

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The March 1st, 2022, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Anderson at 7:04pm. The land acknowledgement statement and mission statement were read, and the Pledge of Allegiance was done at individual member's discretion.

ROLL CALL

Senators Hughes and Pokharel were not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the February 22nd, 2022, senate meeting were approved without objection, as electronically circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Senator Castronovo moved to add approval of the Central Asian Students Association Budget between open forum and communications.

The motion was approved without objection.

The agenda was approved, as amended, without objection.

OPEN FORUM

Madison Engelby addressed the Senate to share her concerns with the proposed budgets for the College Panhellenic and Interfraternity council and stated the following "ASUW senators, executive and prostaff. Most of you know me from the two years I served on this body but for those of you that don't, my name is Madison Engelby and I am a member and the Vice President of Organization of Kappa Kappa Gamma. I am here today to discuss ASUW's decision to revoke FSL's funding for 2023. To say, as a past ASUW senator, that I am disappointed would be an understatement. The current ASUW president and vice president came to our chapters houses back in April of 2021 and advocated for our votes, promising change after the strain that was put on our relationship by past ASUW administrations. I personally advocated for these candidates. The current ASUW body is made up of elected members. Elected members who were voted on, overwhelmingly, by the FSL community. From my experience on the elections committee, I know that FSL votes in ASUW elections more than any other group of students on campus. The people standing in this room tonight selected the members of this body almost unilaterally and unfortunately, we are not being represented. One would think that with twenty-eight senators and eleven executive officers, that an issue of this capacity would not be so easily overlooked. Especially when there are five members of this current administration that are FSL members themselves. Not only do FSL members actively run for ASUW and fill their executive board, we also fulfill a lot of the goals that ASUW stands for. A Strategic Plan for the Associated Students of Wyoming for the years 2018-2022 is the plan in which ASUW currently operates under. It's three goals are Recruit and Retain, Sense of Community and Growth through ASUW. FSL uses

an equal and well thought out recruitment process to select our members. Starting at the same place as the ASUW first-year senate, we stand outside the dorms during move-in, go to involvement fest, table in the union and throw cowboy carnival to reach out to freshmen at UW. Then, our chapters, CPH and IFC provide a multitude of leadership opportunities. Each one of our chapters have positions like president, recruitment, standards, risk management and more that give our members an opportunity to grow as leaders. Thus, giving them a reason and a community for them to stay for and grow with. Our community is one of the most tight knit communities on campus. Our community participates in each other's philanthropic events, has FSL wide events and socials and grows together as a community through recruitment. Programs like new member education and base camp give our new members a way to integrate into the community and meet their fellow brothers and sisters. Other programs like compass and CPH/IFC elections further our interaction with each other and help build strong connections. All of these things are possible through ASUW. FSL has the most leadership opportunities of any program on campus and we foster that sense of leadership with great care. With eleven CPH officers, nine IFC officers and nearly one hundred chapter officers, we give our members more opportunity to grow and thrive in their college experience than anyone else at UW. We use our ASUW budget to recruit, retain and grow a sense of community which is absolutely necessary to keep our community growing and progressing. Without the progression and growth of the single largest program on campus, a massive community's light would dim and leave hundreds of students without the programs, positions, councils, chapters, sisters and brothers that made them who they are today."

Carson Stinson also addressed the Senate to discuss his concerns with the proposed budgets for the College Panhellenic Council and the Interfraternity Council. Carson is IFC president and also a part of the Sigma Nu fraternity. He first started with showing appreciation for all current members of ASUW for assisting with the budget. He stated that there is a long road ahead for restructuring the partnership and plans on playing a larger part in this going forwards. He stated that while the relationship has been rocky, the council felt blind sighted and panicked that the funding was stripped with no warning. He believes this decision to remove funding from the largest recognized student organization on campus is absurd.

