

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The November 18, 2025, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President McGuire at 7:00 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 Lindsay was absent. First-Year Senate and UMC were present. Senators Hathaway and Kaiser entered the chamber after roll call and the Abernathy clause was suspended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes were approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved.

OPEN FORUM

No one wished to address the Senate.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Medina: As you may or may not know, the person selected to represent students in the Presidential Search Committee is me. The Board wants this to be as transparent as possible. So, here's the timeline for the Presidential Search:

- o Timeline:

- § December: Committee meets for status updates.

- § January: Review of applications.

- § February: Two meetings for initial cuts and first-round virtual interviews.

- § March: On-campus finalist visits;

- § Trustees conduct interviews late March–early April.

- o Trustees will make the final selection. President Seidel steps down June 30, 2026.

- o Everyone is encouraged to forward qualified candidates to Parker Executive Search or the UW Presidential Search webpage. Parker Executive maintains that nominations are the best way to get good candidates. If you have anyone in mind at all, please nominate them.

· Shared Governance Committee: A draft report summarizing the findings of the committee will be presented to the Board of Trustees November 19-21. The report identifies next steps to realign governance processes rather than prescriptive actions.

· Ticketing: Director Elwood and I met with Union leadership to discuss the major challenges of the ticketing policy from their perspective. We concluded two main things:

o There needs to be more involvement from ASUW in ticketing. Mainly, we discussed the possibility of moving ticketing from the Union information desk to the ASUW office. This would require more involvement from every one of you. There would need to be at least four people at the office during ticketing. Additionally, every member in the office during this time should be able to answer questions related to this policy.

§ Even if this change does not happen, I would encourage everyone to be well versed in the SOFB policy. A lot of people expressed frustration with ASUW members for not being able to answer questions when the Union sent them to the office for help. I want to hear your thoughts on this proposed change. Reach out to me.

o We need a higher level of policy compliance, which can only happen with transparent communication and education initiatives made for students. Chief of Staff Hargett and I will meet with concerned students this week. I'll keep you updated on the results of this meeting.

· Catering and Right of First Refusal: Chief of Staff Hargett and I are working on meeting with different Union departments to address issues with UW Catering and right of first refusal. We see this issue as one that could impact student organizations in the future specially big cultural dinners. If anyone has had any experience positive or negative with catering, let us know!

· Board of Trustees: I will be out of the office for the rest of the week. There is a chance that the board ends the meeting early on Friday at which point I will be at the office for a bit. As per usual, one of my responsibilities is to deliver the ASUW report. Please email me any completed projects or legislations that you would like to share with the Board.

VP McGuire: Submitting RSO sponsorships on legislation this Thursday. Hoping to have a tech-free meeting one of these days to see if tech-free is potentially sustainable and boosted engagement. Finance policy rewrites. First meeting with Central Fee Committee today, they will be receiving TASFRC Recommendations tomorrow, will eventually be getting to BOT. Feel free to ask any questions about this process, will be presenting ASUW fee with Senator Hansen for the first time in a while. Will be working to restructure committees to improve communication, including standing meetings with chairs and all committee events to be ran by VP or COLA.

Advisor Maureen: Special event in spring for conference

COS Hargett: Hi everyone! Here are some updates from me, and then we will get to the directors:

1. The Governor's Dinner is this Friday. If you RSVP'd, I sent you a calendar invite that has all of the details about how to get to the residence, dress code, etc.
2. The Thanksgiving Dinner – it is happening. Next Tuesday, the 25th, at 6 pm in the Center Yellowstone Ballroom, ASUW will be catering a Thanksgiving Meal. We have advertised this to the Pokes Food Share Pantry, PCCR, and the International Students Center. We also have over 120 RSVPs from the calendar invite and email we sent to the all student list serve.
3. Ticketing – President Medina, Director Elwood, and I will be meeting with some student organization leaders to discuss their concerns with the SOFB ticketing policy on Friday. We will then have an internal discussion with relevant ASUW members and hopefully start working on a resolution to this situation.
4. Parking! In new business today you will hear a general resolution in support of parking expansion. This resolution was created in an effort to open conversations with upper-administration regarding the issue. This Thursday, another resolution in support of the Union Parking lot will be submitted. I will send it in the group chat, but please Teams me if you would like to sponsor.
5. I went to the ASGA conference in Florida and learned a lot! Myself and the other members who attended are preparing a special event on what we learned, and I have started talking to the executive team about some ideas that I took away from the conference.

