

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The April 19th, 2022, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Anderson at 7:08pm. The land acknowledgement statement and mission statement were read, and the Pledge of Allegiance was done at individual member's discretion.

ROLL CALL

Senators Dawson, Engel-Cartie, Abdalla, Pokharel, and Rutz were not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the April 12th, 2022, senate meeting were approved without objection, as electronically circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Senator Laverell moved to add SR #2798: Strategic Considerations for the Renaming of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources to old business.

Senator Rhymes seconded.

The agenda was approved, as amended, without objection.

OPEN FORUM

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

SPECIAL EVENT

Kent Nobile and Tucker Norman, the Bill Daniels Chair of Business Ethics and president of Ethics Club respectively addressed the Senate tonight to speak on behalf of the University's Spark Tank program. Spark tank is how the University works with nonprofits in the local area. In 2018 they invested \$10k and in 2019 they raised \$12.5k split into 5 different groups. After these successes, they decided they wanted to raise more money and make a bigger difference on the community and to do this the University foundation got involved and pledged support during the Giving Day Campaign. During this campaign in 2020, they raised \$45k which now allowed them to make larger investments into the community. Last year, they had the commitment of the UW Foundation and more professors wanted to get involved which allowed them to raise \$57.5k in 2021. So far this year, they have raised \$86k and this number is still growing. Larger organizations and companies are also beginning to get involved as OtterBox has donated \$25k and Walmart has donated \$5k. They have select four major nonprofits that will help provide essential needs to members of the community such as food, safety, security, and healthcare. From 2018-2020 they have seen exponential growth and they hope to expand as they have already been approached by other organizations around campus and hope to make this no longer solely an ethics club event but rather an entire college event. To decide the nonprofits, nonprofits

will send in short videos from potential nominees where the club selects four finalists which are then toured and interviewed to learn more about the nonprofit. They will then be putting on an event where the nominees will give a final presentation where members will then vote, and monetary amounts will be awarded to the different organizations. Spark tank begins at 5pm in the Business Atrium on April 28th. They hope that ASUW can make it a campus wide effort, not just to Business students as it can benefit both the students by making them more involved in the community and showing that every dollar received goes back into the community.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Swilling first reported that the green dot training will be taking place this Thursday and that it is a serious subject and needs to be taken seriously. He also reported that the legislation deadline has been hit and the 109th administration has broken the record for most legislation produced in a year. He also stated that elections have been wrapped up and that the voting record from 2014 has been broken. Inauguration and swearing in of the 110th administration President and Vice President and Senators will be on May 2nd in the Skylight lounge from 5-6pm. He is also preparing the transition from this administration to the next by working with his successor. He also mentioned that while he will no longer be serving in his President role, he will still be maintaining his spot on three committees at the University.

Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam reported “First of all, I would like to offer a huge congratulations to all those who were voted into the next administration, I am so excited to see what the 110th achieves. It was a truly wonderful group of students that ran in elections this year, so congratulations to all of you who ran campaigns. Last week I helped table for elections as well as helped edit the ASUW Strategic Plan which is up for first reading tonight. Over this week and the next I will be working with executives on cleaning out the downstairs office, returning keys, finalizing transition documents, changing passwords, and completing any other tasks to make room for the next administration. I will also be working further with Vice President Anderson on ASUW’s end of the year banquet which is coming up next week. Today I tabled with Green Dot on UW’s Denim Day, I see that many of you wore jeans, green dot gear, or other denim clothing to senate, and I want to thank you all for participating in this important day of solidarity. It truly means the world to many people at this University. Finally, I would like to offer that if you are interested in applying to the Chief of Staff position for the 110th administration, please know that my door is always open if you would like ask any questions about the role, I have greatly enjoyed taking on this leadership role over the past year. Today I will also be giving a report on behalf of our Director of Marketing, Kaycee Clark. Director Clark would first like to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped with such a successful election last week. Breaking ASUW’s previous voting record from 2014 and nearly quadrupling last year’s total is extremely impressive. Other than his work with elections, Director Clark has been helping the Non-Traditional Student Council design a shirt for the end of the year and their last event along with designing a newsletter for them. Additionally, he helped “beautify” the strategic plan that is in Senate Bill #2804 and is in the process of “beautifying” the Fiscal Year 2023 budget analysis. To conclude, Director Clark is formulating an end of administration video. Chief Carrier has sent

out a link to all of you about this, but as a reminder, if you have any of your major projects that you want to make sure are included in this end of the year video, please speak with Director Clark and he will make sure those get included!”

