

# **ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

The February 22nd, 2022, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Anderson at 7:00pm. The land acknowledgement statement and mission statement were read, and the Pledge of Allegiance was done at individual member's discretion.

## **ROLL CALL**

Senator Huges and True were not present.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the February 15th, 2022, senate meeting were approved without objection, as electronically circulated.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Senator Castronovo moved to amend the agenda by adding the approval of Muslim Student Association Island Festival Week after the special event.

Senator Laverell seconded.

The motion was approved without objection.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier moved to add approval of the elections policy as the last item under new business.

Senator Rhymes seconded.

The motion was approved without objection.

The agenda was approved, as amended, without objection.

## **OPEN FORUM**

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

## **SPECIAL EVENT**

Connor Novotny from the restorative justice office in the dean of students office addressed the Senate to discuss the restorative justice program at the University of Wyoming. He first began his presentation by giving a brief overview of restorative justice at UW and the goals of the program. He then began to discuss how does harm impact the person/people who received it, the community in which it arose, and the person/people who caused it. Connor then began to discuss his own background and training with restorative justice, he was originally trained via the Casper diversion program and also had ODEI training in 2019. After giving a brief definition of what restorative justice is, he discussed various contexts in which restorative justice is used such as in educational settings and governing processes. Next, he discussed how we traditionally deal with crime and discipline with retributive justice. He followed this up with how instead of punishment with retributive justice, restorative justice focuses on harms, repair, and opportunities for transformation. Next, he gave a brief overview of the cultural context and guiding principles of

restorative justice. He also shared some of the Universities and Colleges nearby who also have a restorative justice program in place. Next, he shared a multi-tiered model for restorative campuses and discussed how this benefits students. Finally, he gave some current, near future, and long term and future visioning goals and implications of the program.

## **FUNDING BOARD REQUEST**

Approval of the Muslim Students Association's Islam Festival Week Funding Request Student Organization Funding Board gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Nwokejiobi moved to approve the funding board request.

Senator Castronovo seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a standing vote.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Executive Reports**

President Swilling first reported that the first thing he has been working on this week is the academic calendar committee. He brought to the committee some of the feedback from the survey results regarding the proposed academic calendar changes. He then reported that he has been still very involved with the budget process including various meetings. He also met with a representative from a non-profit organization to see how ASUW could work with and support the non-profit. This may look like integrating and working more with community colleges and High Schools to prepare and get students excited for coming to UW. Next, he reported he had a meeting today to prepare a job description for the new office associate position. Lucas Hansen, the final candidate for the assistant director position, also came to campus yesterday to meet the students and allow students to provide feedback on him. The committee is continuing to discuss and review feedback and a decision should be made in the near future. Next, he reported that him and Vice President Anderson met with President Seidel and one of the topics discussed was that a Chick-Fil-A may be coming to the Union. They also got updates from him on different initiatives that the University is pursuing such as the School of Computing and the Wyoming Innovation Partnership. The Wyoming joint appropriations committee is proposing to fund the Wyoming Innovation Partnership to 27.5 million dollar which is in addition to the 12 million from ARP funds. There may be a student opinion group on this Wyoming Innovation Partnership. He also reported that strategic planning is still continuing at the University and to ensure to be on the lookout for these emails if you sit on the committees. Finally, he read Director of Marketing Clark's report as he was unable to attend.

Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam's report was included with Chief of Legislative Affairs' Carriers.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier said "I will first begin with the reading the report of my fellow chief who is not present tonight. These past few weeks, Chief Homer-Wambeam has been busy assisting the Executive Directors as well working on committee projects. This has included the Safety and Wellness Committee's winter safety tabling, the upcoming mental health week scheduled for March, and the ASUW strategic planning process. Chief Homer-Wambeam attended the event with Representative Liz Chaney last week along with the interview with the

new ASUW Assistant Director candidate. She currently sits on the Student Media Board as well as the A-Team Coalition which both meet monthly. In the coming weeks, she is beginning the process of aiding the Executive Directors in writing their transition documents for the next administration, working with President Swilling and Director Hacke on election events, and will be working on the ASUW Spring Semester Retreat alongside Director Brown. Chief Homer-Wambeam apologizes for her frequent absence in Senate this semester, she is rehearsing for and performing in her Theatre and Dance department productions during this time. Now for my own report, this past week a lot of my time has been with updating our website and legislation archives. With that said, there is a fully updated version of the by-laws up on the website if you need to look at that for whatever reason. Most of my time this past week has also been spent with the ad-hoc committee and structuring and planning and figuring out the direction the committee is going to go in. Next on my agenda is, and this will be no surprise to anyone, but scholarships. I have emailed the scholarship office to open the DACA/International students scholarship so that should open this week. I am meeting with the scholarship chairs next week to discuss their roles and what the process looks like. I am also working on putting all of you all in scholarship committees, if you were not here last week to sign up for a scholarship committee, come talk to me after the meeting because you are required to serve on a scholarship committee this semester. I also wanted to give a shoutout to Senator Engel-Cartie for helping me get together some of the legislation for this week, there were some formatting problems and he stepped up to help me out so I greatly appreciate that. Finally, please remember to email me your report if you give one at any point in the meeting, my email is just asuwexc9 or just look up Chief of Legislative Affairs. For my fun fact of the week, I have some really old senate documents in my desk, so the oldest I have been able to find is from 1979 and then I also have some meeting minutes here from 1987 and I'll pass them around so you can see how different and old these are.”

