

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The August 23rd, 2022, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Carrier at 7:03 p.m. The land acknowledgement statement and mission statement were read, and the Pledge of Allegiance was done at the individual members' discretion.

CONFIRMATION OF NEW SENATORS

Senators Hacke, Engel-Cartie, McLean were confirmed before the ASUW Senate.

ROLL CALL

All Senators were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Swilling moved to amend the spelling of "Sergeant-at-Arms".
The motion passed unanimously

The minutes were approved, as amended, without objection

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Senator Swilling moved to amend the agenda to include Cameron Craft the ASUW Project Coordinator to Communications.
The motion passed unanimously

The minutes were approved, as amended, without objection

OPEN FORUM

Dean of Students Ryan O'Neil welcomed the new senators to ASUW. Dean O'Neal extended an offer of support for each student attending and to greet the 110th administration.

SPECIAL EVENT

Accountant Schaefer introduced the ASUW Senate to the Office Associate Taeya Lobato. Who spoke about her experience in ASUW as a Senator and her involvement across campus. She will be assisting Accountant Schaefer with P-card, ledgers, and other things. She extended the opportunity to go and meet with her. Accountant Schaefer explains how the senators log their hours. She specifically spoke about HR items such as completing the I-9 form, Completing Onboarding Training in HCM, and beginning to track your time. The Payroll Deadlines were highlighted. All time must be submitted on both Sharepoint and HCM by 5:00 pm every other Monday. Vice-President Carrier, Chief of Legislative Affairs (COLA) Smith and the Business

Office of ASUW will be approving hours for senators. Senators are budgeted for 9 hours a week unless they are a committee chair in which case, they are budgeted 11 hours a week. Request any additional hours prior to working them. UW Holidays will not be worked during. If someone works multiple jobs, they will have separate assignments. Track time in the excel document. VP Carrier will send out a link to the SharePoint timesheet. There is a tab for each period and time worked will be tracked within the columns. Accountant Schaef explained why there are two separate processes and it is simply because she is the only person who is able to access confidential records through Wyoweb. She showed the process to input hours through HCM. Accountant Schaef clarified questions from senators regarding the intricacies of HCM and the timesheets.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Brown: "I hope you have all enjoyed your first days back in class and are settling into the new year. I am really excited about the energy on campus both in ASUW and out in classes and with students. So, so excited to be back with you all tonight and confirming all of our new executives on our team. I am excited for you all to meet them in this formal setting and vote on their confirmation as well as two individuals for our Judicial Council. Being cognizant of everyone's time ... I want to make sure I am able to debrief with you all on what we've been working on this summer and in the past weeks while acknowledging that you all will be hearing quite a few lengthy communications and confirmation speeches! I hope you all had the chance to review our internal ASUW newsletters sent out by myself and Director Murffit during the summer to keep up to date on what items we've been working on. That being said, there are four main areas of our work and updates I would like to share with you. The July Retreat in Pinedale was a great opportunities for me to interact with the trustees, uw admin. Interesting opportunities for me to provide input with our special sessions about the future of UW, Joint Legislative session, and our fundraising priorities. During my speeches and reports, I focused on speaking about the disconnect often between students and the Board of Trustees/UW Administration, I also highlighted the importance of not only focusing on our institution's academic and research excellence but also on the experience of everyday students already at UW and how the increasing cost of tuition/student fees, the cost of living, low student wages, social issues, and student parking increases our everyday lives. August call, and then we will be meeting the second week of September for a regular meeting. During this meeting we expect Block tuition conversations, Student Test Scores conversations, ASUW Endowments moving through the biennium budget committee: DACA/International Students Endowment, Student Priorities Endowment, Special Session on Saddle Up. We met with numerous groups across campus this summer, talking about our platforms and work and how we can support units on campus. We continue to work and collaborate closely with Vice-President Chestnut and Dean O'Neil on what our plans are for this year and all of the onboarding we've been doing with our executives, senators, and then of course what we are doing across UW. Many ideas for special projects, resolutions, executive projects that we will be discussing in coming weeks and in committees. President Brown was asked to evaluate two proposals for degree feasibility as well as Social Justice and Public Humanities. President Brown is Looking to bring these to ADP next committee meeting and potentially draft a committee resolution with thoughts. President Brown