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier was not present.

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Sapien 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 reported that she it was great to be back in the Senate. She would like to thank everyone for working with her to award scholarships. She also reported that most of her time this week has been taken up working on the strategic plan and writing the DEI resolution in collaboration with President Swilling and Director Sapien. She also informed the Senate that for the dinner with Governor Gordon, the attire will be business casual. If anyone has any questions, feel free to send her an email or visit her office hours.

Director of Marketing Clark’s report was read by Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam.

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

Director of Wellness and Sustainability McLean reported “This week has been spent working on the Climate Action Resolution, which is up for first reading tonight. The final recommendations will be made by the Laramie Joint Climate Action task force following the Shepherd Symposium on April 22, Friday of this week. That will go from 12-4 in the Union ballroom, please stop by for more information.

As many of y’all know, today was UW Denim Day and the Green Dot Day of Action. I am thrilled to see our whole senate decked out in Denim and green dot gear in support of survivors! For those of you who don’t know, in 1992 an 18-year-old girl in Italy was raped by her 45 year old driving instructor. She reported, and her rapist was convicted, but in 1998 the Italian Supreme Court Decision overturned his conviction, citing the victim’s tight jeans as a reason. In 1999, people started wearing denim during the month of April in protest of this decision, and in protest of victim blaming in the courts and in our culture. This young Italian woman’s story is not an uncommon or unfamiliar one. Many survivors never receive justice, and are never believed when they tell their stories. Wearing denim is just one way that we can show survivors on our campus that we support them, and seeing this body wearing denim shows exactly that. 27% of UW students experience rape and sexual violence while attending college, and according to RAINN college students of all genders are statistically more likely to experience rape and sexual assault than their peers of the same age. Sexual assault unfortunately happens on our campus, there are survivors on this campus who need support. Who need love. And need to be believed. Today, all over campus, we got to spread awareness for sexual assault, share the mission of Green Dot, listen to the stories of survivors and raise money for the Survivors Emergency Fund. This fund is to cover the expenses of survivors here at UW. Reporting, legal proceedings, therapy can all cost a considerable amount of money, and the money that we are

raising will help survivors with those costs. Thank you to the dean of students office, SAFE project, Green Dot, all of the students who wore denim and donated today, and thank you to this body for showing support to survivors tonight. As a member of ASUW and a student on our campus, I am so proud to have been part of this and as a survivor myself, I can say that this support is necessary and felt. I would love it if y'all could stick around after the meeting tonight to take a picture of everyone in their denim and green dot gear, that would be awesome."

The Judicial Council was not present.

Vice President Anderson reported that submissions for the senatorial scholarship requirements are due by tomorrow afternoon. He also reported that the green dot training is this Thursday at 5pm in Half Acre room 215. He also said the ASUW end of year banquet is April 27th, so please make sure to fill out the form sent out by Sunday so that the proper amount of food can be ordered. Finally, he wanted to give a shoutout to outreach, programming, and elections chair Senator Pradhanang for putting on great events for the week leading to the most votes of all time.

Assistant Director Hansen was not present.

Accountant Schaefer wanted to thank everyone for their work on the scholarship committees and those on the outreach, programming, and elections committee. She wishes the 109th administration wouldn't end as their goodbyes are bittersweet. Finally, she gave her superstar shoutout to the Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy committee for their work with special projects.

Ex- Officio Communications

College Panhellenic Council was not present.

Faculty Senate was not present.

First-Year Senate reported they discussed the future of First-Year Senate with the programs, and institutional development committee to make it a more enjoyable and better experience.

The Interfraternity Council had no report.

International Students Association reported they have new ex-officio who introduced themselves tonight. They are looking forwards to bettering the entirety of the University with ASUW.

Non-Traditional Student Council reported they gave out all of their easter eggs, and they have a final event for the year with details to be announced next week.

Residence Halls Association was not present.

The Sustainability Coalition reported they met with the budget and planning committee to pass their budget realignment. They have also been working on their event for the Shepard Symposium for their climate action plan.

