

## **ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

The November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Swilling at 7:08 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**

Senators Grimm and Stadler were absent.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The College Panhellenic Council Ex-Officio Elena Jaruszewski moved to fix a spelling error with their last name.

Senator Engelby seconded.

The amendment passed without objection.

The minutes were approved, as amended, without objection.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Senator Hacke moved to replace "Bill" with "Resolution" for Senate Resolution #2843 and #2844.

Senator Willis seconded.

The motion passed without objection.

The agenda was approved, as amended, without objection.

### **SPECIAL EVENT**

Vice-President of Student Affairs Kim Chestnut and Dean of Students Ryan O'Neil informed the ASUW Senate of the Division of Student Affairs at the University of Wyoming's structure. They house 9 different departments on campus. Namely: Student Success and Graduation, Student Health Services, Campus Recreation & Half Acre, Dean of Students, University Counseling Center, Disability Support Services, Residence Life, Center for Student Involvement & Leadership (CSIL), and the UW Alumni Association. Dean O'Neil expanded on what the Dean of Students office does. She articulated that the office deals with assisting students to navigate difficult academic hurdles and managing student conduct. She highlighted food security initiatives that the University is attempting to tackle with community donors. They will receive 20,000 pounds of food from the Black 14 for their Mind, Body, and Soul initiative. Vice-President Chestnut discussed that the students of the University deserve a home here regardless of sexual identity, faith, race, veteran status, or those with disabilities. They invited anyone in ASUW to reach out to them to discuss any comments, questions, or concerns.

### **OPEN FORUM**

No one in the gallery wished to address the ASUW Senate.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Executive Reports**

President Brown explicitly outlined the Board of Trustees Meeting as per request of ASUW Senators. She spoke about the recommendations for the University of Wyoming's Saddle Up Program for Freshman Orientation. She offered to make the course intertwined with a course the students are already taking, to eliminate repetitive programming, and to give more free time for the students. President Brown announced that there will be a Holiday Party for ASUW members at President Seidel's Holiday Party. She discussed the parking resolution and the anti-hazing resolution. There was the town hall earlier today and they are working on creating Instagram reels instead of the formal town hall in the future because of lack of attendance. The December Newsletter will be going out on Friday which will include some of the information mentioned in the report.

Chief of Staff Skorcz reported on behalf of all of the directors during ASUW Senate. She first reported that there are new ideas for transitional documents for executives. Chief Skorcz has been working on Spring Planning as well. The Director of Wellness Malles stated that the last ASUW Student Wellness Advisory Board (SWAB) of the semester is tomorrow 12-1 conference room. The UW SWAB is next Wednesday from 5-7pm, and the topic will be domestic violence. They are discussing ways they can update and better utilize student hub –to answer information access gap. There is a dodgeball tournament this Friday from 6-8pm, in Half Acre. Director Malles is collaborating with 7220 Entertainment, Wellness Center, Campus Rec, Food Share Pantry. The teams must be co-ed with a minimum of 4 players and a max of 6 players with at least 2 women per team; Cost of entry is a non-perishable food item! More details on what types of items are most needed can be found on the ASUW Instagram. Director of Sustainability Macey is working on an interactive website that gives students access to data about energy consumption, has been compiling data from the last three years. The next phase of our energy awareness initiative will be a variety of events in the spring surrounding alternative energy types like hydrogen energy and carbon capture. Not only is this showing off the great research and other efforts that our energy related faculty and students are doing on this campus, we are also increasing awareness about energy in a state that has a rich history and future in the energy industry. Director of Marketing Pappas reports that the ASUW Wins Wednesdays is an additional way to work on student outreach and let students know. Additional marketing for Student Legal Services (SLS) will be had. He will be sending out the Student Issue Survey reports. Director Pappas has been doing a lot of marketing work for Student Organizations. Director of Student Outreach Murfitt will be creating Instagram reels next week including the questions that was covered during this time so that we can reach even more students. College Council has done great work. He has been working on the Newsletter, which will be going out later this week. There was great feedback from our November Newsletter in our comment box. Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Heddins is attending the city council meeting today. She has been working on Lobbying Workshops –Partnership with Better Wyo. This is a unique opportunity compared to other states where the distance between elected officials and voters/students is much larger. Director of Student Organizations Acosta-Engavo is connecting with Student Organizations (SO) as SOFB wraps up for the semester. The International Students

