

# **ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

The November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Anderson at 7:51 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, Catlin, Dawson, Hughes, Lobato, Titus, True, Wilkins, and First-Year Senator Fiori were not present.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, senate meeting was approved without objection, as electronically circulated.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Senator Rhymes moved to strike item ten on the agenda, the special event.

Senator Smith seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

President Swilling moved to instruct the Chief of Legislative Affairs to include the notes from the special event in the minutes even though it did not occur during the meeting and for the minutes to reflect this.

Senator Rhymes seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

The agenda was approved, without objection, as amended.

## **OPEN FORUM**

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

## **SPECIAL EVENT**

Although the special event had been struck from the agenda, Jeremy Davis presented before the ASUW Senate was called to order.

Jeremy Davis addressed the Senate tonight to discuss the center for student involvement and leadership (CSIL) at the University of Wyoming. First, Jeremy discussed how he is the director of CSIL and was hired about four years ago to help build CSIL. He first began by going over the leadership within CSIL and the breakdowns of each of the different departments within CSIL. Next, he discussed the benefits of being apart of CSIL and what can be seen within students who are apart of CSIL organizations. First of all, it has been found that students within CSIL achieve

a higher GPA than those students who are not a part of CSIL. Secondly, students who are part of CSIL are able to build stronger social networks, not only with other students, but also with university administration. Students in CSIL are also more likely to succeed during their first and subsequent years. CSIL offers a lot of support to help individuals graduate and obtain a job or be admitted to graduate school. Next, he discussed the short-term goals of CSIL. These goals are to make the student experience easier to navigate, leverage student success stories to demonstrate the importance of involvement, and to embed the co-curricular into student success initiatives. Next, he discussed student testimonies and examples of students success stories from being a part of CSIL. He then discussed how his office works hard to make sure to accurately communicate different events happening on campus. He explained and showed different ways that CSIL events are being advertised including the campus events posters that change on a weekly basis and the social media directory on the website. He then discussed current CSIL initiatives which include that student involvement and leadership council and the student leadership conference. With this, he discussed ways that ASUW specifically can collaborate and work on initiatives with CSIL. Examples of opportunities for collaboration include union after dark, union fest, event planning assistance, and 7220 entertainment. Finally, he ended his presentation by opening a discussion about thoughts on engagement and ways to get more engagement from the student population.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Executive Reports**

President Swilling first reported that the Board of Trustees is meeting starting on Wednesday and will be meeting until Friday. At the meeting they will be discussing the University restructuring and budget cuts to the University which includes 13.1 million dollars. He also noted that he had a meeting with Provost Carman where he learned that no current faculty will be cut from the budget cuts and that they are only eliminating vacant positions. At the Board of Trustees meeting they will be voting on the COVID-19 policy and the mask policy. He reported that he will be speaking in favor of having a more thought out and heads up notice of what the mask policy will look like in the Spring semester and that they decide as soon as possible. He also reported that the COVID advisory committee has advised that the mask policy be extended until at least the third week of the Spring semester and then dropped if COVID-19 has not skyrocketed. Next, he reported there have been two applications for the ASTEC coordinator and that they are moving too a co-coordinator model. There will be a realignment for this coming to Senate on November 30<sup>th</sup>. He also noted that he is continuing to work on his current projects such as restructuring and the DACA endowments. He also noted that it is extremely important that everyone attends the November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup> meetings as there is a lot that will be up for debate.

Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam's report was included with Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier's.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier said "Tonight, I will be giving a report on behalf of our Chief of Staff, Hazel Homer-Wambeam. Last week, Chief Homer-Wambeam met with faculty member Marsha Knight to discuss student opinions on the creation of the School of Computing. She has also been launching a project alongside the Safety and Wellness committee to improve winter

