

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The March 8th, 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, McGee, and Shoemaker were not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Rhymes moved to amend the minutes to state that the recess ended at 9:21pm instead of 8:10pm, to change on the amendment 2 and 3 as proposed to the College Panhellenic budget prior to the meeting the line on that amendment "a voice vote was taken on the original motion. The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote" to say "a voice vote was taken on the original motion. The motion failed unanimously via a voice vote", and to change that the meeting adjourned at 12:01am not 12:01pm.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The agenda was approved, as amended, unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Senator Castronovo moved to amend the agenda by adding the approval of the QCC Spring dance budget request to after open forum.

The motion passed unanimously.

The agenda was approved, as amended, without objection.

OPEN FORUM

Riley Skorez addressed the state to state that they are available to speak on the QCC funding board approval if necessary.

APPROVAL OF THE QCC SPRING DANCE FUNDING BOARD REQUEST

Senator Bowles moved to approve the funding board request for the QCC Spring Dance as electronically circulated prior to the meeting.

Senator Engel-Cartie seconded.

The motion passed via a standing vote, 22-1.

SPECIAL EVENT

President Swilling presented to the Senate tonight to discuss the strategic planning for ASUW for this current year. The purpose of the strategic planning committee is to develop a set of goals and guidelines to work towards over the next 4 years to ultimately build a better student government. The ad-hoc strategic planning committee which is tasked with creating the next strategic plan for ASUW was formed in Fall of 2021 and is composed of ex-officios, Senators, executives, and students. A strategic plan is an organizations process of defining its goals and priorities and taking a close look at what is currently being done well, what is not going well, and where we can improve. The guiding principles of the strategic plan is transparency, including as many voices as possible, aligning priorities with the University, specificity, and honesty. The basic process of the strategic plan was first evaluating the 2017-2022 ASUW Strategic plan and doing a SWOT analysis of it and ASUW. From this, it was found that the strategic plan was vague with no reasonable or specific ways to accomplish the stated goals. Next, listening sessions are going to encore with many parts of ASUW and UW including ASUW committees, ASUW programs, student affairs leadership, and the student body. These listening sessions will cover the basics of the strategic planning process making sure to address the questions what is working well, what isn't working well, what future challenges do you anticipate for ASUW, and what future opportunities do you anticipate for ASUW, and more.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Swilling first reported that he is working on projects such as the academic calendar committee. He reported that this committee recently met and that there were no major changes made to the academic calendar. The most notable change is that Thanksgiving break will now only be 3 days plus the weekend. The semester will now start a week later because of this and at least one mental health day is now integrated into each semester. Next, he reported he has a meeting with Misty Eaton to discuss the results and topic of equitable access. With this, he also commented on the results of the student survey regarding equitable access. He stated that there were mixed opinions here as some students were greatly in favor while others were strongly opposed. Next, he reported he had attended a meeting on UWs accreditation to be a University. The half way point on this accreditation is coming up and he is on the committee to plan the review. Next, he touched on a piece of legislation in the state legislature which is about women's and gender studies degree programs at the University and how there could be a potential piece of legislation in regards to this legislature. Finally, he reported he is working on his usual projectas such as writing legislation and strategic planning.

Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam reported that she wanted to apologize for the lack of Senate appearances. She has been working on her usual duties of supporting the directors as well as assisting with various committees and projects. She has been particularly focused on the strategic planning committee and scheduling of the listening sessions. She asks that all committee chairs respond to her to schedule a time for her to come visit the committee.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier said "I just wanted to remind everything that all ASUW scholarships, except for the DACA/International students scholarship, close on March 15th, the DACA one closes on April 17th. With this, scholarship chairs will be reaching out to all of you all shortly. Ex-officios and students, you all are more than welcome to serve on committees as

well and if this interests you, please let me know. In the coming weeks I will be tabling for elections and updating our website and cleaning up the by-laws. Additionally, I will be planning and strategizing for the Ad-Hoc committee. While I am up here, I will say this now and later but the Ad-Hoc restructuring committee will NOT be meeting this Friday. Also as a reminder, please send me any and all reports given during the meeting! So my fun ASUW fact of the day is that there was a resolution in 1983 in support of banning smoking in the arena auditorium.”

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Sapien’s report was not present.

Director of Finance and Student Organizations Reyes-Aguilar was not present.

Director of Financial Planning and Analysis Stadler was not present.

Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Brown was not present.

Director of Marketing Clark’s reported “This past week, I have worked on prepping for elections coming up. Additionally I have been working on the next podcast episode I hope to get later this week. Lastly, I am assisting in the marketing of the student issues survey from the fall and spring.”

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

Director of Wellness and Sustainability McLean was not present.

The Judicial Council was not present.

Vice President Anderson first wanted to put emphasis on elections and stated that they will be needing lots of help with events and that sign-up sheets will be coming around later. Next, he wanted to give everyone a reminder about elections rules and that you may not begin campaigning in any capacity until the mandatory candidate information session is complete. If you are found to be campaigning early, you will be reported, and your candidacy will be shut down.