Association (ISA) dinner occurred right before Thanksgiving break. She is developing resources to assist students in accessing resources related to SOs e.g. videos about P-cards, event planning guides. Additionally, she is working with ASUW financial ledgers and making sure that SOs are using ASUW funds and thus student fees well. Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Sapien has completed his first week as an executive for this administration. Catching up with stakeholders across campus like the program coordinators in Multicultural Affairs. He is Meeting with Courtney, Kim, and Allison to come up with ways in which ASUW and Director Sapien can support Zebediah Hall (New VP DEI) in their new role. Former Director Lin and Chief Skorcz sat in on the campus visits and compiled a final report of recommendations that the hiring committee found valuable. Director of Finance Hamilton is researching other institutions and what their student government finances look like. He is helping prepare budget priorities and Special Projects. He is continuing his work in student fee transparency and literacy efforts.

Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Sapien not present

Director of Marketing Pappas not present

Director of Student Outreach Murfitt was not present

Director of Student Organizations Acosta-Engavo not present

Director of Finance Hamilton not present

Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Heddins not present

Director of Wellness Malles not present

Director of Sustainability Macey not present

Judicial Council was not present

Vice President Swilling: "I have been working on VP duties, most notably TASFRC. I am also having discussions on how to reform and reduce the length of Senate meetings. I thank you all for your patience as I navigate a new position on very short notice. One significant thing - for the Senate meeting on 12/6, please know that we will be having a fun holiday celebration. We will have food and I encourage everyone to wear a funky Christmas sweater or something similar. Please let me know if there are any questions or concerns."

Accountant Schaef: "This week I just want to express my appreciation for Senator Engel-Cartie, who thinks its a good idea to graduate and move on this semester. Overachiever! I just want to say thank you for being such a dedicated part of ASUW. Thank you for reviewing EVERY piece of legislation so carefully, for not hesitating to share your thoughts, for your deep sighs and for positively impacting UW for future students. You are the first senator that has ever come to me and asked "how can I be a better senator?" As you get ready to attend your last ASUW senate meeting next week, I can confidently say you achieved that. I will truly miss you."

## **Ex-Officio Communications**

College Panhellenic Council (CPH) reported that elections started last night, and the first five positions were elected. There will be a sisterhood on Friday and the Panhellenic closet will take place this weekend.

Faculty Senate was not present.

First-Year Senate (FYS) discussed about their FYS Constitution and By-Laws bill. First-Year Senator Meester announced that he spent 25 hours on this piece of legislation. They will have head table elections coming up in the next week.

Interfraternity Council (IFC) had its last council meeting of 2022. Their Jingle Mingle event is coming up. They also approved their budget for the new year.

International Students Association (ISA) was not present.

Non-Traditional Student Council reported that on December 9<sup>th</sup> they will have a Finals Distressor; games, Qdoba, and prizes.

Residence Halls Association was not present.

The Sustainability Coalition was not present.

Staff Senate was not present.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee reported that they will be holding a food drive next week inside the high-altitude performance center. They will be open Monday through Friday of the upcoming week. The food will be going to Wyoming Interfaith.

United Multicultural Council (UMC) was not present.

Wyoming Honors Organization was not present.

## **Committee Reports**

Steering met on Friday from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and reported that the legislation that was submitted to us, with there being 5 pieces in total. We may go to committee of the whole next week to pass legislation that is submitted before this week's deadline, but I am not sure yet.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy (AD&P) met on Friday at 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. and discussed the two pieces of legislation steered to them. They elected Senator McClean as the new chair.

Budget and Planning (B&P): "Before the break, the committee looked at different memo forms for the upcoming budget season and will be voting on the final form at this upcoming meeting.



The special project bill was retitled by the committee after its withdrawal several weeks ago, with more to come on its timeline in further reports and communications.”

Outreach, Programming, and Elections (OPE) met yesterday to discuss vacancies and spoke with Jack Tennant of the Alumni Association. Senate vacancy applications have opened.

Program and Institutional Development (PID): “The committee did not meet before break however, I did send out an email regarding our finalized constitution outline for programs as well as our new program event form so hopefully, those will be helpful, and we will start getting responses. We will be discussing the new first-year senate constitution as well as the new bylaws. These will have to go through the full senate so if you would like to discuss it or receive a copy of it, please feel free to email me!”

