

## **ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

The December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Anderson at 7:02pm. The land acknowledgement statement and mission statement were read, and the Pledge of Allegiance was done at individual member's discretion.

### **ROLL CALL**

Senators Bowers, Hughes, and First-Year Senator Petri were not present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier moved to add her report into the minutes.

The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes from the November 30th, 2021, senate meeting were approved without objection, as amended.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Senator Titus moved to strike the nomination of students-at-large from the agenda.

The motion passed unanimously.

President Swilling moved to move Senate Resolution #2733 to between open forum and communications.

The motion passed unanimously.

The agenda was approved, without objection, as amended.

### **OPEN FORUM**

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

### **SENATE RESOLUTION #2733**

Senate Resolution #2733-Support for Laramie City Council Ordinance #2309 for the Creation of a City Rental Housing Code

The resolution was read for the first time.

The resolution was steered to committee of the whole.

Senator Rhymes moved to suspend article 6, section 6.01, subsections 2,3, and 4 of the ASUW Rules and Procedures.

Senator Wilkins seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a standing vote.

Senator Titus moved to dissolve the Senate into committee of the whole to discuss Senate Resolution #2773.

Senator Smith seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a standing vote.

The Senate dissolved into committee of the whole.

The Senate reconvened at 7:24pm.

The resolution was read for a second time.

Committee of the Whole gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Wilkins moved to pass senate resolution #2773.

Senator Ewalt seconded.

President Swilling moved that an amendment be made to read that “therefore, be it further resolved that ASUW believe that the portions of the ordinance that identify an Owner’s Agent who resides within Albany County must be identified for each dwelling unit be subject to further review, perhaps allowing for such exceptions in cases where the Owner’s Agent resides in close proximity to Albany County, but outside the county limits, or in such cases where the Owner own fewer than three dwellings”.

Senator Castronovo seconded.

Senator Titus moved to extend debate and open a third speaking list.

Senator Wilkins seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Senator Rhymes moved to amend the amendment to add “therefore, be it further resolved that the ASUW strongly believes that, when such exceptions are made, the owner must provide documentation that they will be able to attend to property emergencies in a timely manner”.

Senator Smith seconded.

First-Year Senator Murfitt moved to suspend the abernathy clause.

Senator Smith seconded.

The motion passed via a standing vote.

The motion to amended the amendment passed unanimously via a voice vote.

The motion to amend senate resolution #2773 passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Debate continued on the original motion as amended.

The motion to pass senate resolution as amended passed unanimously via a roll call vote, 26-0.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### **Executive Reports**

President Swilling first reported that an event called Pizza with the President's will be occurring in the union breezeway starting at 11 where him and President Seidel will be handing out pizza and listening to student concerns. Next, he reported that he attended the academic forum meeting where the new School of Computing plan was discussed. With this, he reported that there is now some unanimity from different stakeholders and organizations across campus that this new proposed plan should be approved and supported. Next, he reported that he has been working closely with Director Davis, interim advisor Thomson-Lichty, and Vice President Chesnut to find a new advisor for ASUW and that applications for that position will be opening soon. Additionally, he reported they are working on interviewing the applicants for the ASTEC co-coordinator positions and are ensuring student input is used when making decisions. Next, he reported that him and Vice President Anderson will be working on the WyoCourses page diligently over winter break. Next, he reported that he is sitting on the next generation university studies committee where they will be reviewing the requirements to graduate from the University. Finally, he reported that the saddle up committee is now meeting and have invited multiple members from ASUW to sit on the committee and if anyone is interested in serving on the committee, to let President Swilling know. The committee will be meeting at 9am bi-weekly on Fridays.

Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam had no report.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier said "First of all I will be giving brief reports for those executives not present this week. Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam and Director of wellness and sustainability Mclean have nothing to report but Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Brown reported "Director Brown is attending the City Council regular meeting currently, where the City Rental Housing Ordinance will be introduced for first reading tonight. City Council will be debating and voting on the December 21<sup>st</sup> and the final vote on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Director Brown has worked extensively with Vice Mayor Pearce and Mayor Weaver this week to review the proposed Rental Housing Ordinance. Director Brown thanks all Senators for accommodating SR#2773 "Support for Laramie City Council Ordinance #2039 for the Creation of a City Rental Housing Code". If you any questions about the resolution or would like to be involved on advocacy efforts with the Laramie City Council City Rental Housing Code over holiday break, please reach out to Director Brown." So for my own report, this past week has been filled with ya know fun legislation stuff but on Monday this week I attended another student involvement and leadership council meeting. A good portion of the meeting was taken up talking about putting a new tabling location inside of the Union outside of the breezeway which is where tabling normally takes place. This new location would be potentially be somewhere in front the grand staircase when you first enter the Union. The thoughts are currently to have this tabling location only be allowed to be used by certain multicultural affairs groups since their offices are more in the vicinity of of this new location. We talked a lot about where we could put this table specifically and how we can distinguish who exactly is allowed to use the tables without making it kind of discriminatory to other student organizations who may also want to table in that location. We will be continuing this discussion more when we meet again in

February. The next portion of our meeting was spent talking about a new platform for advertising and consolidating student organizations. We currently use UWConnect which is where you can find information about all of the student organizations on campus, but now we will be moving to a new platform called presence. We heard about and looked at what this new platform will look like and I personally think it will be really useful and effective. It looks a lot more straightforward and useful than UWconnect. There is also a lot of opportunity for ASUW to really use and benefit from presence. We may be able to run our elections on it and even have funding board requests in it which is really cool to me. Finally with this, this leadership council is going to be responsible for branding and designing the platform which is really exciting to see so much student input being put into it. Finally, we touched on the union policy fee and the plans for that fee shall it be passed. Alright for the final part of my report, I just wanted to quickly explain something on the committee amendments. Everything in green on those documents is what the committee is proposing to be changed, added, or removed and everything in red is what was already being changed in the original piece of legislation so like working document changes. Let me know if you have any questions about this. I am excited to see some good discussion tonight and please remember, don't be afraid to speak up or ask questions, its really important that you are engaging.”

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Sapien had no report.

Director of Finance and Student Organizations Reyes-Aguilar reported “This week I have been working on a bill that would allow student orgs to request funds above the \$10,000 limit for production technical services specifically. This would only be implemented in the case that ASTEC cannot provide their services for events. This bill will be up for first reading later tonight. This week I have also been working on our Financial Wellness Spring break budgeting event that will be held tomorrow at 5PM in the Family Room in the Union. In the coming week, I will continue to work on Financial Wellness events for the Spring semester.”

Director of Financial Planning and Analysis Stadler had no report.

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

Director of Marketing Clark's said “I've been finalizing the marketing internship and will have a candidate chosen at the end of the week. I also have been working on the podcast with President Seidel and President Swilling. It will be released this week. I will also work on the WyoCourses over break that President Swilling mentioned.”

Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke reported that First-Year Senate Advisor Denney has stepped down and that he has nominated Senator Smith to fill this now vacant position.

Director of Wellness and Sustainability McLean had no report.

The Judicial Council was not present.

Vice President Anderson reported that due to the number of Senator's graduating, he will have to shuffle committees around and that Senators will most likely to be moved around to a different committee. He will be reaching out to Senators to ensure that they are okay with their new committee assignment. Next, he reported to ensure to report all of the Senatorial requirements into WyoCourses.

Project Coordinator Crosby was not present.

Interim ASUW Support Staff Thomson-Lichty reported that this will be her last Senate meeting and wanted to thank everyone for having her. She reported that she feels as though she has adequately accomplished her goal of getting the ASUW professional staff into a better place and situation. She also reported that the Advisor position is now an assistant director position and that this change was done to hopefully expand the job pool. If anyone would like to be more involved with this search, please let herself or President Swilling know.

### **Ex- Officio Communications**

College Panhellenic Council was not present.

Faculty Senate was not present.

First-Year Senate reported they debated and voted on the bills and resolutions. They also confirmed and swore in a new First-Year Senator.

