

## **ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

The December 6<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**

Senator Grimes was absent.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved without objection.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Senator Hacke moved to replace "Bill" with "Resolution" for Senate Resolution #2843 under Old Business.

Senator Willis seconded.

The motion passed without objection.

The Model Arabic League Student Organization Funding Board Request was moved by Senator Castronovo.

Senator Engelby seconded.

First-Year Senator Woerster moved to replace "Bill" with "Resolution" for Senate Resolution #2844 under Old Business.

Senator Engel-Cartie seconded.

The agenda was approved, as amended, without objection.

### **SPECIAL EVENT**

The Equality State Policy Center gave an overview of the history of their organization as well as its creation. They discussed the board that houses the center and the coalition. She discussed legislative training opportunities including People's Review, SHAPE, and Run Wyoming. People's Review is a session training, SHAPE is a lobbying seminar. Run Wyoming is for minorities running for office. She also discussed the session coming up in January and the challenges that lobbyists will face like education and connections. They talked about election reform, education funding, retirement plan protection, and general transparency matters. Finally, they discussed general session legislation and committees.

### **OPEN FORUM**

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

## Executive Reports

President Brown shared the ASUW Statement on LGBTQIA2S+ Students' Inclusion on Campus. Stating that: "ASUW is disheartened to hear of the harassment and discrimination against individuals in the student union during two separate incidents this past week. ASUW wants to reaffirm our support of gender affirming programming and the work our campus does to support the LGBTQIA2S+ community in all spaces. Additionally, with regards to the situation which occurred last week in the union, we condemn any action which individually targets students or members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community. ASUW is frustrated to hear of these incidents happening against our LGBTQIA2S+ community without adequate response from the university and is committed to moving forward to response to these incidents and working to create a more welcoming climate on campus for all students." Later in the report President Brown spoke about the December Newsletter which will include the aforementioned statement it was well received and had an abundant number of responses. President Brown has worked diligently with a continuing situation with CSIL. On Thursday President Seidel's Cabinet had an emergency meeting and President Brown met with President Seidel directly. President Brown asked the Senate to RSVP to the President Seidel Holiday Party if they plan to attend. There is initial work to budget the Executive Branch. There is a possible plan of the elimination of one to two executive positions, reducing executive hours to 15 and 20 hours respectively, funds to continually look to fund the date rape prevention materials project with the Student Priorities Endowment, among other budget changes, she would welcome anyone who is interested in discussing the executive budget to come to her. She shared the President Seidel's Evaluation and Records Request to the Senate. Board of Trustees is next week December 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be another BOT meeting in annuary. President Brown shared a personal statement: "I get things are difficult right now, and I want us to find ways to address this. In the coming weeks, please come to me if you'd like to discuss anything related to ASUW or what the university is doing in light of all of the happenings on campus. I support any and all of you in the ways in which you all want to respond to this, if that's public facing in response directly to events in the union I support you and if it is in the context of something you need to do private facing to respond to this, I would seek to support you in any way I can in this way as well."

Chief of Staff Skorcz had no report.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Smith reported that if someone is submitting a bill to send it to him or Vice-President Swilling.

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 wished everyone a very happy Winter Break and shared some updates regarding his plans to potentially make changes to the structure of Senate in the spring semester. He also reminded everyone to fill out their service hours forms before break.

Assistant Director Hansen passed around the Summit sheet. He will be sending emergency sheets to everyone working in the Union. He also gave a reminder about how outward facing ASUW is and that our paperwork can be pulled. He gave further reminders about grade checks and submitting paychecks. Finally, he gave a deep sentimental statement on the situation that UW is in right now.

Accountant Schaefer gave a thank you to the graduating senators. Her moment of inspiration went out to the LGBTQIA+ senators.

Project Coordinator Craft: gave a shoutout to the First-Year Senate for their head table elections. He praised their dedication to the student body. He has been working with the PID committee to work on Constitution rewrites for the budget season.

### **Ex-Officio Communications**

College Panhellenic Council (CPH) spoke about elections and officer transitions as well as the statement CPH made.

Faculty Senate was not present.

First-Year Senate (FYS) They had their internal head table elections and First-Year Senator McGuire was elected as the Presiding Officer. Due to the amount of time the elections took the only piece of legislation they were able to vote on was #2837 so the Presiding Officer will be abstaining from the vote on all other items.

Interfraternity Council (IFC) had no report.

International Students Association (ISA) was not present.

Non-Traditional Student Council was not present.

Residence Halls Association was not present.

The Sustainability Coalition was not present.

Staff Senate was not present.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee was not present.

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 discussed for the week.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy (AD&P) met on Friday at 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. and They met at and made recommendations to the legislation tonight. They will not be meeting until after break.

Budget and Planning (B&P): “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) gave a recommendation on SB#2842 and will be tabling for finals week. They will send out a sign-up sheet promptly.