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Sapien had no report.

Director of Finance and Student Organizations Reyes-Aguilar's had no report.

Director of Financial Planning and Analysis Stadler reported that financial wellness month is coming to an end and there will be one last event this Thursday in the Family room. It is over investment basics. Herself and Director of Finance and Student Organizations Reyes-Aguilar will be tabling in the Union tomorrow. She is also starting to work on a presentation to give an overview of what our budget looks like and what our student fee looks like as well. She is also working on comparing our student fees to our comparison schools.

Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Brown reported that the city council meeting today was a short work session meeting regarding the Laramie Recreation Centre Facility Performance and began initial conversations with trailer and RV regulation for street parking. She also wanted to thank everyone who attended Representatives Cheney's roundtable and that it went very successfully. She also wanted to thank everyone for working to pass the resolutions regarding state legislation. SF 51 was introduced in committee and she is working with QCC to monitor the legislation and coordinate efforts. She also reported that upon the close of Issues Survey tomorrow, Director Sapien and herself will be compiling a report of both the fall and spring results which she plans to outwardly publish/make available for students/staff/faculty. She also reported that she will be chairing the ASUW Leadership scholarship committees and is excited for work with that. Finally, she reported she is continuing to work with restructuring, UW

and ASUW strategic planning, committee projects where she interacts and collaborates with many of member of ASUW.

Director of Marketing Clark's reported "This past week, I took the photos of the roundtable with Representative Cheney and interviewed her, completed the Love Month Podcast with Director McLean and Michelle DiPasquale in the Dean of Students Office. The next episode of the podcast will include the interview with Rep. Cheney, along with some interviews with those who attended. If you are interested in doing an interview for this podcast, please reach out."

Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke had no report.

Director of Wellness and Sustainability McLean reported "This week, I have been working on planning mental health week.. The rest of my recent activity will be communicated through other reports, if you have any questions please come by my office hours."

The Judicial Council was not present.

Vice President Anderson reported that the WyoCourses page is ready and that all new Senators should be added. The quizzes are also up and running and available for Senators to submit service hours. The service hours for January/February are due April 15<sup>th</sup>, March/April is April 20<sup>th</sup>. All committees have been finalized and if you do not have one, please reach out to Vice President Anderson. Finally, he reported that if anyone attended the interview with Lucas Hansen, to fill out the feedback form as sent out by Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier.

Project Coordinator Crosby reported "Last week I dedicated much of my attention to supporting and speaking at UMC's fantastic African Diaspora celebration event; I also discussed the future of UMC with UMC leadership and Tyler and Melanie of Multicultural Affairs. The rest of this week will be dedicated to working alongside Executives as they pursue campus initiatives and events; generating relevant and engaging content for First Year Senate; collaborating with the search committee as we hope to offer a final decision regarding the candidate being considered for the Assistant Director position; hosting another ASUW Résumé Workshop this Friday, 2/25 from 1p-3p in the Senate Chambers; and making myself available to any students seeking support or resources."

Accountant Schaefer reported that she has been participating in search committee interviews and is also working with Bangladesh students association. She also wanted to say Happy Birthday to ASUW as ASUW is celebrating their 109<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Sunday. Her super star shoutout of the week was to Director Brown for organizing the meeting with Representative Liz Cheney.

### **Ex- Officio Communications**

College Panhellenic Council announced their dissatisfaction with ASUW and the benefits that CPH provides to the student body.

Faculty Senate was not present.

First-Year Senate reported they conducted business as usual and discussed all relevant business.

The Interfraternity Council reported “FSL has played a huge role on this campus for the past 100 plus years. A large portion of the universities distinguished alumni were member of the FSL community during their time at the university. This is mainly due to the various leadership development opportunities offered. Which encourages our members to become more involved. Many of our members currently hold leadership roles in many other student organizations across campus. Such as ASUW senate, Residential Assistants, University Employees, Orientation leaders, Various club sports, and many others. FSL also provides many educational programs involving sexual assault awareness, ant-hazing, and men’s mental health. FSL supports the community through various philanthropy and community service events. Such as supporting Laramie interfaith, foster closet, highway clean ups, soup kitchens, united way and many other nonprofit organizations in the area. We also are crucial part of homecoming not only in involvement but in planning as well. Our members participate in events across campus such union after dark, the big event, union fest and many more. For the past seven years the Interfraternity council has had a partnership with ASUW receiving financial support for around 5% of the student body. All that being said after seeing the lack of funds allocated to IFC, The Interfraternity council and the chapters we represent feel that the student government doesn’t see the value FSL brings to this university and Laramie as a whole. We plan to voice our concerns to the entire senate during next weeks meeting with the hope of communicating our value to this campus with more depth, as well as ask for a review of the items we had initially requested. Although our funds are directly allocated towards FSL, the long-term effects and implications of these funds play a huge role in the university and Laramie community.”