spoke with President Seidel to touch base on all of these items and additional things I will bring up in the other two points of this conversation. Introduction to the new Vice-President of Governmental Affairs Smith. Status of UW, updates on reorganization and our TASFRC processes. President Brown plans to have more informal/conversational settings with students twice a month, more ways for you all to connect with the UW administration. We will be hosting a Town Hall with us and other faculty/staff senate leaders, an opportunity for more community outreach for the President and ASUW Pizza w/ Presidents on September 21. Our Ad-Hocs/University Committee Opportunities include the Ad-Hoc Restructuring Committee chaired by Chief Smith and the Ad-Hoc Student Parking Committee chaired by Director Heddins if confirmed. There will be ample opportunities for senators to serve on university committees. An example of this being the USP committee that we are actively engaging in. We are looking for a senior senator to serve alongside me in the commencement speaker selective committee. The September newsletter Fall issues survey will be initiated September 6th. Saddle Up, Student parking, student employment, union updates, DEI and community engagement, wellness/mental health issues, ASUW evaluation questions, presidential evaluation survey. The back to school event will be held on September 14th. President Brown recognized Chief Skorcz because she has done an excellent. such an excellent job in onboarding our execs and preparing them for confirmation tonight, and we are looking forward to you all getting to meet them tonight and interact with them in the office/committees. President Brown invited senators stop by the office, it's great more space for you all to come and work, excited to talk with you all about any legislative ideas for the year.

Chief of Staff Skorcz is excited to be back in school and is ready to get going on things that will make the campus better. She is happy to welcome the full executive team back to the office and to set them up for success in this administration. Chief Skorcz works to continue to develop opportunities for career and professional development.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Smith: "Hello Friends, I'm Saber Smith. I'm the new Chief of Legislative Affairs or COLA for short. Which means I deal with legislation and a ton of miscellaneous tasks. I genuinely want to extend a warm welcome for anyone wishing to work on some legislation. shoot me an email and come chat with me. I want to be a helpful resource for anyone who has ideas that they want to implement. From experience as a previous Senator I know that it can be quite daunting to work on legislation. Just know, its a great way to get paid and make a genuine difference at the University. I'd love to hear everyone's ideas and I'm ecstatic to be a part of this administration. Another note, be bold and express the concerns you have for your students during debate. It was disheartening to hear that people felt that they can't discuss or vote the way they believe without feeling ridiculed. Even if I'm an author on a bill and you disagree with something, express those concerns. Bills can be amended on the floor or in committee, people can vote no, and we can all disagree but still be cordial and friendly. Let's be the change the University needs."

Director of Marketing Pappas: "Hello everyone, my name is Constantine Pappas, but you can call me Kosta if that is easier. I am not only new to this position, but I am brand new to ASUW as a whole, and I am excited to meet all of you in the coming weeks. This summer since I was hired, I worked on promoting ASUW and all of our summer events while working on designing

a new ASUW brand to have consistent marketing across our marketing materials like the newsletter, flyers, and PowerPoint slides. I helped in reorganizing the ASUW office this summer, and as president brown said, if you haven't been down there to see it yet I encourage you to do so as it is now a great space to work collaboratively. I designed new ASUW themed crewnecks and swag to be handed out and worn by students this year. It took me a little while to get comfortable in my new position, but I am now happy to help all of you with whatever I can offer. I encourage you all to meet with me in the ASUW office and discuss any projects that I can be of assistance on."

