

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The April 5th, 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, Mohamed Abdalla, and Pradhanang were not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the March 29th, 2022, senate meeting were approved without objection, as electronically circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved, as electronically circulated prior to the meeting, without objection.

OPEN FORUM

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Swilling reported that this is one of his last report. Some of the last projects he is working on and wrapping up is the DACA/International Students scholarship endowment. He is also working on his students priority endowment to create a large scale endowment from leftover money. He is also working with the outreach, programming, and elections committee to conduct a thorough review of the elections and make any changes that may be necessary. He is also assisting with the finance policy rewrite and strategic planning. He has also been working to get pillars painted in the office by art students and providing them a scholarship to do so. Finally, he reported he is working to make sure that WyoCourses is up to speed for the elections. He also updated the Senate on the parking situation and that the Union parking lot will not be closing for another semester. He also is having a meeting with each business dean to decide the finalist for the new dean of students. He also has been working on updating the ASUW office and all technology. Coming up he has a transition meeting with the new President and Vice President and President Seidel. He also wanted to welcome the new Assistant Director Lucas Hansen. Finally, he wanted to say good bye and thank you to the Project Coordinator Nina Crosby.

Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam reported "I have been very busy over the past few weeks with a couple of different projects, one being the ASUW Strategic Planning process. I want to thank all Senators, Ex-Officios, and other student groups who provided feedback during our listening

sessions, as well as the committee chairs who allowed us the space to conduct those sessions, the feedback we received was all very useful to our process. I will be assisting in the writing of the plan over the next few weeks alongside President Swilling and other members of the Strategic Planning Committee. Recently, I have also been working with our wonderful accountant on planning our Executive retreat, and I will be working with Vice President Anderson next week on planning our end of the year banquet for all of ASUW. Going forward, I will continue aiding the executive directors in writing their transition documents over the last few weeks of our administration. A major project I have taken on recently has been ASUW's mental health week which is happening all this week. I taught a yoga and meditation class on Monday and hosted a tea party this afternoon. I am thrilled to report that over 115 students attended the tea party this afternoon. I hope that you all can come to my last three Mental Health Week events, I will be hosting two crafting workshops on Wednesday and Thursday as well as a bingo night on Friday. You can visit ASUW's Instagram for my information about these last three events. Tonight, I will also be giving a report on behalf of our Director of Governmental and Community Affairs, Allison Brown. Director Brown is currently attending a city council regular meeting. She continues to work on her ongoing projects and resolutions as the end of the administration nears. For those in the scholarship committees, Director Brown wanted to give a reminder that the UW Leadership Scholarship committee will meet next Monday from 12:30-1:30 in the ASUW conference room and the High School Leadership Scholarship committee is tomorrow and next Wednesday from 3-4 in the conference room."

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier reported that she has continued work with scholarships by scheduling meetings, reviewing applicants, and being in contact with the scholarship office. She wanted to remind everyone to be responding to their scholarship chairs, and to be attending all meetings. She also reminded everyone that the legislation deadline is April 15th at 12pm. She also made a quick note on the amendments just sent that they were a little bit different in the sense that the amendments were just in red on the body of legislation. She also reminded everyone that all amendments need to be sent to her by 2pm on Tuesdays.

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 reported that her and Director Reyes-Aguilar have been busy with hearing funding board requests as well as dealing with funding board violations. She also reported that financial wellness events are still happening and are hoping to have a block chain event in April. They also have financial jeopardy on April 12th at 5pm and there will be prizes.

Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Brown's report was read by Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam.

Director of Marketing Clark was not present.

Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke reported "We will be tabling basically multiple voting station throughout the next week . If people show that they have voted they can

receive food that we are providing. With this in mind the election code stands where campaigning will not be allowed 50 feet from the polling area. The IFC and CPH representatives met with me last week and officially requested and enacted the dissolution process between our partnership. In response to this I have written legislation in accordance with their request. The legislation is currently being passed around the FSL community and waiting for sponsorship from the IFC and CPH delegates. If this is done I will submit this legislation to steering next Thursday for this body to discuss.”

Director of Wellness and Sustainability McLean reported much of her time this week has been spent working with the sustainability coalition and the joint climate taskforce. She will be taking part in the Laramie community climate summit. She also thanked everyone who has been working to put together this. Next, she reported she is working with survivors of sexual assault to put together a private story telling event. Finally, she wanted to remind everyone that it is sexual assault survivors month.

The Judicial Council was not present.

Vice President Anderson reported that on April 21st at 5pm will be the mandatory green dot training at half acre. He wanted to remind everyone no campaigning during Senate and consequences can include and up to impeachment. The end of year banquet will be April 27th at 6pm. Finally he reported the food security task force is doing a U fund right now for student food insecurity.