International Students Association reported they had a successful event and also reported that other associations are having upcoming events as well. They also have more events coming up in the near future.

Non-Traditional Student Council reported that one of the goals of the non traditional student council this year was to create a presence on social media. They will be getting started on this in the coming weeks and hope to be established by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Residence Halls Association was not present.

The Sustainability Coalition reported they have a food security task force meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, they have distributed over 400lbs of food to the cabinets across campus.

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 steered the legislation and the budget.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported “ADP met last Wednesday from 12-1p in the ASUW conference room. We made a recommendation on SB 2788, and discussed opportunities for ADP to get involved with the DSS office to support accessibility awareness on campus. ADP is always open to any senators or students at large who'd like to sit in on a meeting, and you can reach out to me (Sen. Rhymes, Chair) if you'd like a copy of the agenda.”

Budget and Planning reported “The budget and planning committee did not meet last week but will be meeting this Friday to meet with Dean O’Neil to discuss the impact the budget will have on student organizations. We are excited for the debate and discussion on the budget next week.”

Outreach, Programming, and Elections reported “elections met last week at our usual time, we discussed and debated on the "Social media requirement" legislation.”

Programs and Institutional Development reported “we meet extremely briefly on Friday to give our recommendation on SB#2788.”

Safety and Wellness reported “Safety and wellness met during our usual meeting time, 2:30 PM on Mondays in the ASUW conference room. On Tuesday Feb 22, we will be giving out hot chocolate and winter safety supplies in Simpson Plaza from 11-1.”

Student Organization and Funding Board reported “SOFB met yesterday at 3:30 in the Big Horn Room. We heard an event request from the Equality in Computing RSO for their March Book Club – it was approved. We also heard from the National Society of black engineers for an engineering conference – also approved. We also heard from Muslim Student Association for their Islamic Festival Week – we recommended due pass with amendments. Upcoming events are as followed: Black student Alliance Mental Wellness Workshop – February 25 10:00 am – 5 pm, Indian Spring Fest – Sat. March 12 @ 12 PM, Associated Students of the Performing Arts – The Wolves – 3/4, 3/5, 3/6, CCSC Dance and competition – Sat. March 26 @ 6pm @ Quadrangle, Equality in Computing Book Club – 3-30.”

The restructuring Ad-Hoc reported “last week the senators of the ad-hoc met to discuss specific goals ASUW is hoping to accomplish in the near future. We will be meeting with our partners on Friday to go over these goals and the direction we would like to go with the partnership.”

Strategic planning reported they are working to develop the direction they would like the strategic plan to be and are also working on finding a new meeting time.

### **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 #2788: Social Media Requirements for ASUW Elections

The bill was read for a second time.

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

Outreach, Programming, and Elections gave a do-pass recommendation.

Programs and Institutional Development tabled the bill.

Steering tabled the bill.

Senator Rhymes moved to pass SB #2788.

Senator Smith seconded.

Senator Engel-Cartie moved to adopt the amendments sent out by the elections committee.

Senator Rhymes seconded.

The motion was redacted.

Senator Rhymes moved to adopt the amendments made by steering as electronically circulated prior to the meeting.

Senator Smith seconded.

The motion was passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Debate continued on the original motion as amended.

The motion, as amended, passed via a voice vote, 25-2.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Senate Bill #2789: ASUW Budget for Fiscal Year 2023

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to Ad-Hoc Strategic Planning; Ad-Hoc Restructuring; Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Budget and Planning, Outreach, Programming, and Elections; Programs and Institutional Development; Safety and Wellness; Steering; Student Organization Funding Board; Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review.

Approval of the 2022 Elections Code

Senator Engel-Cartie moved to approve the 2022 Elections Code.

Senator Rhymes seconded.

President Swilling moved to amend the elections code to reflect the changes made to the ASUW By-Laws as shown in Addendum A of SB#2788.

Senator Bowles seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

The 2022 elections code, as amended, was passed unanimously via a standing vote.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier announced on behalf of Director of Finance and Student Organizations Reyes-Aguliar that there will be a financial wellness event this coming Thursday (Feb. 24) at 12:30. It will be an investment basics event hosted by Blue Credit Union and free food will be provided.

President Swilling announced that all Senators should carefully read over and have thoughtful discussion on the budget during committee meetings this week.

Accountant Schaefer reminded everyone that while we enter elections season, no campaigns are allowed to be discussed in the ASUW office unless it is behind closed doors.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:27pm. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on March 2nd, 2022, at 7:00pm in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

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