Student Organization Funding Board (SOFB): “We met two weeks ago in the Thunder Basin room where we heard a couple requests for funding, and we will be having our final meeting of the semester tomorrow where we will wrap up our duties before going on break.”

Tuition Allocation and Fee Review Committee (TASFRC) met and made recommendation on the legislation that was steered to us. We made some amendments that were sent out at about 5:00pm. I also discovered that there is a proposal to increase the dining plans and UW housing costs by 15%, and an amendment to SR #2838 that would address that was sent out a little while ago. During debate, please do not be afraid to ask question, as there is a lot to cover. Ad-Hoc Restructuring: “We talked about a couple of pieces of legislation that will be coming up in the next couple weeks and we discussed a couple of ideas proposed by Senators on the committee. We also talked about how the end of the committee will be looking like as the semester concludes.”

Ad-Hoc Student Parking will mee this week discussion the parking resolution.

### **College Council**

Sophie Destefano from the College of Education reported that they had a district meet and greet event. The education ambassadors are up and running and met before the break. They approved a new member of the council and received a new application.

### **OLD BUISNESS**

Senate Resolution #2838 - ASUW Recommendation on Proposed Mandatory Student Fees for FY24

The bill was read for the second time.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy recommended a do pass

Tuition Allocation and Student Review Committee (TASFRC) recommended a do pas with amendments.

Senator Almejo-Ponce moved to pass.

Senator Castronovo seconded.

Senator Engel-Cartie moved to pass the amendments made by TASFRC.

Senator Anderson seconded.

The amendments made by TASFRC passed unanimously.

Senator Engel-Cartie moved to pass the amendments circulated regarding fee restructuring.

Senator Bouma seconded.

Senator Engel-Cartie moved for a recess until 8:50 p.m.

Senator Almejo-Ponce seconded.

The motion to recess passed unanimously.

Senator Almejo-Ponce moved to edit the percentage of the fee from 7.75% to 9.0%

Senator Meiklejohn seconded.

The motion failed unanimously.

Senator Petri moved to suspend the Abernathy Clause.

Senator Engel-Cartie seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Almejo-Ponce moved for a unanimous consent on the piece of legislation.

Senator Engel-Cartie seconded.

The motion passed without objection.

The legislation was passed via unanimous consent.

Senate Resolution #2839 - ASUW Recommendation on Proposed Programmatic Fees for FY24

The bill was read for the second time.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy recommended a do pass.

Tuition Allocation and Student Review Committee recommended a do pass with amendments.

Senator Castronovo moved to pass.

Senator Almejo-Ponce seconded.

Senator Engel-Cartie moved to pass the amendments made by TASFRC.

Senator Almejo-Ponce seconded.

The amendments passed unanimously.

The legislation was passed unanimously, as amended, via a roll call vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Senate Bill #2840 – Assigning Restructuring as a Duty of the Program, Institutional, and Development Committee

The bill was read for the first time.

The legislation was steered to Program and Institutional Development; Ad-Hoc Restructuring; and Steering.

Senate Bill #2841 – Changing of ASUW Program and Partner Expectations to Attend ASUW Committees or ASUW Senate

The bill was read for the first time.

The legislation was steered to Ad-Hoc Restructuring and Steering.

Senate Bill #2842 – Implementation of a Senator Vacancy Board

The bill was read for the first time.

The legislation was steered to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy.

Senate Bill #2843 – ASUW Support of the Re-Introduction of Anti-Hazing Legislation in the Wyoming State Legislature

The bill was read for the first time.

The legislation was steered to Program and Institutional Development; Ad-Hoc Restructuring; and Steering.

Senate Bill #2844 – ASUW Recommendations for UW Parking & Transportation and Work of the ASUW Ad-Hoc Parking Committee

The bill was read for the first time.

The legislation was steered to Ad-Hoc Parking.

### **Cancellation of the December 13th ASUW Senate Meeting**

Senator Engel-Cartie moved to cancel the meeting

Senator Almejo-Ponce seconded.

### **Invocation of the Intercession Oversight Committee at 5 p.m. on Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> until Tuesday 8 a.m., January 17<sup>th</sup>**

Senator Engel-Cartie moved to cancel the meeting

Senator Castronovo seconded.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Almejo-Ponce reiterated the cookie decoration contest put on by Sigma Nu.

Senator McLean announced that there will be a vigil held by the QCC at the Rainbow Resource Center who were negatively impacted by recent events.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

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*Notes taken by Senator Engelby*