Director of Student Outreach Murfitt: "After being hired in July, this summer has been busy preparing for the school year with planning events. Over the last couple of weeks, I have helped interview applicants for the college council and have started preparing for their orientation which will take place next week. A couple of events to watch out for, on September 14th from 11:00-1:00, in the Skylight Lounge, we will have our Back-to-School Bash event. Food will be catered for and there will be games and a raffle. On Thursday, September 22nd at 6:00pm, we will have our first Town Hall with a panel of executives and a panel of faculty/professional staff. On October 20th from 6:00-7:30pm, there will be a Pokes Vote Candidate Meet & Greet where all candidates for Albany County and the State will be able to come and meet with students. I am also working on planning future outreach opportunities like the Pizza with the Presidents which will be on September 21st from 11 to 1 or when the pizza runs out. In the next couple of weeks, there will be signup sheets for tabling events, so look out for those. If you are interested in helping with student outreach or have ideas and want help, feel free to schedule a meeting with me and we can work together on it."

Vice-President Carrier highlighted the committee assignments and explained that the first meeting for each committee will not be the permanent time for committees. The inaugural committee meeting will elect an official chair. Temporary chairs are still able to be elected as the official chair. There are a few vacancies within the committees. One of the executives will serve on the committees to offer support and increase cohesion. The creation of the Ad-Hoc committees needs to be created. Vice-President Carrier said to ask questions. She spent time putting together binder materials. There will be more resources given throughout the year for the Senate binders. There will be fun training and workshops throughout the year. Vice-President Carrier wants to plan fun events for ASUW to do outside of work hours. Coordinating with athletics, there will be an outreach event at the football game. Merch and swag to hand out for the game which will be a good outreach opportunity. Working with the Block chain center to host a Chancey Williams concert on September 23rd. We have been meeting bi-weekly in preparation for the concert. Meeting with Aaron Courtney for the Grad guard insurance plan to protect student tuition. This will cost \$50 insurance for tuition as a student. If someone needs to drop out, they can get portions of tuition refunded in case of emergency. Instagram post going out soon. Carrier has been working with Vice-President Chestnut. College Council has five spots filled currently. There are a few vacancies within the College Council still. Spent time setting up the senator pay process. Carrier is excited to be back. The Chancey Williams concert may ask for funding at Student Organization Funding Board (SOFB).

Assistant Director Lucas Hansen gave gratitude and congratulated everyone involved with ASUW. Director Hansen explained his involvement with the University during his time as a student. He wants everyone to know he is a resource for the students. Structured conflict is common with organizations and ASUW members should not shy away. The ASUW Business Office is here to support any student. Director Hansen showed that it is crucial to think about how ASUW members would feel looking back after years after ASUW service. Part of being a great leader is knowing how to pace yourself and highlighting it is important to set healthy boundaries.

Accountant Schaef: “Summer flew by SO fast but I’m also very excited to have you all back on campus and am really looking forward to this year now that we are fully staffed!! Last year had some challenges. I’m so excited for these individuals sitting next to me and how much they are already enriching student experiences with ASUW. Those of you that were here last year knew I did a weekly superstar shout out. We get so busy but I like to try to point out good things happening. I’m going to adjust the superstar shoutout just slightly this year. I’m inspired daily by the students I get to interact with each week so I’m going to highlight one of those moments and/or individuals with a weekly Moment of Inspiration in my report. This week’s Moment of inspiration is an individual that has provided many of those moments over the summer. Chief Skorcz has truly been Killing it in all areas, including leading a truly amazing executive onboarding last week. I’ve had many opportunities to see Chief Skorcz lead with kindness, grace, and clear vision. Specifically, your vision for a positive work culture and office environment. How you show up every day has already led me to self-reflection on how I can have a more positive impact. I’m so excited to see all you accomplish as you lead this years executives to fulfill both their professional and personal goals.”

