

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The February 7th, 2022, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Swilling at 7:07p.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 and Meiklejohn were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

First-Year Keasling moved to amend the minutes to correct their name.

Senator Ewalt seconded.

The motion was passed unanimously.

The minutes were approved, as amended, without objection.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved without objection.

OPEN FORUM

No one in the gallery wished to address the Senate.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION FUNDING BOARD REQUEST

Central Asian Student Association

Senator Engelby moved to approve the request.

Senator Bouma seconded.

Senator Schliebe moved to adopt amendments made by SOFB.

Senator Grimm seconded.

The request was approved unanimously.

Muslim Student Association

Senator Ewalt moved to approve the request.

Senator Hennigar seconded.

The request was approved unanimously.

The Navigators

Senator Bouma moved to approve the request.

Senator McClean seconded.

The request was approved unanimously by a standing vote of 23-0-1.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Sustainability Coalition gave a presentation on their organizational structure. They have a model of two Senior co-leaders and two junior leaders to sustain retention and decrease the stress of turnover. For the next year, they are planning to transition to the Campus Sustainability Committee. For 2023 they have contracted a facilitator to account for the transition since the advisor for the Sustainability Coalition moved to a different university. They plan to end the strategic partnership through ASUW but they noted that there will be continued collaboration but receive funding elsewhere. The Sustainability Coalition works on the Food Security Task Force since they have a seat on the committee. They have been working on the food share cabinets and pantry support. The Sustainability Coalition helps support the 16 cabinets on campus and they created an interactive map for students to view them. The Sustainability Coalition is working on zero-waste programming. They hold waste audits in Washakie Dining Center along with hold events such as “Trash Talk”. Anyone that is holding an event in ASUW there are zero waste supplies that were funded by ASUW that are stored by the Sustainability Coalition. The good food recovery system will notify students when there are on-campus events that have leftover food by next Fall. They will be holding the Earth Day Concert on April 22nd.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Brown had a report read by Vice President Swilling: “President Brown apologizes for not attending senate tonight as she is unwell and does not want to spread unnecessary germs! That being said, she had a few updates she wanted to make sure were still communicated to you all. She will reach out to committee chairs later this week about scheduling a time/review questions for the student issues survey which will be sent out to students on February 20th. Next week, she will share an ad-hoc charge letter for a short time committee, working 3-4 weeks to discuss shifting ASUW’s budget reporting structure from Student Affairs to Financial Affairs, more to come on this next week with the charge letter. She is looking for ASUW Representatives/New Representatives on the: USP Committee, Library Committee, and the TSP Committee, which evaluates college/departments requests for additional faculty and determines where to allocate resources. In addition to these relevant communication items, President Brown continues to serve on her university and ASUW committees and work towards completing initial questions for the spring student issues survey. Definitely shorter than her usual communications, President Brown as always welcomes any and all questions via email or stopping by her office, and looks forward to being back in senate with you all next week.”

Chief of Staff Skorcz was not present.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Smith will be scheduling had no report.

Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Sapient not present.

Director of Student Outreach Murfitt was not present.

Director of Student Organizations Acosta-Engavo not present.

Director of Finance Hamilton had no report.

Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Heddins had no report.

Director of Wellness Malles was not present.

Director of Sustainability Macey I look forward to the Sustainability Coalition's success in their new venture with the Campus Sustainability Committee and also look forward to working on future projects together. On another note, I hope some of you have heard of the new campus-wide energy monitoring tool that was created in ASUW called "Campus Heartbeat." It's been an exciting and strange week due to the mixed reactions I've received from the soft launch of this project. I wanted to share with you all that I've run into a few interesting obstacles that are preventing a complete release of the app. The project has definitely challenged our university's status quo and has caused a few reactions due to the vast amount of consumption and emissions data now publicly available. We are currently trying to address these initial reactions to then move forward with a full release. This project is creating unique circumstances that the University has rarely had to deal with before. The future of Campus Heartbeat is something that we cannot be 100% sure of. But what I can tell you is, as students, you have the right to know how your tuition supports the heating, cooling, and powering of the buildings you pay to attend classes in. As students you should have the right to use the university's consumption and emissions data for your own research and educational purposes. I am requesting your help express to the rest of the University the importance of access to campus energy data. I'm running out of time, but please also come to my energy awareness event tomorrow. Dinner is on us!