The Interfraternity Council had no report.

International Students Association wanted to thank ASUW for funding the etiquette dinner and that the event was successful.

Non-Traditional Student Council reported that they have a de-stressor event tomorrow from 7-9pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

Residence Halls Association was not present.

The Sustainability Coalition reported they are continuing to work on getting food cabinets up on running. They also reported that they have their last meeting of the semester tomorrow.

Staff Senate was not present.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee was not present.

United Multicultural Council was not present.

Wyoming Honors Organization was not present.

### **Committee Reports**

Steering reported they met to steer all legislation under new business and also made recommendations on the legislation that was steered to themselves.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported that they met on Friday and debated and made recommendations on all legislation steered to them.

Budget and Planning reported they made recommendations on all of the legislation steered to them. They also reported they had 4 budget realignments and that 2 of them will be brought to the Senate tonight while the other 2 were approved in committee. One of these already approved realignments was for the new ASUW marketing intern where \$1989 was realigned from the ASUW Business Office budget line item from Pro-Staff salaries. The marketing intern will be compensated in the form of credit hours for a class and how much exactly is spent from this realignment will be reported at the next Senate meeting. The next approved realignment was to approve an increase in executive hours over winter break. Finally, they reported they elected a new budget and planning chair which is now Senator McGee.

Elections reported they met last week at their usual time. They discussed a rough timeline of the elections timeline including applications opening, campaigning dates, and voting. They also brainstormed some events to hopefully increase voter turnout. Finally, they reported they made recommendations on the legislation steered to them.

Programs and Institutional Development reported they made recommendations on all legislation steered to them. They also initiated a search process for a new student advisor for the First-Year Senate. They will be meeting for the final time to elect a new chair for the Spring, interview First-Year Senate advisor Saber Smith, and decide what initiatives to tackle in the spring.

Safety and Wellness reported that they did not meet this week. However, they are working with Director Clark to create a winter safety campaign to roll out over break.

Student Organization and Funding Board reported “SOFB met at our normal time yesterday and heard 2 contest requests, 1 conference request and 1 event. Our first request was from the UW Ranch horse team for an equestrian event at Colorado State University, request was approved. Our next request was from the Collegiate Wool Growers Association for a contest request to send two wool judging teams to the NWSS; their request was approved. Following them, we had a member from the Muslim Student Association for a Muslim heritage conference in Chicago. MSA's request was approved. Finally, we heard an event funding request from Wyoming Health Equity Circle to host a Health Equity Circle Community Organization Workshop event. After a few slight tweaks, SOFB approved the funding for their request. SOFB also debated and voted on the legislation that was steered to us, you will all hear our recommendation later.”

Student Outreach and Programming reported they will be tabling in the library next week and that they still have open slots to help table if anyone is interested.

The restructuring Ad-Hoc reported “when the Ad-Hoc met-on Thursday we quickly reviewed the approval voting legislation that is up for first reading tonight. On Monday we made recommendations on the legislation for second reading and got ahead of the game and made a

recommendation on the approval voting legislation. The ad-hoc is done meeting for this semester, so no meeting on Thursday but we will continue meeting in the spring semester. In the spring we will be tackling some more legislation, reworking partners, and focusing on first year senate. If anyone would like to join for the Spring semester let me know. We will also be sending out a sign up sheet at our first meeting in January.”

Strategic planning reported they met Monday morning for their last meeting of the semester where they reviewed the legislation that had been steered to them. They also went over focus group planning briefly and will be electing a new co-chair in the Spring.

### **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**

Senate Bill #2763: Special Projects Allocations for Fiscal Year 2022

The bill was read for a second time.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy recommended a do-pass.

Budget and Planning recommended a do-pass.

Senator Talamantes moved to pass Senate Bill #2763.

Senator True seconded.

The motion passed via a roll call vote 25-0.

Senate Bill #2764: Authorizing Expenditures from the ASUW Student Serviced Endowment

The bill was read for a second time.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy recommended a do-pass.

Budget and Planning recommended a do-pass.