Carrie Faaberg addressed the Senate and stated the following "My name is Carrie Faaberg, I serve on UW's College Panhellenic Council as the Vice President of External Recruitment. This means I work with my counterpart to facilitate our formal recruitment process and encourage growth and retention within our community. I am also a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma and a hard-working and dedicated student. I am here today to propose an amendment to the budget that deals with the line items of Kintone, CampusDirector Recruitment Software, and Crowd Change Philanthropy Management Platform. The first requested line item is the Kintone platform software at \$1,260 This platform is the connecting information link for all chapters and a foundational component of the ways councils will communicate with chapters. It houses membership data for all members within the FSL community. Once launched, it will be used weekly, if not daily to utilize contact information, information postings, form submissions, resource utilization, etc... This will be an integral platform for our communities communication and programming endeavours. It will facilitate for members both new and old education, retention, and much more for the future of our community. The second requested line item is the Campus Director Recruitment Software at \$700 or \$4.25 for 165 users. This is a recruitment

management platform to provide logistical assistance to the recruitment process. Every female student at the University of Wyoming in good standing is eligible and welcome to go through our recruitment process. Every potential member who is interested in joining the community gets an account through the software as well as chapter and council logistic coordinators. Without this software, our recruitment processes, both formal and informal, would not be possible. Our community attracts at least 100 potential new members from the University of Wyoming student population each year. Keeping track of each potential new member's data and preferences along with each chapter's data and preferences during recruitment is a task that is not easily managed. However, this task is absolutely crucial for ensuring that chapters and potential new members are satisfied and will be retained within our community after the process is completed. Without this software, it would be near impossible to monitor this data in a way that is both logistical and respectful to each chapter and potential new members. The third line item is the crowd change philanthropy management platform at \$200. CrowdChange provides a third-party vendor opportunity for chapters to utilize and manage funds raised during philanthropy events and provides more accessible online payment options for philanthropic donors instead of just in-person cash or check donations. This software allows for more electronic donations to each chapter's local and national philanthropies, more community outreach for our philanthropic events, and ultimately allows us to not only strengthen our philanthropic endeavors but also attract more community participation which in turn facilitates growth and retention within our community. My goal in coming here today was to explain the importance of these line items in the hopes that the Senate will take these thoughts into consideration when voting on CPH's proposed amendments. The strategic partnership we share is crucial for the continued growth and development of both of our organizations and my community would hate to see it crumble due to a simple lack of communication and understanding. Thank you for your time."

Mikayla Morrison addressed the Senate to discuss the budget pertaining to the College Panhellenic Council. She stated she is a member of the College Panhellenic Council and also a Senior member of Alpha Phi. She discussed advertising and the importance of advertising to the College Panhellenic Council. She stated that the council uses advertising funding to advertise events and information to the greater student body, not just fraternity and sorority life members. There is a great amount of planning that goes into their events such as sexual assault awareness month and anti-hazing which goes out to the entire campus. They also have many philanthropic events that are available to the entire community. The ability to advertise these events is very important as it helps with funding and involving the entire community.

Cooper Crockett addressed the Senate and stated that he is Sigma Nu President. He stated that even though they are the largest student organization on campus, a lot of events go unnoticed. He wanted to address one of the things personally for him is personal growth and the alumni growth. He has only served two years in Greek life as a whole and did not expect to join Greek life. Greek life does not only promote it's own values but also the community as a whole. His own chapter members are striving for the same goals as well as other chapters in Greek life. Last year they raised \$35,000 to charity and local businesses and also had about 5,000 hours in community service. Greek life has meaning and cutting funding is not efficient. He stated that cutting funding will make it more difficult to engage in community service, events, and fundraising and will cause Greek life to function at its full capacity.

Jordan Ikeman addressed the Senate to speak on the proposed budget for the Interfraternity council and the relationship between ASUW and the partners as a whole. He is currently the chapter President of Alpha Sigma Phi. He stated that he was saddened to hear about the loss of funding from the FSL operations budget. He stated that FSL relies on ASUW for a lot of the outreach done by the community. He stated this funding was cut not even a year after FSL had sponsored two of the bills. He was surprised to hear these comments made because he has always had a great relationship with ASUW. He hopes that this relationship can be mended and that the same goals can be reached for. He also hopes communication can be bettered between the groups.

CENTRAL ASIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION BUDGET APPROVAL

Student Organization Funding Board gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Castronovo moved to approve the central students association budget.