Hathaway ad-hoc:

- Thank you all for passing the resolution in favor of expanding Hathaway last week! Because of that, Dylan, Senator Smith, Senator Singley, Senator Morales, and Senator Robinson were able to go to the Joint Education Committee last Thursday to support three pieces of draft legislation at the State Legislature in line with our resolution. The results were as follows:
 - The draft legislation to enlarge the scholarship was voted 11-1 to be introduced in the budget session. Note: committee did move to have LSO work out some things to amend the numbers to lower the scholarship increase.
 - The draft legislation on making the award a lump sum was voted 7-6 to be introduced in the budget session.
 - The committee voted not to introduce legislation on flexibility in eligibility.
- Shout out to Dylan for his hard work on this endeavor, and thank you to all of the committee members and those who testified. I will continue providing updates to the committee, especially as we get into the session, as to how ASUW will continue to support this effort.

Scholarships ad-hoc:

- We have received feedback regarding the committee's updates to the scholarship questions from the Scholarships and Financial Aid Office. We will have a meeting with the ad-hoc committee very early next semester to make the requested changes to the

questions and to make changes to the composition of scholarship selection committees. I sent out a When2Meet to members of the committee, please respond promptly.

Director of Marketing (Peyton)

Peyton and Justice recently met with Student Media to discuss how ASUW can collaborate with them more going forward. Otherwise, she is continuing to market events. As a reminder, if you are planning events or want marketing, please communicate in a timely manner with the Marketing Team.

Marketing Intern (Justice)

Justice has finished the Winter Guidebook and hopes that it can be printed before Christmas. She has also been working on Chili Cookoff marketing for HOPE. As always, Teams her if you see any mistakes on the website.

Director of Student Organizations (Ashlyn)

SOFB is beginning to close out the semester with funding requests completing the year with a projected 65 requests being heard. She is super proud of the committee and all of their diligent work. Additionally, She is planning on meeting with Student Legal Services to plan an event with FSL regarding police interaction. Lastly, She had the opportunity to attend the ASGA Conference in Orlando, Florida with some other members of ASUW. She had a lot of fun and learned many things regarding engagement with student organizations and is excited to implement what she learned into her work.

Director of Wellness (Molly)

Molly and Grace are collaborating on potentially bringing a standup comedian/speaker that talks about mental health and suicide prevention to the University of Wyoming.

Otherwise, SWAC events for Movember are going well. The goat playdate was a hit!!

Director of External Public Affairs and Advocacy (Dylan)

Dylan has been primarily working on Hathaway, which will be discussed more in committee communications, as well as a LASSO digital job board proposal.

Director of Internal Public Affairs and Advocacy (Logan)

Logan has been hard at work on the DIA shuttle. We extended the application for the January shuttle to December 1 for students who are still working on getting their Visas, per the request of the International Students Center. He is also working on the service animal policy change. Otherwise, he has connected about a lunch event with the Veterans Service Center and is working on connecting Bob Vines from Violence Prevention with SWAC, so hopefully we can provide more support for their department going forward.

Director of Programs and Events (Grace)

Grace is beginning to work on Band in the Sand and is currently researching potential artists and their pricing. As discussed under Molly's communications, she is working on collaborating on wellness events. In addition, Grace is now sitting on the University parking committees!

Director of Finance (Casey)

Casey held his first Financial Friday event recently and wants to thank everyone who helped make it happen. He wants to make sure we keep improving and building it into a resource students can rely on, so if you have ideas, topics, or areas you think we should highlight, please communicate them to him. On the finance operations side, P-Card check outs are going well. Casey is finalizing the ledger and will give communications next week regarding the state of the budget.

COLA Heffley: Reminder that the legislative deadline is this Thursday 11/20. The finance policies are mostly rewritten and I'll have Marjorie look over these updates tomorrow. These updates won't be legislated until next semester, so I hope to have B&P and SOFB look over the updates once Marjorie has approved them before I get them all finalized.

FYS: Running smoothly, final rotating head table next week and official rotating head table elections 12/2

UMC: Student circles every other Tuesday.

Steering: steered a bunch of legislation, make sure to be prepared in committee. Will work on process outlining criteria for where legislation will be steered.