Senator Talamantes moved to pass Senate Bill #2764.

Senator Smith seconded.

The motion passed via a toll call vote 25-0.

**Senate Resolution #2765: ASUW's Updated Recommendation Regarding the Creation of a School of Computing.**

The resolution was read for a second time.

Ad-Hoc Restructuring recommended a do-pass with amendments.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy recommended a do-pass.

Program and Institutional Development recommended a do-pass.

Senator Wilkins moved to pass Senate resolution 2765.

Senator Engel-Cartie seconded.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier moved to adopt the amendments made by the Ad-hoc restructuring committee as electronically circulated prior to the meeting.

Senator Castronovo seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Discussion continued on the proposed motion asunani amended.

The motion as amended passed via a voice vote, 24-1.

**Senate Resolution #2766: ASUW Support for the Creation of a School of Graduate Education at the University of Wyoming**

The resolution was read for a second type.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Wilkins moved to pass Senate resolution 2766.

Senator Castronovo seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a roll call vote 25-0.

**Senate Resolution #2767: ASUW Support for the Implementation of a Bachelor of Arts and Undergraduate Minor in Social Justice**

The resolution was read for a second time.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Talamantes moved to pass Senate resolution 2767.

Senator Rhymes seconded.

The motion passed via a roll call vote 24-1.

**Senate Bill #2768: Changes to the ASUW Finance Policy for Strategic Partners**

The bill was read for a second time.

Budget and Planning gave a do-pass recommendation.

Program and Institutional Development gave a do-pass recommendation.

Student Organization Funding Board gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Smith moved to pass Senate bill 2768.

Senator Castronovo seconded.

Director of Programs, Partners, and Events Hacke moved to adopt the amendments as electronically circulated prior to the meeting.

First-Year Senator Murfitt seconded.

The chair accepted the amendment as friendly.

Discussion continued on the original motion as amended.



The motion, as amended, passed unanimously via a roll call vote 25-0.

**Senate Bill #2769: Restructuring the ASUW Senate to an At-Large Model and Reducing the Number of Senators**

The bill was read for a second time.

Ad-Hoc Restructuring gave a do-pass with amendments recommendation.

Strategic planning gave a do-pass recommendation.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy gave a do-pass recommendation.

Elections gave a do-pass recommendation.

Program and Institutional Development gave a do-pass recommendation.

Steering gave a do-pass with amendments recommendation.

Senator Wilkins moved to pass Senate bill 2769.

Senator Smith seconded.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier moved to adopt the amendments made by the Ad-Hoc restructuring and Steering committee.

Senator Titus seconded.

The chair accepted the amendment as friendly.

Senator True moved to table Senate bill 2769 until the January 18<sup>th</sup> ASUW Senate meeting.

Senator Bowles seconded.

Division was called after a voice vote was initiated.

The motion to table failed via a roll call vote of 2-25.

Discussion continued on the motion as amended.

The motion, as amended, passed via a roll call vote of 26-1.

Senator Rhymes moved to take a 5 minute recess.

Senator Wilkins seconded.

The senate reconvened at 9:01pm.

**Senate Bill #2770: Creation of the College Council**

The bill was read for a second time.

Ad-Hoc Restructuring gave a do-pass with amendments recommendation.

Strategic Planning gave a do-pass recommendation.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy gave a do-pass recommendation.

Budget and Planning gave a do-pass with amendments recommendation.

Program and Institutional Development gave a do-pass recommendation.

Starring gave a do-pass with amendments recommendation.

Senator Talamantes moved to pass Senate bill #2770.

Senator Rhymes seconded.

Senator Talamantes moved for a friendly amendment to fix a spelling error on line 15.

Senator True seconded.

The chair accepted the amendment as friendly.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier moved to adopt the amendments from the Steering and Ad-Hoc Restructuring committee.

Senator Castronovo seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.  
Discussion continued on the proposed motion as amended.  
The motion, as amended passed via a roll call vote 27-0.