Senator True seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a standing vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Swilling first reported he had the third meeting of the academic calendar committee. They will be meeting again on Thursday to discuss again. He also had a meeting with Jeremy Davis to discuss moving ASTEC to the purview of the CSIL office while still maintaining funding within ASUW. He also had a meeting to debrief the thoughts on Lucas Hansen who is the final candidate for the search for the ASUW assistant director. He also had various meetings throughout the week with representatives from the College Panhellenic Council and the Interfraternity Council to discuss the future of the partnership and the budget. He finally reported he is looking forwards to debate tonight.

Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam had no report.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier said “Starting with those not present, Director of Wellness and Sustainability McLean had no report but director of governmental and community affairs brown reported “She is attending city council, nothing different than usual to report, and she as always invites senators to come to my office to discuss anything.” For my own report, I am going to start off with a scholarship update. The DACA/International students scholarship is open and ready to be applied for, this can be accessed in WyoScholarships like all other scholarships. The DACA/International students scholarship will be closed on April 17th. Now for committee updates, I have all of you who signed up when I was the special event assigned to committees but if you received an email from me asking you to sign up for a scholarship committee please tell me which one you would like to sign up on by tomorrow morning. Also Senators, I will be emailing you all your committee assignments tomorrow so please look them over and if you don’t like anything, let me know and we can change that. I am meeting with the scholarship chairs on Thursday to give them an overview of the scholarship process and their role. They will also be given who is on their committee so be on the look out for emails from

them in the coming weeks. I am also going to be tabling for elections outreach tomorrow and attending Ad-Hoc Strategic Planning on Friday. As always I am working hard with the Ad-Hoc committee and with this, I am going to begin writing new by-laws alongside Director Hacke and President Swilling. These new by-laws will basically reform what we currently know as a strategic partnership. Finally, with the amendments, none of the committees made any amendments for any of the line items so when looking for those amendments, you do not have to worry about looking for specific line items. Steering and Budget and Planning just added an addendum B, so if you scroll all the way down to the bottom of the bill you will find in blue that addition and then for the ad-hoc committee, we just made changes to the actual body of the legislation which is seen in red. Okay finally for now, I have two fun ASUW facts of the week, first one that it was ASUW's 109th Birthday on Sunday so yay happy birthday ASUW, and then with that out of the 109 years ASUW has existed, my position has only been around for 5 years so I am the only 5th COLA to ever exist."

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Sapien had no report.

Director of Finance and Student Organizations Reyes-Aguilar reported "I would first like to say that Financial Wellness month is coming to an end next week. Thank you to all the senators and execs who helped with the events and attended them. Director Stadler and I will be having our final Financial Wellness Month event on Monday, March 7 at 5:00pm in the West Ball Room. This will be a Financial Jeopardy game where we will be giving out prizes. We would love to see you all there. We will continue to have a few more Financial Wellness events throughout the rest of the semester. If any senators are interested in those, please let Director Stadler or myself know. This concludes my report. "

Director of Financial Planning and Analysis Stadler had no report.

Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Brown's report was read by Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier.

Director of Marketing Clark reported that he has been preparing for elections.

Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke reported that he is a resource if anyone had any questions about past partnerships and what it means to be a partner.

Director of Wellness and Sustainability McLean had no report.

The Judicial Council was not present.

Vice President Anderson first reported he sent an email last night with service hours and the budget. For elections outreach, do not use the excel sheet he sent out. Please instead fill out the doodle poll as sent out by Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier. Still use the excel sheet for other outreach events.

Project Coordinator Crosby first reported that she has been dedicating time to completing UWYOIT courses. She is also working on assisting with coordinating this year's election cycle.

She also wanted to thank those who attended the resume workshops and is planning on finding another date that works with students' schedule to allow for more people to get professional advice on their resume.

Accountant Schaefer reported that she wanted to take a moment to thank those fraternity and sorority life members who attended the Senate tonight.

Ex- Officio Communications

College Panhellenic Council have had a lot of meetings over the budget. She wanted to thank all of the Senators, Executives, and Pro-Staff who have assisted through the process.

Faculty Senate was not present.

First-Year Senate reported they met tonight and conducted business and usual and passed the budget by a 12-0 margin after an hour of debate and stated that 6 members in the First-Year Senate are members of fraternity and sorority life.

The Interfraternity Council reported that wanted to thank all the Senators and executive members who have helped them through the budget process. They also reported they have new member education next week and look forwards to restructuring the partnership.