safety on campus as well as educate out of state and international students on winter driving and winter safety. Over the next few weeks, Chief Homer-Wambeam will be working with President Swilling and President Anderson on reevaluating their initial campaigns and ensuring our administration is fulfilling the promises and goals of the original Swilling/Anderson campaign. Tonight, I will also be giving a report on behalf of our Director of Governmental and Community Affairs, Allison Brown. Director Brown has continued her work with a Good Samaritan Policy. Director Mclean will expand on their work during her report. Director Brown continues to work with Mayor Weaver and city council representatives on ordinances for tenant-property management company/landlord rights. Nothing yet has been proposed to her, but when she receives anything, she will inform the senate. Additionally, with the ad-hoc restructuring committee, Director Brown is sitting on a School of Computing advisory board with President Sidel and other university stakeholders, alongside President Swilling and Senator Engel-Cartie. Last week, the group discussed ASUW's concerns for the creation of a School of Computing and logistical questions. Director Brown and Director Clark-Melot met with an individual from the committee and discussed future joint marketing initiatives. Additionally, Director Brown met with A&S Dean Okpudu alongside a handful of executives and Senator Ewalt. They discussed issues relating to whole-College events, restructuring, and the process for removal of the Spencer quote from the A&S Building. Dean Okpudu was excited to talk with ASUW about initiatives, and asked us to sit on a panel for students in April and continue to interact with them. Now for my own report, first of all, Jeremy was discussing the student involvement and leadership council, as a reminder I sit on this council so if you have anything you would like the council to address, let me know. Also, with that student leadership conference I highly encourage you attend, in the council we have been taking a lot of time to make it a very engaging experience so I highly recommend you to come. Anyways, a lot of my time last week was spent in fee hearings and working with tuition allocation and student fee review committee. I also assisted with legislation writing and with filling elections vacancies. This week I am beginning to write legislation for the Ad-Hoc, specifically the College Council legislation and with that I am working on outlining and structuring what all still needs to be covered in that committee. I am also helping Director Stadler and Director Reyes-Aguilar with cash cart tomorrow which should be fun. On Monday the 29th, I will be attending the Advising Council Meeting and this meeting will be to discuss the Advising fee distribution topic, if you have any thoughts about this, please let me know. Finally, the legislation deadline for any legislation you want voted on this semester is November 29th at 8am. This is a Monday, so a little different than usual but that is the final chance for legislation this semester. If you have any questions or concerns about this please let me know."

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Sapien reported that he has been working along many other directors on various projects. With this, he has also been working on scholarships for DACA students.

Director of Finance and Student Organizations Reyes-Aguilar's reported "This week, a large portion of my time has consumed by planning our Financial Wellness events. Our Cash Cart event will be held tomorrow from 8AM-3PM so be on the lookout for that. We are also planning a Spring Break Budgeting Event in December and are working on the details for this event. I have also been working on creating legislation for a grant that would aid the creation of new Student Orgs. Over the next week, I will continue to work on the legislation with funding board,



as well as continue the planning of Financial Wellness events. I will also be meeting with Gilbert from the Student Orgs and Entertainment office with Director Sapien to figure out a way to restructure UW Connect.”

Director of Financial Planning and Analysis Stadler said “This week I have been working on Financial Wellness events. We are still needing volunteers for Cash Cart tomorrow for a 10 am – 11 pm shift. I am beginning the analysis and breakdown of the ASUW fee to show where the ASUW fee goes to. I will be meeting with the Athletics Planning Committee tomorrow to see the goals for Athletics next semester.”

Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Brown’s report was included with Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier’s.

Director of Marketing Clark’s said “Last week, I began marketing the Marketing internship we are offering in the spring semester, prepping the podcast that will focus on the School of Computing with President Seidel, and social media of course. This week, I am continuing finalizing the podcast, wyocourses work, and social media work.”

Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke’s said “last week I was very happy to submit Senate bill #2760 to Steering, and look forwards to hearing it in its first reading tonight. Myself with other members of the executive branch along with the ASUW pro staff are currently investigating new language and definitions for a new system for ASUW relationships across campus. I look forwards to hopefully presenting this in legislative formats, if our strict time frame allows it. The College Panhellenic Council unfortunately was unable to meet with us this week for their monthly meeting, in response to this we have communicated and reached out through electronic means. We look forwards to meeting with IFC at the end of the week. The main topics that will be discussed in this meeting will be ASUW restructuring and the FSL elections transition team.”

Director of Wellness and Sustainability McLean reported that her and Director Brown continued working on the good Samaritan and medical amnesty legislation and is working on finding sponsors for this piece. On Friday she attended the A-teams monthly meeting to discuss the legislation and also met with Dean O’Neil to update her on the status of the resolution as well. Tomorrow on Wednesday, her and Director Brown will be speaking with the residence halls association about the resolution. She has also been working on restocking the food share cabinet and the wellness series on social media.

The Judicial Council was not present.

Vice President Anderson reported that he is hoping to sit down and compile service hour opportunities. He also reported that you can backlog service hours and to make sure that you get your service hours done. He also reported that the WyoCourses page is finished so that Senators can begin submitting their Senatorial requirements. He also reported that all of the nameplates are in and that if you don’t have a name tag or nameplate, let Vice President Anderson or Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier know. He also addressed that attendance is mandatory and crucial and that you are not to attend Senate at your own leisure. Finally, he reported that the fee

legislation is up for first reading and to take the time to really read and familiarize yourself with the recommendations. These recommendations will be taken to the central fee review committee.