Project Coordinator Crosby reported “I want to thank each of you for contributing to the phenomenal journey I’ve enjoyed here at UW. As I take in my last senate meeting, I can’t help but feel immense pride and joy in all the challenges of growth, the friendships I’ve formed, and the obstacles we’ve overcome together. Tonight, we’re not saying goodbye, but see ya later. If we haven’t already connected, please know that I’m happy to provide you with continued professional and interpersonal support.”

Accountant Schaefer reported that the 2022 ASUW President/Vice President debate will now be an open forum question session at 6:00pm. She also reported that elections voting opens next Tuesday at 8am. This week, her super star shoutout of the week was President Swilling. He has been working extremely hard and late particularly with elections and the endowments.

Ex- Officio Communications

College Panhellenic Council reported “Panhellenic had their social responsibility speaks today. We are working to get a volunteering day together with possible dates over the summer. There will be a chili cook off May 4th at 6 pm in the union ballroom to raise proceeds going to United Way. There is a \$5 entry fee. We will have a panhellenic sisterhood on April 19th in support of denim day. We are planning an oppression walk for April 21st from 6-7:30 with the multi cultural affairs. There will also be a virtual Anti-racism collective courageous conversation tomorrow at 10 am. Our DEI chair has been meeting with IFC to get a VP of diversity on their council. We had the first reading on the budget for the 2022 executive budget. We had the first reading on sponsoring the dissolution amendment for the strategic partnership. And we had the

first reading of the new position for a VP of Governmental and Alumni affairs which will absorb the liaison position and duties. All will be voted on, on this upcoming Monday.”

Faculty Senate was not present.

First-Year Senate reported they conducted business as usual and voted on all legislation up for debate.

The Interfraternity Council was not present.

International Students Association reported they are having their elections this Saturday and are very excited to fill their officer positions. If you know anyone who may be interested in this, let them know.

Non-Traditional Student Council reported “As I mentioned last week, the Non Traditional Student Council will be having our second easter egg stuffing party this week. It will be this Friday, April 8th from 5-7 pm in the West Ballroom in the Union. As before, 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 gave the special event for the night to discuss the sustainability coalition and efforts concerning climate action at the University of Wyoming, in addition to the City of Laramie, including history and current progress being made. Currently the big tasks being presented are the climate action taskforce, the summit, and the ASUW Resolution. He gave a history and update of climate action planning at the university and stated “Since 2017, the University of Wyoming has had no climate action commitment or goals set for lowering their carbon emissions. This is a huge step back from a climate action commitment we had had since 2008. As a result, our emissions generation has been up by ~30% since then. In recent years, several stakeholder organizations from around the Laramie Community have begun initiatives to eventually get UW back on track with a Climate Action Commitment. Unfortunately, most of these efforts have been made unaware to students, faculty, and staff despite occasional outreach, and distress over the impending climate crisis is prevalent among students. This presentation aims to increase transparency and make anyone who desires aware of our work and opportunities for further education and involvement. In 2008, the University of Wyoming, under president Thomas Buchanan, entered into the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC). The mission of the ACUPCC is to "accelerate progress towards climate neutrality and sustainability by empowering the higher education sector to educate students, create solutions, and provide leadership-by-example for the rest of society." It was started in 2006 by AASHE, the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, which was not long before we entered. President Buchanan was deliberate that UW could still be a leader in reducing emissions, even in a state with a large extractive industry. The University conducted a baseline emissions inventory in 2008, which provided concrete data to base the development of the 2009 Climate Action Plan. Most of this work was conducted through the Campus Sustainability Committee. By 2015, UW had seen a 15.8% decrease in emissions. Many programs developed, such as one to fund conservation innovations developed