B&P: Hello everyone, BNP is getting to the end of a very productive special projects season. You will see two bills up for first reading tonight one is for confirmation of our special projects endowment for 80,000 and another is authorizing expenditure from our designated operating budget for the total of 100,000. The addendums contain all relevant information that pertains to appropriation. Please let me know if you have any questions before we vote. Thank you!

HOPE: HOPE is still working away on our upcoming chili cookoff, some things have shifted, so we will get y'all more relevant correct information as we get closer to the official time. This week however, we are working on getting donations for prizes from businesses around Laramie.

PID: Nothing really new from PID, we're conducting our regular program audits. We're also looking into helping the COLA with revisions to the working documents. We have one bill up for first reading tonight that makes a revision to the Non-Traditional Student Council

Constitution to be reflective of the ASUW By-Laws. If you have any questions on this, please reach out, I'd be happy to chat with you about it!

SWAC: Wrapping up Movember, good attendance at goat playdate. Helping for destressor events for finals week.

SOFB: There were 12 requests over the last two weeks. Additionally, we will be reviewing COLA Heffley's SOFB policy reformation legislation this Friday to help make our process as concise and neat as possible for students.

TASFRC: The committee has wrapped up its biggest project of the year, the fee review in which we are voting on tonight. The committee has done a lot of great work with this and we will be transitioning to other projects next semester including visiting various campus entities to discuss how they use their student fees further.

OLD BUSINESS

SR 3068 Student Fee Recommendation for FY27

TASFRC recommended a do pass with amendments. B&P and SWAC recommended a do pass.

Senator Robinson moved to pass SR 3068 with TASFRC and Senator Hansen's amendments, Senator Keasling seconded.

Senator Smith moved to divide the question of the amendments, Senator Pollock seconded.

By a vote of 16-6-0, Senator Hansen's amendment passes.

By a vote of 21-1-0, the TASFRC amendment passes.

By a vote of 20-2-0, SR 3068 Student Fee Recommendation for FY27 passes.

NEW BUSINESS

SR 3069 ASUW Supports Expanding Availability and Accessibility of Student Parking at the University of Wyoming was read for the first time. This legislation was steered to SWAC and TASFRC.

SB 3070 Revision to the Non-Traditional Student Council Constitution to be Reflective of the ASUW By-Laws was read for the first time. This legislation was steered to Steering and PID.

SR 3071 ASUW Supports the Creation of a Global Environmental Futures Graduate Certificate was read for the first time. This legislation was steered to SWAC and TASFRC.

SR 3072 Support for the Creation of a Doctorate in Health Sciences was read for the first time. This legislation was steered to SWAC and TASFRC.

SB 3073 ASUW Special Projects Approval FY26 was read for the first time. This legislation was steered to B&P, HOPE, SWAC, and TASFRC.

SB 3074 Authorizing Expenditures from the ASUW Designated Operating Budget for Special Projects was read for the first time. This legislation was steered to Steering, B&P, HOPE, SWAC, and TASFRC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLA Heffley: Next meeting has a lot on the agenda, and we have to be out of the Union by 11 pm. Keep that in mind 😊

Senator Robinson: Comparatively, there are not as many musical events this week. Still some great ones though! Starting off, tomorrow November 19th at 7:30pm UW Wind Symphony is Revolution: Celebrating 250 Years of Freedom. This is a ticketed event. Tickets can be purchased online or at the BCPA Box Office. Next, there are three events this Friday, November 21st. The first is Alisson Garcia's music student recital at 3:00pm in the BCPA Recital Hall. This is a free event. Next is Francine Cancian's master piano recital at 5:00pm in the BCPA Recital Hall. This is also a free event. Rounding off Friday's events is UW Symphony's presentation of Romeo & Juliet starting at 7:30pm in the BCPA Concert Hall. This is a ticketed event. Finally, on Monday, November 24th at 6:00pm in the BCPA Concert Hall the Wyoming Jazz Ensemble is presenting Swing into the Season, a wonderful lineup of jazzy holiday tunes. This is also a ticketed event.

VP McGuire: Senate will be meeting 11/25, zoom attendance will be okayed, but let him know by this Thursday.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on November 25, 2025, at 7:00p.m. in the Senate Chambers.

Ray Heffley

Chief of Legislative Affairs 113th Administration