Staff Senate was not present.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee was not present.

United Multicultural Council reported that the Muslim Students Association will be having a panel discussion on issues plaguing Arabic people, there will be smaller events by the panel is the major one. They also reported they accomplished their goals of creating events for students around campus by collaborating with other student organizations around campus. Next year they hope to develop the UMC outreach coordinator position with specific goals to be a liaison with ASUW and upper administration. They hope to collaborate more with student organizations and in the future may shift UMC under Multicultural Affairs.

Wyoming Honors Organization was not present.

Committee Reports

Steering reported they met on Monday to allow the deadline to be extended for the 16 pieces of legislation submitted.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported updates regarding the near completion of their efforts to distribute anti-drink tampering products to UWYO students for free, funded by ASUW Special Projects. Despite some unexpected production and shipping delays, ADP is proud to report that they distributed 200 anti-drink tampering products just through tabling last week, and they have identified twenty-three high-traffic locations on campus to stock these products, where students may access these materials at any time. Fifteen out of twenty-three of these locations have already been equipped with a stash of products, and ADP anticipates that the last 8 locations will be stocked later this week. ADP recognizes and honors the students who have shared their experiences of drug-facilitated sexual assault with ADP over the past two weeks, and sincerely thanks those survivors who were courageous enough to share their stories.

Budget and Planning reported they met last week to discuss the realignments and legislation steered to them. They are working on following up with two other realignments. They also made a note to the future administration to simplify the realignment process.

Outreach, Programming, and Elections reported ““OPE did not meet last week however, we do want to announce and first congratulate the 110th administration, I am super excited for you guys, I know you all will do great! also, I would like to wholeheartedly thank everyone who helped with the entirety of the elections process. So, thank you to the executive Directors, pro-staff, my fellow OPE committee and all the senators who helped us with outreach and tabling. OPE cannot take the credit alone and could not have done it without you all! Now secondly, our snack giveaway the COE has been going great! We have one more day tomorrow that we will be tabling. We still have 2 slots from 9-10am and 10-11am available if anyone would like to help, please reach out to me.”

Programs and Institutional Development reported “PID met last Friday and performed check ins on program evaluations which will be concluding this Friday. Both Senator Bogus and Senator

Castronovo conducted evaluation of the First-Year Senate today at their meeting and gained valuable insight from the First-year Senators. In the final weeks, PID will be focusing on how to improve our programs and getting ready to pass the torch on to the next administration.”

Safety and Wellness had no report.

Student Organization and Funding Board reported “I attended my last SOFB meeting yesterday at 3:30 in the Warm Valley Room. We heard from CPH about their formal recruitment event, it was decided that they would come back next week after they make some changes. We then heard from Sigma Phi Epsilon for their Better Man Scholarship Event, their event was denied. We also heard from WASA for their African culture event, we approved their request. Finally, we heard a budget realignment from QCC, we approved their realignment.”

The restructuring Ad-Hoc reported “Ad-hoc met last Friday and dove further into the construction of a white paper for redoing the strategic partnerships with ASUW. We redefined some of the vaguer topics to create a better picture of how we currently see the new partnership module for the next administration to utilize.”

Strategic planning Ad-Hoc met last week to finalize the draft language with the help of Director Clark. They will be meeting for the final time this upcoming week.

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 reported they met with the last candidate for the position of the Dean and should be having the final decision being announced soon.

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 reported they handed out flyers for the Laramie Community Climate Action Summit which will be held on the April 22nd from 12-4pm in the Wyoming Union.

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 #2801: Creation and the Authorization of the Endowment for the ASUW International Students and Non-Citizen Scholarship

The bill was read for a second time.

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

Budget and Planning gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Rhymes moved to pass senate bill 2801.

Senator Pradhanang seconded.

President Swilling moved to replace Addendum A with the updated version as electronically circulated prior to the meeting.

Senator Ewalt seconded.

The amendment was accepted as friendly by the chair.

The motion passed unanimously as amended by a roll call vote.

Senate Resolution #2798: Strategic Considerations for the Renaming of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

The resolution was read for a second time.

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

Ad-hoc restructuring gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Ewalt moved to take SR #2798 from the table.

Senator Smith seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Senator Laverell moved to pass SR #2798.

Senator Smith seconded.