by students and faculty and pursuing LEED (Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design) certifications for buildings on campus, contributed to this decrease, but have since been set back or dissolved completely. Unfortunately, under the leadership of president Laurie Nichols, the UW Climate Action Plan was dropped entirely in the Spring of 2017 and UW left the ACUPCC, not even 8 years after it was adopted. Emissions went up by 26% that year. Sustainability action on campus, in context of policy, was transferred to the 5 year "Breaking Through" university plan (which ends this year), which involves continuing emissions inventories, but not much more." Finn then began to discuss current progress from the University and stated that since 2017, UW still conducts emissions inventories through the CSC. Since 2018, students at UW have been working hard on projects to exhibit and prove the need for a UW Climate action plan. In 2021 the Laramie Joint Climate Action Planning Taskforce was founded and first assembled, working to create recommendations to present to the City of Laramie, Albany County, and the University of Wyoming to enter a joint climate action plan. He then began to discuss city and county important topics and why all of this is important. He stated that in 2020, the City of Laramie adopted a resolution to develop a carbon neutrality plan to aim for 2050. Before the City adopted this resolution, the UW Haub School students and the Alliance of Renewable Energies conducted the City's first emissions inventory in 2019. This is necessary because "broadly, this kind of partnership is exemplative of calls for higher education institutions (HEIs) to synthesize research, teaching, operations, and community engagement to support transformative change for a more sustainable future. In particular, university curricula should "improve local and regional communities so that they are healthier, more socially vibrant and stable, economically secure, and environmentally sustainable". He then began to discuss the climate action planning taskforce specifically to discuss the history, purpose, mission, and stakeholders. He stated "In 2021, the Laramie Joint Climate Action Planning Taskforce was founded and first assembled, working to create recommendations to present to the City of Laramie, Albany County, and the University of Wyoming to enter into a Joint Climate Action Plan. Much of their basis came from student work and research in these previous 4-5 years. The CAP Taskforce, as it is known, has been working on forming these recommendations since September, and has met 7 times. The CAP Taskforce is made up of 9 members and a facilitator. The facilitator is the manager of the group, creating agendas, managing and hosting meetings, and consolidating our thoughts into notes. The 9 members each represent a different stakeholder that stems from one of the three main bodies mentioned above. Many members wear different hats, so some stake holders have more than one representative." Those various stakeholders who sit on the taskforce are the alliance of renewable energies, environmental advisory committee, campus sustainability, ASUW, Laramie city council, and Albany county commission. Finally, he touched on the Laramie climate action summit at the Shepard Symposium. He said "One of the more important developments from the CAP Taskforce is the Laramie CAP Summit taking place on April 22nd of this year (Earth Day)! This is the time when the CAP Taskforce's recommendations will be revealed to the public for input. Afterwards, we will incorporate what feedback we can into the recommendations and present them to the three bodies listed above! The Summit is part of the Shepard Symposium for Social Justice. The format is a 4 - hour long period filled with mainly speakers and discussion groups. 3 of the speakers will discuss climate issues on three different scales: global/national, state, and local. The local section will feature 4-6 speakers from the various stakeholders. Then, the Taskforce will present their recommendations, the audience will form breakout rooms to discuss the recommendations and survey results. The last part there is the most important since it is where members of community can input on the recommendations and can build solidarity

behind this proposal. In between each speaker, there will be external, non-required activities occurring in outside spaces, such as tabling, glass recycling, and more.”

Staff Senate was not present.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee recently had a very successful dodgeball tournament that saw a good turn out where they also received a good amount of food and clothing donations. Right now they are gearing up for the WESPYS, an event where they honor student athletes and their work this year. Other than that, they will begin to vote on many executive positions on the committee, as many of their current executives will be graduating this May.

United Multicultural Council was not present.

Wyoming Honors Organization was not present.

Senator Smith moved to suspend the Abernathy clause.

Senator Laverell seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Committee Reports

Steering reported they met last week to steer legislation and discuss an elections policy violation about campaigning during Senate.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported they met to steer legislation and look forwards to hear from the strategic planning committee.

Budget and Planning reported they met to discuss the legislation steered to them. They are also working to update the endowments and with the team rewriting the elections policy.

Elections reported “OPE met today at 12:30 pm, we discussed on the SR#2792 and provided our recommendation. We also talked about possibly creating a snapchat filter during elections, elections giveaways and other outreach initiatives with Director Clark. We are also deciding of orgaw the mid-semester snack giveaway. As you know, SOP organized them every semester, so OPE will be taking over that. We are still working on the days/time for the snack giveaway and will keep you all updated!”

Programs and Institutional Development reported “PID met on Friday and discussed the three bills that were steered to us. We also have officially started our evaluations ASUWs Programs and the members of the committee have been reaching out to representatives of each Program”

Safety and Wellness reported they met at their usual time and voted and made a recommendation on legislation. They are also tabling this week for winter safety.

Student Organization and Funding Board reported “SOFB met yesterday at 3:30 in the Warm Valley Room. We heard a conference request from the Alpha Sigma Fraternity, we approved it.

Next we heard a conference request and talked about infractions with the cowboy country swing club, we considered their infractions to be minor. Their request for the annual Cowboy Ball was approved. The third request was from Equality in computing for their April Book Club. The fourth request was from the UW Middle Eastern Club for their Humanistic Ideals event, this also passed. Finally we heard an event realignment for MEChA's event. We also had Gilbert from Student Organizations talk about the new program that they will be utilizing for student events. Finally we looked at all the funds we have spent this year."

The restructuring Ad-Hoc reported they have developed discussion with the Sustainability Coalition about moving forward and had a very good dialogue. They also discussed new strategic initiative processes which will be continued this week.

