. They are looking forward to the next college council meeting.

### **OLD BUISNESS**

SB #2828 Reformation of the Vacancy Process for ASUW Senators

Senator Engelby moved to take the bill from the table.

Senator Sapien seconded.

The bill was taken from the table via a rising vote of 18-1-0.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Smith moved to withdraw the bill.

Senator Bouma seconded.

The bill was withdrawn without objection.

SB #2830 ASUW’s Explicit Language Inclusion of Military-Connected Students and Non-Traditional Students Statement

The bill was read for a second time.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy recommended a do pass with amendments.

Outreach, Programming, and Elections recommended a do pass.

Program and Institutional Development recommended a do pass.

Steering recommended a do pass with amendments.

Senator Engelby moved to pass.

Senator Sapien seconded.

Senator Petri moved to adopt the amendments proposed by Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy.

Senator Sapien seconded.

The amendments passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Senator Castronovo moved to adopt the amendments proposed by Steering.

Senator Stadler seconded.

The motion was passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Senator Swilling moved to amend the motion with those electronically circulated by the Senator.

Senator Stadler seconded.

The amendments were passed unanimously via a voice vote.

The legislation passed via a roll call vote of 19-0.

#### **SR# 2831 ASUW's Support for Explicit Language Inclusion of Military-Connected Students and Non-Traditional Students**

The bill was read for a second time.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy recommended a do pass with amendments.

Senator Castronovo moved to pass.

Senator Willis seconded.

Senator Castronovo moved to adopt the amendments proposed by Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy.

Senator Clark seconded.

Passed unanimously via a voice vote.

The legislation passed via a roll call vote of 19-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Confirmation of Brittany Stadler to the Student Media Advisory Board**

Moved by Senator Sapien.

Seconded by Senator McLean.

Brittany Stadler was confirmed to the Student Media Advisory Board unanimously via a standing vote.

#### **SB #2832 ASUW By-Law Scholarship Policy Changes**

The bill was read for the first time.

The legislation was steered to Budget and Planning and Steering.

#### **SB# 2833 Creation of a Separate Endowments Policy**

The bill was read for the first time.

The legislation was steered to Budget and Planning and Steering.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Sapien announced that Alternative Breaks will be happening this upcoming Spring break.

Senator Engelby announced that the elections cycle is being amended and voted on in the upcoming week for Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Senator McLean announced that this Thursday is Purple Thursday, so wear purple to show your support for the prevention of domestic violence.

Saber Smith  
Chief of Legislative Affairs 110<sup>th</sup> Administration  
*Notes taken by Senator Castronovo*