Project Coordinator Crosby reported that her past week was spent supporting the events from the Non-Traditional student council. She has also been in conversation with united multicultural affairs and Coordinator Wolfgang with specifics to the council's relationships with identity-based student organizations and the greater Laramie community. She has also provided team building activities for First-Year Senate and has touched base with their partners. She has also been working closely with Director Hacke on rewriting Article 8 of the ASUW By-Laws. She looks forwards to continuing to rewrite programs constitutions, work with the executive staff, CSIL leadership, and supporting interim ASUW support staff Thomson-Lichty.

Interim ASUW Support Staff Thomson-Lichty was nor present.

### **Ex- Officio Communications**

College Panhellenic Council had no report.

Faculty Senate was not present.

First-Year Senate reported they met this evening and conducted business as usual.

The Interfraternity Council had no report.

International Students Association reported that the etiquette dinner is happening this Saturday. They also reported that at this dinner, you will have the opportunity to connect with international students and that tickets can be collected at the Union events office.

Non-Traditional Student Council reported they helped with veterans day where they participated with the roll call event. They also reported they have a movie night this week where they will be showing dazed and confused. Finally, they reported they offer support on senate bill #2760.

Residence Halls Association was not present.

The Sustainability Coalition reported that the food waste event at Washaki will be happening on Wednesday.

Staff Senate was not present.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee was not present.

United Multicultural Council was not present.

Wyoming Honors Organization had no report.

### **Committee Reports**

Steering reported they met last week to steer the legislation that are up for first reading tonight.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported that they did not meet.

Budget and Planning reported “last week, B&P deliberated on which special projects ASUW is going to fund. We came to a decision to fund 5 out of the 9 projects that applied. We plan to work with one of those applicants that did not get selected and use funds out of ASUW’s facilities endowment to fund their request. We are in the process of writing legislation to grant these applicants funding and that bill will be up for first reading on November 30<sup>th</sup>, after we get back from break. We also had a budget realignment before us that was under \$3,500 and we approved it unanimously. The ASUW President asked that we realign \$3,084 from various professional staff salary line items in the ASUW Business Office budget to fund three of the ASUW Executive pay line items in the ASUW Executive Branch budget so that three executives could work up to 20 hours a week. As of last week, the Director of Programs, Partners, and Events, the Director of Diversity and Inclusion, and the Director of Wellness and Sustainability, all worked over their capped hours of 15 hours because they are incredibly passionate about the work they do. Before we approved this realignment, they were still working 20 hours a week but weren’t getting paid that extra 5 hours because our budget only allocates 15 paid hours to them. However, with vacant positions in the ASUW’s business office, this realignment would allow those three executives to work 20 hours a week at a small cost. We plan to meet this week to go over the special projects legislation, discuss potentially funding some furniture in student spaces in the classroom building, and hear any realignments that may come before us.”

Elections reported they met last week at their usual time and are currently working on interviewing applicants for the vacant Senate seats.

Programs and Institutional Development reported they did not reach quorum last week but look forward to a having a productive meeting next week.

The restructuring ad-hoc committee reported “when the Ad-Hoc met on Thursday, we started reviewing Senators responsibilities as they are currently listed in the By-Laws and deciding what we wanted to keep, what we wanted to modify, and what we wanted to get rid of. We have decided that Senator responsibilities will be more tailored towards suggested items rather than a hardcore checklist of things they must get done. On Monday, we hashed out some final details on the College Council and voted on a couple of things. We decided that the College Council will not have a vote but will have the ability to give a recommendation on legislation in the same easy committees can. In this recommendation, they are to state which Colleges support and which do not support the legislation. Additionally, we decided that the College Council Committee will be chaired by an executive as decided by the Vice President and President. The committee will also be given a small budget which will be appropriate from the legislative branch budget. On Monday, we also heard updates about the School of Computing from Director Brown and President Swilling and it is looking like there have been some substantial changes made to the proposed plan which ASUW will hopefully be able to support. This Thursday, we will be continuing our discussion on the Senator responsibilities and requirements.”

Safety and Wellness reported that they met and that Director of Marketing Clark has started editing the why you wear your mask videos. They also reported that President Swilling has assigned the committee new things to work on including winter safe driving and handling the wasp problem that exists on campus.

Strategic Planning reported the strategic planning committee did not meet last week. I sent out a doodle poll for committee members to fill out so we can get one more meeting on the calendar before the end of the semester. If any of you are interested in serving on the committee, please feel free to reach out to me and I can forward you that poll along with our committee documents.