Strategic planning reported they met last Friday where they reviewed all information from listening sessions. They still need to listen to First-Year Senate, Nontraditional Student Council, and a few other stakeholder. They will have a full rough draft of this strategic plan by this 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 reported they have an upcoming breakfast meet and greet with all of the Dean candidates.

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 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 #2793: Updating All ASUW Endowment Trust Agreements

The bill was read for the second time.

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

Programs and Institutional Development gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Engel-Cartie moved to pass senate bill 2793.

Senator Bowles seconded.

Senator Engel-Cartie moved to amend the motion by striking out in the ASUW/2007 Senior Class Legacy Endowment, under number one, line nine “the FUND shall not be used for programs other than the open recreation program, that are administered by Campus Recreation and/or for student/staff salaries or wages.”

Senator Rhymes moved for a five minute recess.

Senator Smith seconded.

The Senate reconvened at 8:12pm.

Senator Engel-Cartie withdrew his original motion.

President Swilling moved to amend the motion by striking all of the endowments in Addendum A and replacing them with the new Endowment agreements as electronically circulated prior to the meeting excluding the 2007 Senior Class Legacy Endowment.

Senator Engel-Cartie seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a voice vote.

The motion passed unanimously, as amended, via a roll call vote 24-0.

Senate Resolution #2794: ASUW Support for the Creation of a Nutrition and Dietetics Masters Degree

The resolution was read for a second time.

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

Senator Bowles moved to pass senate resolution 2794.

Senator Rhymes seconded.

President Swilling moved to amend the motion with the amendments provided by the Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy committee as electronically circulated prior to the meeting.

Senator Castronovo seconded.

The motion passed via a voice vote.

The motion passes unanimously as amended via a roll call vote, 24-0.

Senate Resolution #2795: ASUW Concern Regarding Icy Campus Sidewalks

The resolution was read for a second time.

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

Budget and Planning gave a do pass recommendation.

Safety and Wellness gave a do pass recommendation.

Senator Laverell moved to pass senate resolution 2795.

Senator Smith seconded.

Senator Rhymes moved to adopt the amendments provided by the Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy committee as electronically circulated prior to the meeting.

Senator Smith seconded.

The motion passed via a voice vote.

The motion passed unanimously, as amended, via a roll call vote 24-0.

Senate Resolution #2796: ASUW Recommendation for the Creation of an ASUW Director of Student Outreach

The resolution was read for a second time.

Program and Institutional Development gave a do pass recommendation.

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

Senator Clapper moved to pass senate resolution 2796.

Senator Rhymes seconded.

Senator McGee moved to amend the motion by replacing anywhere in the job description addendum that said “Director of Marketing” with “Director of Student Outreach”

The author accepted the amendment as friendly.

The motion passed unanimously, as amended via a roll call vote 22-0.

Senate Bill #2797: Codifying Regulations Regarding ASUW Student Employee Pay in the ASUW Finance Policy

The bill was read for the second time.

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

Budget and Planning gave a do pass recommendation.

Program and Institutional Development gave a do pass recommendation.

Senator Rhymes moved to pass senate bill 2797.

Senator Castronovo seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a roll call vote 22-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

The resolution was read for the first time.

The resolution was steered to ad-hoc restructuring; advocacy, diversity, and policy.

SB #2799: Creating a Student Survey Component as a Core Duty of the ASUW Executive Branch

The bill was read for the first time.

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

SB #2800: Ensuring Collaboration with Staff Senate and Faculty Senate

The bill was read for the first time.

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

FY22 Office Associate Salary Realignment

Budget and Planning recommended a do-pass.

Senator Castronovo moved to approve the realignment.

Senator Rhymes seconded.

The motion passed unanimously via a standing vote.

Approval of the 2022 ASUW Elections Ballot

Senator Smith moved to approve the 2022 ASUW Elections Ballot.
Senator Rhymes seconded.
The ballot was approved unanimously via a standing vote.

Student-At-Large of the Month

Senator Rhymes nominated Quinton Brooks.
Quinton Brooks was selected as student-at-large of the month.

Selection of Senator of the Month

President Swilling nominated Senator Engel-Cartie.
Senator Engel-Cartie nominated Senator McGee.
Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier nominated Senator Willis.
Senator Engel-Cartie was selected as Senator of the Month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Swilling announced that mental health week is coming up and will be ending with bingo on Friday night at 6pm.

Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke announced that they will be tabling for voting outreach next week and will be sending around a sign-up sheet for tabling. He also reminded everyone that no campaigning is allowed within 50 feet of the tables with food.

Director of Financial Planning and Analysis announced that there is a financial wellness event on April 12th at 5pm where a Nintendo Switch will be handed out.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:56pm. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on April 12th, 2022, at 7:00pm in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

Kathryne Carrier
Chief of Legislative Affairs-109th Administration