Project Coordinator Crosby reported ““Don’t Regret Signing your Next Lease” event; participating in conversations about the potential rehousing of ASTEC under CSIL; attending the Laramie Joint Climate Action Task Force meeting; sitting down with Non-Traditional Student Council’s ASUW Representative to discuss plans for events and engagement; and extending offers of assistance to ASUW’s Partners. I imagine the rest of my week will be consumed by Elections preparations and planning; wrapping up the Assistant Director search for ASUW’s currently vacant Advisor position; checking in with CSIL to learn more about upcoming events and/or policies at our weekly meeting; collaborating with Multicultural Affairs and UMC as we determine the program’s trajectory; and attending standing committee meetings when possible. I hope you’re all looking forward to a restful and relaxing Spring Break. Along that vein, the ASUW Office will likely be closed for the duration of Spring Break, so please take care to ensure some personal time for self-care. If there's anything I can do to support you in your self-care journey or if you’d like some guidance in that capacity, I’m more than happy to help.”

Accountant Shaef's report was read by President Swilling and said "Good evening! Apologies that I am not here tonight as I am out of the office this week but I am working remotely part-time so I can be reached via email if you need anything. Happy International Women's Day! This week I have a super star shout-out for our Ex-Officio Octavio Gonzalez Guerra Vazquez. Thank you for representing your constituents so well this year. You always show up to Senate and committee meetings with contagious enthusiasm and energy and are ready to help and work wherever needed to complete ASUW's mission. Please know your hard work is recognized and appreciated. Also, please be aware that the ASUW office will be closed next week for spring break. Project Coordinator Crosby and I will both be out of the office travelling to see family, and the executives will be out as well. If you need anything, please feel free to email but know that it may not receive an answer until business resumes the following Monday."

Ex- Officio Communications

College Panhellenic Council reported they celebrated badge day yesterday and that today and tomorrow they will be having their new member education.

Faculty Senate was not present.

First-Year Senate reported they conducted business as usual in their brief meeting.

The Interfraternity Council had no report.

International Students Association reported they are hosting a rally of freedom for Ukraine with another student organization tomorrow.

Non-Traditional Student Council reported they are having coffee hours this Friday in the warm valley meeting room and sharing with members about upcoming events.

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 was not present.

Wyoming Honors Organization reported they finally ordered t-shirts so that members can have memorabilia. They also hosted their SafeRide event and will be hosting another event next month.

Committee Reports

Steering had no report as they did not meet.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported they met last Wednesday and talked updates about UW day and special projects.

Budget and Planning reported they did not meet last week and look forwards to meeting this week.

Outreach, Programming, and Elections reported “OPE did not meet last week however we have a meeting time established. We will be meeting on Friday from 3-4 pm, however, I am still working on the meeting location, which I will update you all on next week. I would like to thank all the senators who have helped with tabling so far and speaking of, I have a signup sheet for tabling for the 9th and the 10th, so if anybody wants to get a service hour out of it, please do so. I will be emailing the volunteers with the info needed for tabling.”

Programs and Institutional Development reported “PID met on Friday and started creating some questions and guidelines for an evaluation sheet for ASUW and its programs for evaluations in the upcoming years.”

Safety and Wellness reported they did not meet yesterday but are in the process of planning mental health week and tabling events.

Student Organization and Funding Board reported they met yesterday in the big horn room where they heard from the QCC for a spring dance. The Indian spring fest will be coming Saturday march 12th at noon, cowboy swing club dance competition on march 26th, and equality and computing book club on the 30th.

The restructuring Ad-Hoc reported “currently the Ad-Hoc is a bit in a pause as I am currently having conversations with various members and stakeholders to decide what direction the committee will be taken. Once again, we will not be meeting this week.”

Strategic planning invited everyone to attend their meetings 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 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

Selection of a Student-at-Large of the Month

Senator Rhymes nominated Quinton Brooks
President Swilling nominated Anastasiia Perverten
Ex-Officio Vasquez nominated Yihan Wang
Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam nominated Kat Tyler
Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier nominated Zach Mees
Anastasiia Perverten was selected as student at large of the month.

Selection of Senator of the Month

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier nominated Senator Engel-Cartie
Senator Rhymes nominated Senator Ewalt
President Swilling nominated Senator Laverell
Senator Laverell was selected as Senator of the month.

Cancellation of ASUW Senate March 15th, 2022 Meeting

Senator Rhymes moved to cancel the regularly scheduled ASUW Senate meeting that was to occur on March 15th, 2022 due to Spring Break.
Senator Castronovo seconded.
The motion passed unanimously via a standing vote.

Invocation of the Intercession Oversight Committee

Senator Castronovo moved to invoke the intercession oversight committee at the close of business Friday until March 20, 2022.
Senator Rhymes seconded.
The motion passed unanimously via a standing vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Abdalla announced his apologies for his electronics making noise during the meeting. He also announced he has been working with President Swilling and Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier regarding the increase in the housing deposit for the University apartments and the need for legislation to combat that issue.

Senator Rhymes announced the Stop the Bleed workshop hosted by the WWAMI students will focus on how to use a tourniquet and pack a bleeding wound. The workshops are two hours long and will have three more sessions throughout the semester.

Vice President Anderson announced the importance of Elections outreach and how important it is to ASUW.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:40pm. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on March 22, 2022, at 7:00pm in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

Kathryne Carrier
Chief of Legislative Affairs-109th Administration