International Students Association reported they met this Monday. They are also working on helping with Ukraine awareness. Additionally, they are working on integrating with other student international students organizations.

Non-Traditional Student Council reported they are hosting a coffee hour next week, location pending. They are also going to be going over their plans for the upcoming semester.

Residence Halls Association was not present.

The Sustainability Coalition reported their 4 person ex-officio association has been consumed with the budget process and communication. While they continue to do climate change and food security task forces, their time has been dominated by the budget process. Their main focus has been focused on preparing an amendment to their budget to propose tonight, however, they are no longer pursuing this due to conflict and communication. They will be continuing to focus on their initiatives as well as working on the strategic partnership.

Staff Senate was not present.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee was not present.

United Multicultural Council was not present.

Wyoming Honors Organization reported they did not meet yesterday but last Friday they hosted an ice-skating event for their members. They are also organizing another SafeRide event for

March 5th. Finally, they reported they are planning a trip to Denver to visit the MeowWolf exhibit.

Committee Reports

Steering reported they met last Friday to make a recommendation on the budget.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported “ADP met last Wednesday from 12-1p. Other than sharing brief updates on upcoming campaigns for accessibility awareness, we discussed and made recommendation on SB #2789.”

Budget and Planning reported they met last Friday to hear from Dean O’Neil to hear about the budget impacts on the future fiscal year. They also discussed the current partnerships and future administrations.

Elections reported “The OPE has had a few changes this past week. Sen Rutz and I will be chairing the OPE committee for the remaining academic year. Secondly, we are working on a new meeting time, so we don’t have to meet at 7 am. I will keep you all updated when a time has been established. OPE met twice last week, we worked on the upcoming elections outreach and debated on the bill that was steered to us. Lastly, I would urge the senators to sign up for the elections outreach tabling which was sent by Chief of Legislative affairs Carrier. If you have any questions related to OPE, please reach out!”

Programs and Institutional Development reported “PID met last Friday in the Big Horn Room and had an in-depth discussion on the proposed FY23 budget and decided on our recommendation for the bill.”

Safety and Wellness reported “On Friday Feb 25, the safety and wellness committee tabled in Simpson Plaza to promote winter safety. This event was very successful, and we are hoping to do it one more time before spring break.”

Student Organization and Funding Board reported “SOFB met yesterday at 3:30 via Zoom. We heard an event request from the Central Asian Student Organization for their Central Asian Awareness Day – it recommended due pass. We also heard from the Wyoming Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society at the University of Wyoming for their Spring Break event request, this was approved. Unfortunately, the time to sign up for this trip has already passed. We also discussed an infraction from one of the student organizations. This turned out to be more of a miscommunication issue, so we realigned their budget to better represent this change. Finally, we also discussed a realignment for the Indian Students Association. We also made a recommendation on the SB that was steered to us.”

The restructuring Ad-Hoc reported “when the Ad-Hoc met on Friday, we reviewed SB 2789 and made amendments to the body. As a committee we have decided to have myself, Director Hacke, President Swilling, and any partner representatives will do a little back room work and write some very rough draft by-laws of a new set up of what we currently know as a strategic partnership. I will then take these by-laws to the committee and we will just edit them and make

them as effective as possible. We figured that it would be more efficient to actually have a hard copy of something we can “tear apart”. With that, the ad-hoc will not be meeting this week to allow some time to actually write these by-laws. Finally, we will be finding a new meeting time once again to try and include as many partners as possible.”

Strategic planning reported they are starting to reconvene on Friday.

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 reported Senator McGee ACTE meeting where she was able to listen in on conversations about updated class schedules and methods courses to be implemented over the next few years. Senator McGee also engaged in a lengthy conversation about hybrid classrooms and necessary technology updates. The next meeting will be at the end of March.

The College of Engineering and Applied Sciences met with the Dean of the college to discuss the restructuring of the University and ASUW.

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 #2789: ASUW Budget for Fiscal Year 2023

The bill was read for a second time.

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

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

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

Programs and Institutional Development gave a do-pass recommendation.

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

Steering gave a do-pass with amendments recommendation.

Student Organization Funding Board gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Ewalt moved to pass senate bill #2789.

