**ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

The April 4th, 2023, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Swilling at 7:06 p.m. The land acknowledgement statement and mission statement were read, and the Pledge of Allegiance was done at the individual members’ discretion.

**ROLL CALL**

Senators Colter Anderson, Grimes, McLean, and Schliebe were not present for roll call.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved without objection.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Senator Ewalt moved to add the Approval of the Away Meeting change on April 11th from 5:30pm-7:00 p.m. at the Wyoming State Capitol and to add Nomination and Selection of November Senator and Student-at-Large of the Month.

Senator Hennigar seconded.

The motion was passed unanimously.

The agenda was approved, as amended, without objection.

**OPEN FORUM**

James Charles Lake spoke in Open Forum regarding his story with a vehicle accident and his recovery. He argues that there is a large demographic that is ignored in the state, which are medical cannabis users. He announced that there will be the second annual Cowboys for Cannabis 420 Roundup out in front of the Student Union on April, 20th from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

**SPECIAL EVENT**

University of Wyoming (UW) President Ed Seidel addressed key issues faced by the University, especially the outlined goals for his confirmed second term at the UW. President Seidel spoke about the parking situation on campus and informed the Senate about new lots and proposed plans for parking. He explicitly mentioned that there would be a net gain of over 200 parking spots after the construction projects. The goal for the commuter lots is to have students on campus within 5 minutes after leaving from the lot. He argues that compared to other universities the cost is quite low. Another topic that President Seidel mentioned was the two Minors being created for all students (Entrepreneurship and Computing), which were developed to give students institutional development in the workforce. The UW received $170 million from the Wyoming State Legislature in a one-time use fund, which is funding the new west dormitories, stadium renovations, additional funding for the Science Initiative Building, and swimming pool remodeling. The School of Energy Resources and the School of Agriculture also received one-time use funding. Science and engineering programs have received $9 million annually to bolster the programs. President Seidel addressed Student Success and Graduation and some new initiatives the UW will be working on. They plan to tailor cohorts for first-year students in specific demographics, such as, first generational students, Native American Students, Hispanic Students, African American students, and others. The new Vice-President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), Zebadiah Hall, will be working on these goals. President Seidel emphasized that he wants to increase scholarships from privately funded sources to give more opportunities for students. One of President Seidel’s pillars is to improve external relations. After President Seidel covered his goals for his second term with the UW he fielded several questions from ASUW representatives.

**NEW BUSINESS**

SB #2866 - Reform to the Appointment Process of ASUW Justices

The bill was read for the first time.

The legislation was steered to Steering; Program and Institutional Development.

SB #2867- The Creation of an ASUW Representative on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)

The bill was read for the first time.

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

**Approval of the Away Meeting change on April 11th from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Wyoming State Capitol**

The motion was passed unanimously.

**Nomination and Selection of November Senator of the Month**

Senator Ewalt nominated Senator Almejo-Ponce

President Brown nominated Senator Meiklejohn

Senator Almejo-Ponce was elected as Senator of the Month for November.

**Nomination and Selection of November Student-at-Large**

Senator Hennigar nominated Student-at-Large Brandon Bartush

Senator Knull nominated Student-at-Large Tanya Lubashkina

Senator Willis nominated Student-at-Large Cam Murphy

Senator Meiklejohn nominated Student-at-Large Elizabeth Punke

Senator Ewalt nominated Student-at-Large Payton Punteney.

President Brown nominated Student-at-Large Maeve Knepper.

Senator Bouma nominated Student-at-Large Grant Brammer.

Student-at-Large Grant Brammer declined.

Student-at-Large Hacke was elected for Student-at-Large of the Month for November.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Castronovo announced that Fiesta Primavera is on Saturday April 8th at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the Union Information Desk this week. Reach out to Director Sapien to learn more.

Senator Stadler announced that the LITC is hosting Bring Your Own Taxes.

Assistant Director Hansen invited everyone to the President Vice-President debate tomorrow from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Vice-President Swilling invited everyone to the Accessibility Day.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on April 4th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

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*Notes taken by Senator Engelby*