**Senate Resolution #2771: ASYS Support for Including Paid Hourly Senatorial Positions in the FY23 Budget**

The resolution was read for a second time.  
Ad-Hoc Restructuring gave a do-pass recommendation.  
Strategic Planning gave a do-pass recommendation.  
Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy gave a do-pass recommendation.  
Budget and Planning gave a do-pass with amendments recommendation.  
Program and Institutional Development gave a do-pass recommendation.  
Senator Talamantes moved to pass Senate resolution 2771.

Senator Rhymes seconded.

Senator Talamantes moved for a friendly amendment to fix a spelling error and formatting error.

Senator True seconded.

The chair accepted the amendment as friendly.

Discussion continued on the motion, as amended.

The motion passed unanimously via a roll call vote 27-0.

**Senate Resolution #2772: ASUW Support for Increasing the Salaries of our Pro-Staff Positions**

Ad-Hoc Restructuring gave a do-pass recommendation.  
Strategic Planning gave a do-pass recommendation.  
Budget and Planning gave a do-pass with amendments recommendation.  
Program and Institutional Development gave a do-pass recommendation.  
Senator Rhymes moved to pass Senate resolution 2772.

Senator Wilkins seconded.

Senator Talamantes moved for a friendly amendment to amend a spelling error.

Senator Rhymes seconded.

The chair accepted the amendment as friendly.

Discussion continued on the motion as amended.

The motion as amended passed unanimously via a voice vote 27-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Senate Bill #2774: Outside Technical Services Exception for Student Organization Funding Board**

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to Budget and Planning, Program and Institutional Development, and Student Organization Funding Board.

**Senate Bill #2775: Implementation of Approval Voting for ASUW Senatorial Elections**

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to Ad-Hoc restructuring, Ad-Hoc Strategic Planning, Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy, Elections, Program and Institutional Development, Steering, and Student Outreach and Programming.

#### Increase to President and Vice President Hours Budget Realignment

Budget and Planning gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Ewalt moved to pass the budget realignment.

Senator Laverell seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a standing vote.

#### Pro-Staff Salary Increase for FY22 Budget Realignment

Budget and Planning gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Talamantes moved to pass the realignment.

Senator Wilkins seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a standing vote.

#### Nomination and Selection of President Pro-Tempore

Senator Rhymes nominated Senator Laverell.

President Swilling nominated Senator Rhymes.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier nominated Senator Castronovo.

Senator Rhymes was selected as the President Pro-Tempore of the Senate.

#### Nomination and Selection of Parliamentarian

Senator Wilkins nominated Senator Castronovo.

Senator Castronovo was selected as the Parliamentarian of the Senate.

#### Nomination and Selection of Marshall

Senator Talamantes nominated Senator Laverell.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier nominated Senator Smith.

Senator Wilkins nominated Senator Ewalt.

Senator Laverell was selected as the Marshall of the Senate.

#### Nomination and Selection of Sargent-of-Arms

Senator Talamantes nominated Senator Ewalt.

Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke nominated Senator Smith.

Senator Smith was selected as the Sargent-of-Arms.

#### Nomination and Selection of Senators-at-Large for Intercession Oversight Committee

Senator Wilkins nominated Senator Ewalt.

Senator Wilkins nominated Senator True.

Senators Ewalt and True were selected to serve on the Intercession Oversight Committee.

#### Cancellation of Regularly Scheduled ASUW Senate Meetings over Winter Break

Senator Laverell moved to cancel all regularly scheduled Senate meeting over Winter Break.

Senator True seconded.

The motion passed via a standing vote.

Invocation of the Intercession Oversight Committee

Senator Talamantes moved to invoke the intercession oversight committee at 5pm on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Senator Castronovo seconded.

The motion passed via a standing vote.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director of Financial Planning and Analysis Stadler announced that there will be a financial wellness event called funds under the sun at 5pm on Wednesday.

Senator Smith announced that the holiday party is Thursday night at 6pm and to make sure to RSVP and bring a white elephant gift.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 9:54pm. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on January 18th, 2022, at 7:00pm in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

Kathryne Carrier  
Chief of Legislative Affairs-109<sup>th</sup> Administration