Senator Engel-Cartie seconded.

President Swilling moved to adopt the amendments proposed by the Steering and Budget and Planning Committee as electronically circulated prior to the meeting.

Senator Castronovo seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Senator Ewalt moved for a 10 minute recess.

Senator Engel-Cartie seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

The Senate reconvened at 9:21pm.

Ex-Officio Mees moved to amend the College Panhellenic Budget with the first amendment proposed by CPH as electronically circulated prior to the meeting. The amendment would allocate \$1,800 to the line item "other salaries-PT (Students)" and \$642 to line item "internal service allocation: information technology".

Ex-Officio McEndree seconded.

Senator Castronovo moved to divide the question.

Senator Ewalt seconded.

Debate began on funding \$1760 on the line item "other salaries-PT (students)"

Senator Laverell moved to add the \$49 fringe benefits.

Senator Rhymes seconded.

The motion was accepted as friendly.

Senator True moved for question.

Senator Smith seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

A voice vote was taken on the original motion of funding the fraternity and sorority intern as previously amended.

President Swilling called division.

The motion passed via a roll call vote 19-7.

Debate began on funding \$642 to the line item "internal service allocation: information technology"

Senator True moved for previous question.

Senator Smith seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

President Swilling called division.

The motion failed 11-15.

Debate continued on the original motion.

Senator Ewalt moved for previous question.

Senator Smith seconded.

The motion passed via a voice vote.

A vote was taken on the original motion of funding \$642 to the line item "internal service allocation: information technology".

The motion failed via a voice vote.

Senator Lobato moved to adopt amendments 2 and 3 as proposed to the College Panhellenic budget as previously circulated prior to the meeting. The motion would allocate \$1,260 to line item Kitone, \$700 to CampusDirector, \$200 to Crowd Change, and \$700 to printing and copying expenses.

Ex-Officio McEndree seconded.

Senator Ewalt moved for previous question.

Senator Smith seconded.

The motion passed via a voice vote.

A voice vote was taken on the original motion. The motion failed unanimously via a voice vote.

Senator Engel-Cartie moved to close debate on the College Panhellenic budget.

Senator Rhymes seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke moved to amend the Interfraternity Council budget to reflect the amendments made to the College Panhellenic Council to fund \$1,760 + \$49.28 to line items "other salaries-pt (students)" and "flat fringe rate employer".

Senator Bowles seconded.

Senator Ewalt moved for previous question.

Senator Rhymes seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

A voice vote was taken on the original motion. The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke moved to close debate on the Interfraternity Council Budget.

Senator Smith seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Senator Laverell moved to reallocate \$22,887.71 from the Scholarships budget to the Student Organization Funding Board budget.

Senator Smith seconded.

Senator Bowles moved to amend the original motion by dividing the amount in Half with \$11,443 remaining in the scholarships budget and \$11,443 moving to the Student Organization Funding Board Budget.

Senator Ewalt seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

A voice vote was taken on the original motion, as amended.

President Swilling Called division.

The motion failed via a roll call vote of 7-19.

Senator Smith moved to close debate on the Scholarship budget.

Senator Castronovo seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Senator Rhymes moved for a 5 minute recess.
Senator Castronovo seconded.
The motion failed via a voice vote.

Senator True moved to strike all line items relating to “Drag Show” in the United Multicultural Council Budget, equating to \$878.
Senator Bowles seconded.
The motion failed via a voice vote.

Senator Shoemaker moved to reconsider the Student Organization Funding Board Budget.
Senator Bell seconded.
Senator Shoemaker withdrew her motion.

Senator Bowles moved to balance the budget by taking \$3,618 from the ASUW reserves to go towards the Interfraternity Council and College Panhellenic Council’s budgets.
Senator Anderson seconded.
The motion passed via a voice vote.

President Swilling moved to amend the bill with the proposed amendments made by the Ad-Hoc restructuring committee.
Senator Lobato seconded.
The motion was accepted as friendly.

A roll call vote was taken on Senate Bill #2789 as a whole as amended. The motion passed unanimously, 26-0.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 12:01am. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on March 8th, 2022, at 7:00pm in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

Kathryne Carrier
Chief of Legislative Affairs-109th Administration