Judicial Council was not present.

Vice President Swilling expressed the changes that SB#2853 would have for the structure of the Senate communications. He urged to have committee reports sent to Chief of Legislative Affairs Smith by Monday at noon.

Assistant Director Hansen thanked everyone for coming to the Summit training event.

Accountant Schaef had no report.

Project Coordinator Craft reported on behalf of the Sustainability Coalition where they had their first club meeting. They will be closely working with the Haub school.

Ex-Officio Communications

College Panhellenic Council (CPH) Elected their new Vice President of Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity.

Faculty Senate was not present.

First-Year Senate (FYS) reported that they are reshuffling the committee members for ASUW Senate.

Interfraternity Council (IFC) reported that they are thankful for those who assisted with the anti-hazing bill. He thanked ASUW for its support and announced that the bill at the state legislature “died”.

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 last Friday at 8:00 a.m. and steered the legislation and held disciplinary discussions.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy (AD&P) had their meeting at the normal meeting time and discussed the legislation under New Business.

Budget and Planning (B&P) Budget hearings are viewable and are meeting on Friday at 2:00 p.m. where they will elect a permanent chair. Next week they will have weekly meetings on Monday at 8:00 a.m.

Outreach, Programming, and Elections (OPE) were excited that all of the vacancies were filled and are ready to transition to elections.

Program and Institutional Development (PID) had no report.

Student Organization Funding Board (SOFB) “SOFB met this last Friday at 11am and approved over \$25,000 in requests from 5 different groups. Just to let you all know that Bangladesh Night will be hosted on Feb 18th at 4pm with a cultural display followed by a dinner, tickets will be available at the Union info desk a week prior to the event. Also, the Associated Students Interested in China will be hosting their Lunar New Year Banquet on Feb 17th at 6pm which will include a cultural dinner, guest speakers. Their tickets will also be given out at the Union info desk a week prior to the event.”

Tuition Allocation and Fee Review Committee (TASFRFC) had no report.

OLD BUISNESS

SB #2853 - Reforming Communications, Special Events, and the Order of Business for ASUW Senate Meetings

The bill was read for the second time.

Program and Institutional Development recommended a do pass.

Steering recommended a do pass.

Senator Colter Anderson moved to pass.

Senator Bouma seconded.

Senator Ewalt moved to adopt the amendments made by PID and Steering.

Senator Engelby seconded.

The amendment passed unanimously via a voice vote.

The legislation passed unanimously via a roll call vote..

NEW BUSINESS

SB #2854 - Establishing the ASUW Distance Student Scholarship

The bill was read for the first time.

This bill was steered to Budget and Planning; Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Program and Institutional Development.

Nomination for Student-at-Large of the Month

Senator Bouma nominated Student-at-Large Mason Brummel.

Senator Stadler nominated Student-at-Large Sean Donovan.

Senator Ewalt rescinded a nomination.

Student-at-Large Brummell was elected for Student-at-Large of the Month for January.

Nomination for Senator of the Month

Senator McClean nominated Senator Willis.

FYS Senator McGuire nominated Senator Ewalt.

Senator Meiklejohn nominated Senator McLean.

Senator Schliebe nominated Senator Colter Anderson.

Ex-Officio Brummel nominated Senator Bouma.

Senator Willis was elected for Senator of the Month of January.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Colter Anderson announced that stakeholders can appeal budgets by Friday.

Senator Ewalt invites everyone to the legislative workshops throughout the week sent via outlook.

Senator McLean announced love month events such as love bomb making. A Palentines event will be held regarding boundaries and healthy relationships. Brunch and Birth Control will be on February 18.

Senator Micklejohn announced that the Botany Club will be having a plant sale next Tuesday from 12pm -2pm.

Vice-President wants every senator to answer the committee email.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on February 14th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

Saber Smith
Chief of Legislative Affairs 110th Administration
Notes taken by Senator Engelby

