

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The March 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

Senators Anderson, Dawson, Hughes, Haque, McGee, Abdalla, Rutz, and True were not present. First-Year Senator Sundquist was not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as electronically circulated prior to the meeting without objection.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Senator Castronovo moved to ass "the approval of the MEChA and the Latter-day Saints Student Association funding requests" between Open Forum and the Special Event agenda items.

The motion passed unanimously.

The agenda was approved, as amended, without objection.

OPEN FORUM

Three members of the MEChA student organization, Alexa Bacerra, Ismael Jimenez, and Yazmin Montiel addressed the Senate to discuss the Fiesta Primavera event they are seeking funding for. The event will have a keynote speaker who is an Emmy nominated poet from Mexico. They will also have a taco themed buffet catered by Altitudes. For the entertainment, they will be hiring a local DJ who will be playing Latin music. The traditional Aztec Dance Group will also be giving a performance to educate attendees in Aztec cultures and traditions. They will also be collaborating with UMC, half-acre, and Washakie dining for smaller events leading up to the main night with activities like Zumba classes and a Latin-American Dinner at Washakie Dining Hall.

FUNDING BOARD APPROVALS

MEChA Fiesta Primavera

Student Organization Funding Board gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Smith moved to approve the MEChA Fiesta Primavera funding board request.

Senator Rhymes Seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a standing vote.

Latter-Day Saints Student Association Brown and Gold Banquet

Student Organization Funding Board gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Smith moved to approve the Latter-Day Saints funding board request.

Senator Engel-Cartie seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a standing vote.

SPECIAL EVENT

Director of Marketing Clark addressed the new Student Hub WyoCourses page designed by ASUW. He first started by giving a brief background on the WyoCourses page and how this page was the center of their campaign and a forefront of their administration. This Student Hub will be the hub for students to go to for news on both ASUW and UW. The page has three tabs to it, UW, ASUW, and resources and services. Under the UW tab, information about UW connect for student organizations, UW students page, and UW events. Under the ASUW section, information can be found about ASUW updates such as big events and what has been happening in the Senate. There is also the section to learn more about ASUW as well as links to the ASUW website. The resources and services tab has a tab for academic help, housing and finances, activities and interests, graduation, and health and wellness. There is also information about scholarships, CSIL, SLCE, sports, and multicultural affairs. This Student Hub is currently live and available for students to use.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Swilling first reported that the primary focus of his upcoming week will be the Board of Trustees meeting. He also reported on what the Board of Trustees has coming up which includes the list of all funding priorities for the fiscal year, and the enrollment report for Spring 2022. He also reported that four University regulations will also be discussed at this meeting that particularly impact staff and faculty. They also are beginning a major initiative on how they can bring more student voice on the Board of Trustees. He also stated that the Board of Trustees themselves are undergoing a restructure to reduce the amount of materials to be read by the board, number of meetings, and longevity of meetings. Next, he reported that budget season is coming up for the University and the board will be reviewing and voting on the budgets for the University. Next, for more ASUW related projects, he reported he is undergoing listening sessions for strategic planning beginning with the advocacy, diversity, and policy committee. Next, he reported that Lucas Hansen who has been hired as the ASUW associate advisor will be officially beginning on April 4th and he invited everyone to stop by and introduce himself. Finally, he reported that ASUW elections voting is changing to canvas and that he is beginning conversations on making ACT and SAT testing no longer a requirement to apply and be admitted to the University.

Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam was not present.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier said “my time has mostly been spent with scholarships. All of the ASUW scholarships except for the DACA/International students scholarship are closed which means it is time for committees to start convening and reviewing. Your scholarship chair

should be reaching out to you with next steps here by the end of the week. With this, I am looking for student at larges and non traditional students to sit on my committees, so if you are an ex-officio I would love to have you on committees and if you all know anyone who may be interested, let me know as soon as possible. I have also been updating the website, especially with judicial council complaints. If you were unaware, all complaints sent to the judicial council and the councils decision can be found on the website under judicial council, judicial council decisions this is where elections complains can be found as well. As always, I am continuing my work with the ad-hoc restructuring committee. As a reminder, please email me all reports given during the meeting. Finally for my fun fact, and found by Senator Castronovo, in the 80s and early 90s we had a ad-hoc committee related to all beer related issues such as the gardens, selling beer at football and basketball games and more. This has long since been dissolved.”

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Sapien reported most of his time has spent working with identity based organizations. He has also been working with advocacy, diversity, and policy to finalize spending for special projects. Finally, he has also been focused on supporting other executives on various projects.

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

Director of Financial Planning and Analysis Stadler reported she is working on making a draft of an ASUW Budget analysis and visiting student fee analysis.

Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Brown was not present.

Director of Marketing Clark’s reported “This week I am working mainly on helping promote and put together elections and the events with it. This includes the candidate meet and greet tomorrow in Simpson’s Plaza from 11-1. I am also working with some members of the Nontraditional student council to look into more swag and student outreach.”

Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke was not present.

Director of Wellness and Sustainability McLean reported “I have been working in Mental Health Week with Director Sapien and Chief Homer-Wambeam. This is happening next week so keep your eyes and ears peeled for those events, we would love it if y'all could be there. Medical Amnesty and the Climate Action Resolution are ongoing projects, please come to my office hours or email me if you have any questions about those things.”

The Judicial Council was not present.

Vice President Anderson reported that he is setting up the Diversity and Sexual Assault Awareness training which will occur in April. He also reminded all candidates about the rules for their campaign and that any materials related to their campaign must be put away during Senate business.

Project Coordinator Crosby was not present.

Accountant Shaef's reported that most of her time has been dedicated to the elections and that campaigning has officially begun. Her superstar shoutout of the week was to student organization funding board chair, Dylan Laverell. Funding board has already approved twice as many events this semester than in the Fall. She also gave a shoutout to Director of Finance and Student Organizations Reyes-Aguliar for her help with the committee.

Ex- Officio Communications

College Panhellenic Council was not present.

Faculty Senate was not present.

First-Year Senate reported they started planning an event to occur in the next few weeks and are inviting all ASUW members to attend.

The Interfraternity Council was not present.

International Students Association had no report.

Non-Traditional Student Council reported "The Non Traditional Student Council is getting ready for our annual easter event with two easter egg stuffing parties, the first of which is this Friday March 25th 5-7 pm in the Union Family Room. There will be dinner for everyone who comes and volunteers to help us do the egg stuffing."

Residence Halls Association was not present.

The Sustainability Coalition was not present.

Staff Senate was not present.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee reported they are working on a dodgeball event where they will be collecting donations for local soup kitchens.

United Multicultural Council was not present.

Wyoming Honors Organization had no report.

Committee Reports

Steering reported they met before Spring Break to steer the three pieces of legislation up for first reading.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported they did not meet before Spring break.

Budget and Planning had no report.

Outreach, Programming, and Elections reported “OPE committee did not meet the week before spring break. However, we have a lot of exciting events for the coming days and weeks. As you know the ASUW elections is closing in. The applications for the Pres/VP and senator candidates closed yesterday the 21st, and campaigning has now started. The first candidate meet and greet is happening tomorrow at Simpson’s Plaza from 11-1 pm, so please try to attend to get to know your future student body government. And as already mentioned, we will be using Wyocourses for Elections voting this year.”

Programs and Institutional Development had no report.

Safety and Wellness reported they met at their usual time on Monday and will be doing another round of Winter Safety tabling where they will be handing out ice scrapers and blankets.

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, LDS student org, MEChA, WWAMI, and the American Association of drilling engineers (conference request). All events were either approved at funding board or here at senate. I will explain the events that we approved when they are approaching.”

The restructuring Ad-Hoc reported “unfortunately, we are having to find a new meeting time once again in order to better accommodate some of our partners. However, despite a when2meet link being sent to them, there is appearing to be a bit of a lack of response so hopefully they can communicate back to me on that soon so I can schedule a meeting. Senators, I sent you all the same when2meet and if you are interested on serving on the committee or reserving on it, please fill it out! I am hoping that when we can finally meet again, we can discuss our options for moving forward.”

Strategic planning reported they met last Friday and finalized questions for listening tours and finalized a list of people who they will be speaking too. They are meeting on Fridays at 8am and invite anyone to attend their meetings.

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 Science 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

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

SR #2790: Shifting Day-to-Day Supervision of Associated Student Technical Serviced to the Center of Student Involvement and Leadership for a Trial Period and Permanently Renaming the Program

The resolution was read for the first time.

This resolution was steered to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Program and Institutional Development; and Student Organization Funding Board.

SB #2791: Codifying ASUW Procedures for Selecting a Senator and Student-at-Large of the Month and of the Year

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Program and Institutional Development; and Steering

SB #2792: Affirming that Distance Students Can Run for ASUW Senate

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Program and Institutional Development; and Outreach Programming and Elections

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Swilling announced that the new university studies program committee is meeting to reevaluate the required classes for undergraduates to take in order to receive their degree. President Swilling alongside Vice President Anderson are looking for student feedback on the current general studies classes for which ones could be removed and which courses should be added.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:10pm. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on March 22, 2022, at 7:00pm in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

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