Senator Laverell moved to amend the motion with the proposed amendments from the advocacy, diversity, and policy committee.

Senator Rhymes seconded.

The motion was accepted as friendly.

The motion to pass SR 2798, as amended, was passed unanimously via a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill #2802: Dissolution of the Strategic Partnership Between the College Panhellenic Council and ASUW in Accordance with their request.

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to Ad-Hoc Restructuring; Program and Institutional Development.

Senate Bill #2803: Dissolution of the Strategic Partnership Between the Interfraternity Council and ASUW in Accordance with their Request

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to Ad-Hoc restructuring; Program and Institutional Development.

Senate Bill #2804: Adoption of the 2022-2027 ASUW Strategic Plan.

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Ad-Hoc Restructuring; Ad-Hoc Strategic Planning; Budget and Planning; Outreach, Programming, and Elections;

Program and Institutional Development; Safety and Wellness; Student Organization Funding Board; and Steering.

Senate Bill #2805: Splitting of the ASUW Finance Policy into Two Distinct Policies

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to Budget and Planning; Student Organization Funding Board; and Steering.

Senate Resolution #2806: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Initiatives for ASUW (2022-2023)

The resolution was read for a first time.

The resolution was steered to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Program and Institutional Development.

Senate Resolution #2807: ASUW Support for the Creation of a Bachelor's in Honors Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences

The resolution was read for the first time.

The resolution was steered to advocacy, diversity and policy.

Senate Resolution #2808: ASUW Support for a Laramie Joint Climate Action Plan

The resolution was read for the first time.

The resolution was steered to advocacy, diversity, and policy; safety and wellness.

Senate Bill #2809: Creation of the Student Success Priorities Endowment

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to budget and planning.

Senate Bill #2810: ASUW Support for Starting Discussion with the Sustainability Coalition Becoming an ASUW Program

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to Ad-Hoc restructuring; Program and Institutional Development.

Senator Smith moved for a five minute recess.

Senator Laverell seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a roll call vote.

The Senate reconvened at 8:44pm.

Senate Bill #2811: Revisions to the ASUW Elections Policy, Including its Separation from the ASUW By-Laws

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to outreach, programming, and elections.

Senate Bill #2812: Creation of an Annual ASUW Strategic Plan Progress Report

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to Ad-Hoc strategic planning; Program and Institutional Development; Steering.

Senate Resolution #2813: Statement of Continued Support for Change to UW Regulation 2-100

The resolution was read for the first time.

The resolution was steered to Advocacy, Diversity, ad Policy; Program and Institutional Development.

Senate Resolution #2814: Continued ASUW Support for the Creation of a School of Graduate Education at the University of Wyoming in Light of the release of the Full Request for Authorization

The resolution was read for the first time.

The resolution was steered to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy.

Senate Bill #2815: Revising the ASUW/2007 Senior Class Legacy Endowment to Allow Proceeds to be Spent of Programming

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to budget and planning.

Senate Bill #2816: Establishing Rules for Open Forum in ASUW's Rules and Procedures

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to advocacy, diversity, and policy; program and institutional development; steering.

Senate Bill #2817: Codifying ASUW Procedures for End-of-Year Awards

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to advocacy, diversity, and policy; program and institutional development; steering.

Opportunity for Excellence Scholarship Budget Realignment

Budget and Planning gave a do pass recommendation.

Senator Ewalt moved to approve the budget realignment.

Senator Rhymes seconded.

The motion passed via a standing vote.

Student at Large of the Month

President Swilling nominated Bridger Sparks

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Senator Bell nominated Jenna Crouse

Senator Shoemaker nominated Amblessed Nwokejobi

Senator Laverell nominated Jacob Smiley

Jacob Smiley was selected as the student at large for the month of April.

Senator of the Month

Senator Rhymes nominated Senator Ewalt.

President Swilling nominated Senator McGee.

Senator Ewalt nominated Senator Willis.

Senator McGee was selected as Senator of the month for April.

Student at Large of the Year

Senators casted their vote on who the student at large of the year is, results to be announced at the end of year awards banquet.

Senator of the Year

Senators casted their vote on who should be senator of the year, results to be announced at the end of year awards banquet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 9:04pm. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on April 26th, 2022, at 7:00pm in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

Kathryne Carrier
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