Program and Institutional Development (PID): “We met last week and gave our recommendations on two bills that will be debated tonight. We also talked about the FYS bylaws and constitution and gave our approval. Additionally, we talked about the NTSC constitution. Both constitutions and the FYS bylaws will be voted on by the full-senate during our first meeting back in January.”

Student Organization Funding Board (SOFB): “SOFB met last week for the final time this semester where we heard 4 requests for funding, 3 of which we approved in committee and one which we gave a recommendation on. We will begin setting our meeting time for the next semester over break and I will begin working with Accountant Schaefer on our FY24 budget proposal.”

Tuition Allocation and Fee Review Committee (TASFRC) met and discussed plans for the future of the committee in the Spring. They reviewed what went well and what went poorly during the semester.

Ad-Hoc Restructuring: “The committee will be dissolving, and they had met to make recommendations on the legislation they drafted.”

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

## **OLD BUISNESS**



Senate Bill #2833- Creation of a Separate Endowments Policy

The bill was taken from the table.

Senator Engel-Cartie moved to pass.

Senator Hacke seconded.

Senator Hacke moved to add a clause that requires the COLA to review the factual and grammatical errors of the bill by January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Senator Engel-Cartie seconded.

Senator Hack moved the previous question.

Senator Ewalt seconded.

The motion was passed without objection.

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

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

The bill was read for the second time.

The Program and Institutional Development Committee recommended a do pass.

Steering recommended a do pass.

Ad-Hoc Restructuring recommended a do pass.

Senator Ewalt moved to pass.

Senator McLean seconded.

The bill was passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

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

The bill was read for the second time.

The Program and Institutional Development Committee recommended a do pass.

Steering recommended a do pass.

Ad-Hoc Restructuring recommended a do pass.

Senator Castronovo moved to pass.

Senator Ewalt seconded.

Senator Castronovo moved to pass the amendments made by Steering.

Senator Engel-Cartie seconded

The amendments passed unanimously.

The legislation was passed unanimously via a roll call vote.

Senate Bill # 2842- Implementation of a Senator Vacancy Board

The bill was read for the second time.

The Outreach Programming and Elections Committee recommended a do pass.

Steering recommended a do pass with amendments.

Ad-Hoc Restructuring recommended a do pass.

Senator Ewalt moved to pass.

Senator Stadler seconded.

Senator Hacke moved to pass the amendments made by Steering.

Senator Castronovo seconded.

The bill was passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

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

The bill was read for the second time.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy recommended a do pass

Senator Ewalt moved to pass.

Senator McLean seconded.

Senator McLean moved to pass the amendments made by AD&P.

Senator Ewalt seconded.

The amendments were passed unanimously.

The legislation was passed unanimously via a roll call vote.

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

The bill was read for the second time.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy recommended a do pass.

The Outreach Programming and Elections Committee recommended a do pass.

The Ad-Hoc Parking Committee recommended a do pass.

Senator Almejo-Ponce moved to pass.

Senator Ewalt seconded.

Senator Almejo-Ponce moved to amend to clarify sections of the legislation.

Senator Ewalt seconded.

Senator Almejo-Ponce moved to correct his name.

The amendment was taken as a friendly with no objection.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Senate Bill #2845- Authorizing Expenditures from the ASUW Student Services Endowment for the Creation of an Arabic & Middle East Studies Center

The bill was read for the first time.

The legislation was steered to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy and Outreach Programming and Elections.

Senate Bill #2846- A Restructuring of the First-Year Senate Working Documents

The bill was read for the first time.

The legislation was Steered to Program and Institutional Development and Steering.

Senate Bill #2847- Special Project Allocations for ASUW Fiscal Year 2023

The bill was read for the first time.

The legislation was steered to Committee of the Whole.

Senator Grimm moved to suspend section 6.01, subsection 2,3, and 4 of the ASUW Rules and Procedures

Senator Hacke seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously via a standing vote.

Senator Grimm moved to dissolve the Senate into Committee of the Whole to discuss SB#2847.

Senator Ewalt seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously via a standing vote.

Senator Ewalt moved to give a do pass recommendation on the bill.

Senator Hacke seconded.

Senator Ewalt moved to dissolve the Committee of the Whole and reconvene back as the ASUW Senate.

First-Year Senator Kiesling seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a standing vote.

Senator Hacke moved to pass the legislation.

Senator Ewalt seconded.

The bill passed unanimously.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chief Skorcz wanted to call everyone's attention to Director Sapien's efforts of the incidents last week.

Senator Ewalt would like to announce the head table of the FYS and a huge shoutout to FYS McGuire for being elected as the Presiding Officer.

Senator McLean announced that Todd Schmidt will be tabling on Friday in the Breezeway and she cautioned LGBTQ+ indivual to be cognizant and safe during this time.

First-Year Senator McGuire expressed his thanks for the mentors of ASUW.

Senator Ewalt thanked Senators Engel-Cartie and McGhee for their service in ASUW.

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*