Project Coordinator Cameron Craft introduced himself. He spoke about his involvement with the University. He is incredibly impressed with ASUW thus far and wants to invite students to the ASUW programs such as United Multicultural Council and Non-Traditional Student Council. He spoke about Saddle Up and talked about the importance of orientation. Project Coordinator Craft explained that First-Year Senate is vital to support so we can keep the longevity of the program.

Ex- Officio Communications

College Panhellenic Council recruitment week is here Thursday through Monday. Bidding efforts will be given out after. Cowboy Carnival was a huge success.

Interfraternity Council wanted to thank everyone for attending Cowboy Carnival. IFC had the first meeting today. A bunch of Fraternities are starting philanthropies in September.

International Students Association met last week and drafted their plan for the intercultural event. They plan to have a lower quantity of dinners this year.

Non-Traditional Student Council discussed the different events and how to get more involvement and participation with the program.

Faculty Senate was not present.

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 was not present.

Committee Reports

Steering will be setting the legislative deadline and addressing the unexcused absences and such. Have any legislation Thursday by Midnight for this week submitted to COLA Smith.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy (AD&P) will be meeting at 1pm on Friday this week.

Budget and Planning (B&P) went over the spending over the IOC. End of Year Spending was spent at this time and was coordinated for VP Carrier and President Brown. Some of the highlights 8,000 to renovate the ASUW Office, 12,000 for pro staff wages and merit raises, 3,600 for an ASUW Prize Bank, 1,600 for QCC functions, doubled the support for AD&P Project, and support to Green Dot, authorized the selling of the Student Technical Services Van. 4.p.m on Mondays will most likely be the permanent time for the semester. Realignment will be reviewed and timeline for Special Projects.

Outreach, Programming, and Elections (OPE) finalizing the meeting time by tomorrow morning and will be choosing a permanent chair.

Program and Institutional Development (PID) Monday August 29th at 2:00 p.m. will be the meeting time for now.

Student Organization Funding Board (SOFB) has a meeting time Wed 4:00-5:30. There are couple requests already.

Tuition Allocation and Fee Review Committee will be meeting tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. and will be selecting a co-chair for the committee. Will be discussing the timeline. This committee reviews every single student fee that is charged to students.

OLD BUISNESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Head Table Elections

Parliamentarian

Senator Hacke nominated Castronovo.

Senator Engelby nominated herself.

Senator Castronovo was elected for Parliamentarian.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Senator Hacke nominated himself.

Senator Swilling nominated senator Clark-Mellott.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Smith nominated Senator Engleby

Senator Hacke was elected for Sergeant-at-Arms after Vice-President Carrier broke a tie between Senator Hacke and Senator Engleby.

Confirmation of Executives

Tesia Lin was confirmed to the ASUW Director of Diversity and Inclusion.

Patrick Hamilton was confirmed to the ASUW Director of Finance.

Veronica Acosta-Engavo was confirmed to the ASUW Director of Student Organizations.

Caitlin Heddins was confirmed to the ASUW Director of Governmental and Community Affairs

Mckailyn Malles was confirmed to the ASUW Director of Wellness.

Luke Macey was confirmed to the ASUW Director of Sustainability.

Confirmation of Justices

Friday Otuya was confirmed as the ASUW Chief Justice.

Ashton Love was confirmed as an ASUW Associate Justice.

Confirmation of ASUW Standing Committee Senator Assignments

Senator Swilling moved to confirm the ASUW Standing Committee Senator Assignments

Senator Swilling moved to amend the main motion to allow Vice-President Carrier to reform the Committee Assignments for interested senators who would like to serve on different committees. The motion passed unanimously

The ASUW Standing Committee Senator Assignments were confirmed, as amended, without objection.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-President Carrier discussed the difference between announcements and processing. Announcements are to invite/inform the student body while processing is for internal discussion that is not to be recorded.

Senator Sapien announced Giving Day on October 8th.

Chief of Staff Skorcz announced the QBBQ to welcome back students of the LGBTQ+ community.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on August 30th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

Saber Smith
Chief of Legislative Affairs 110th Administration