Student Organization and Funding Board reported “we met at our normal time yesterday. We had a budget realignment from WASA to cover an unexpected fee that they had occurred. We were able to move some of their food budget over to this and it passed. We also had time to work on our New Student Organization Marketing and Promotion Legislation, so be looking out for that in the next couple of months. The 2021 International Etiquette Dinner will be this Saturday, November 20 at 7 pm here in the Union. You are able to get tickets from the Union Ticket Desk.”

Student Outreach and Programming reported they met last week and discussed ways that they can better do outreach and also discussed doing an ugly sweater contest in December.

Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review reported they met last week and finalized all of the recommendations on the fees. They also gave a huge thanks to all the members of the committee who has been thoroughly involved with the process.

### **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 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 Bill #2760: Program Revisions to Section 8 of the ASUW By-Laws

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Programs and Institutional Development; Steering.

Senate Resolution #2761: ASUW Recommendation on Proposed Mandatory Fees for FY23

The resolution was read for the first time.

The resolution was steered to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review Committee.

Senate Resolution #2762: ASUW Recommendation on Proposed Programmatic Fees for FY23

The resolution was read for the first time.

The resolution was steered to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review Committee.

Selection of Intercession Oversight Committee Members

Senators-at-Large

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier nominated Senator Castronovo.

President Swilling nominated Senator Talamantes.

Senator Rhymes moved to white ballot as there were 2 candidates for 2 spots.

Senator Smith seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Students-at-Large

Vice President Anderson nominated First-Year Senators Kameron Murfitt and Katherine Etchepare.

Senator Laverell moved to confirm the SALs as appointed by Vice President Anderson.

Senator Rhymes seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a standing vote.

Cancellation of the 11.23.21 Meeting

Senator Ewalt moved to cancel the ASUW Seante meeting on 11.23.21.

Senator Smith seconded.

Motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.



## Invocation of the Intercession Oversight Committee

Senator Laverell moved to invoke the intercession oversight committee at the end of the ASUW 11.16.21 Senate meeting until the 11.30.21 ASUW Senate meeting.

Senator Ewalt seconded.

Senator Rhymes moved to amend the motion so that the intercession committee is invoked at the end of the business day on 11.19.21.

Senator Engel-Cartie seconded.

Motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Debate continued on the original motion.

Motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Talamantes announced “the Commencement Committee is seeking volunteers to work the doors and pass out programs at December’s commencement on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am-10am. Steering did approve this as service hours so if you need to knock all of your service hours for the Service Period November/December (bc we combine the months) at once, I highly encourage you to sign up! I will send a link to everyone after the meeting with the sign-up sheet. On a more serious note, Multicultural Affairs and the LGBTQ+ student organization, Queer Community Coalition, will be hosting a candle making event this Thursday November 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:15pm in the Rainbow Resource Room. We are using these candles for a candle lit vigil that will be happening at St. Paul’s Church this Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm for Trans Day of Remembrance, where we acknowledge and mourn the lives of the individuals that we have lost over the years. According to the Human Rights Campaign, 2021 was the deadliest year on record for transgender and non-binary people with at least 45 people being killed. The foundation uses the term “at least” because all too often these stories go unreported or misreported, so the number could be a lot higher. A quote from their website states: “This year, the transgender community has faced the dual threats of an unprecedented number of anti-transgender bills in state legislatures—ten states so far have passed anti-transgender legislation—as well as a resurgence of stigmatizing and demeaning rhetoric from cultural, social and political figures domestically and internationally. Recent data shows that public opinion and attitudes about transgender and gender non-conforming people have direct impacts on rates of violence against these communities.” - if you all are available, please join us on Thursday (lunch will be served) and/or on Saturday for this important event. Even if you aren’t a member of the LGBTQ+ community, you are more than welcome to join. The more attention we can raise to this issue the better.”

Senator Smith announced that he has been working on planning a Holiday Party on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. There will be catering and a secret Santa gift exchange. Make sure to RSVP to the calendar invite and more details will be coming later.

Vice President Anderson announced that ASUW has been invited to a dinner with the president on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Director Stadler announced that cash cart is happening tomorrow and that if you see the cart and answer questions about finances correctly, you can win prizes.

President Swilling announced that there will be open forum at the board of trustees meeting this Thursday which will begin around approximately 3pm.

Senator Castronovo announced that his mentorship group and Senator Laverell's mentorship group will be going bowling tomorrow night and that if anyone else would like to join to let him know.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:47pm. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 7:00pm in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

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