

## **ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

The August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Petri at 7:16 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**

All Senators were present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were no minutes to approve.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Senator Ewalt moved to amend the agenda to include an IOC communication.  
-Senator Meester Seconded.

The Motion passed without objection.

Senator Worcester moved to add SAL of the Month and Senator of the month votes to the agenda.

Senator Medina Seconded.

The amendment passed without objection.

The agenda was approved as amended.

### **OPEN FORUM**

No one wished to address the senate.

### **SPECIAL EVENT**

Eric Kahl welcomed everyone back to campus and expressed how much the union staff enjoys people being in the union. The mission statement for CSIL and the Union was read. A brief history of the Union building was given to the senators including the renovations done over the years. The current layout of the union was displayed for the senators. Eric Kahl supported the idea of moving towards a union board structure that has not been needed in years passed because it fell under the umbrella of student affairs. This changed last summer, and the oversight went back under this house. This made sense because the people approving renovations were not in the union which made things complicated. Hence this Union board model which will allow students to provide their feedback about the union and the direction it should be going. An overview of "People Counters" was given to the senate. The foot traffic through the union was in the millions for this fiscal year. There was a decline present during the covid pandemic. The decrease in vitality of the union decreased due to covid and a raise of the student fee. Eric Kahl expressed a want to restore the feeling of a campus living room to the union in a post covid world. It was expressed that the businesses that are present in the union are tenants. A high point of concern for the union staff is the safety and security element of the union. Another was maintenance and

repair. Expressed ASUW help in maintaining the union through special projects and the facility endowment solidifying the help that ASUW funds help with campus upkeep. Revenue generation was another point of concern doesn't want to put the cost of the union on the backs of the students these focus areas should create a space where students can thrive SAFETY SECURITY: Top priority//prior to last year there were no security cameras, we know have four installed with more on the way and there are very few blind spots in the building which have proven useful in recent issues. There was a three-day law enforcement training to familiarize the UWPD Laramie PD Albany County sheriff National guard state patrol and other agencies and help them respond to an active threat in the building UW PD went through with a safety assessment that has led to locks being added or replaced and with a shift to S2 access which can log those entering the building for any reasons. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE: the roof is actively being replaced fireplaces are being replaced because of the state of disrepair they are in. Projector maintenance was also a priority now with only two new projectors needing to be put up. Clocks whiteboards and TV's. TVs are all new in parts of the building, whiteboards in meeting spaces have been replaced as well. Lack of consistency due to goodwill shopping has been being taken care of roof replacement is critical but not noticeable, critical repairs and cosmetic repairs were being done tangentially so that students could see that their dollars were being well spent REVENUE: Room spaces are being rented to external parties which is adjusted for flexibility in the room type due to table lighter and not locked but students don't have to pay but the outside group do. Moving to new scheduling software to allow students to directly reserve their rooms, new wayfinding, and signage across the building. STAFF ENVIROMENTS: upgrading offices for staff environment as well as safety for students programming bord moved to the first floor for accessibility reasons think about prospective students ENHANCING STUDENT SPACES: esports lounge \*\*With ASUW Support\*\* pokes pub and game room wall wraps new arcade machines reflection room \*\*With ASUW support\*\* added a basin in there for religious accessibility new potential ASUW space Global skylight lounge name change added the land acknowledgement to be more inclusive and hone in on the space one year ago eric was in ASUW and made promises of transparency letting us know now what they have accomplished loading doc is one of the biggest issues The floor was opened for questions. Senator Langford expressed appreciation for the transparency of the union staff but expressed concerns about the length of the lines at restaurants. Eric Khal responded that they haven't been as involved and that dining controls that aspect of the union expressed a need to be adaptable and accessible to changes and challenges. Senator Meiklejohn asked about the potential ASUW Space including accessibility concerns Senator McGuire asked about the union board and ASUW representation what other parties have stake on the board 8 CSIL Offices and the fate of potentially the senator Grimm asked about safety and security pokes pride center now has a video camera and door that is always looked to the outside Senator Knull asked about how we could help with accessible dining and when the chick fil a will open

TLDR:

Eric Khal presented to the senate a list of changes and renovations to the union and described to the senate the proposal for a change in office spaces.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Senators Gundling and Mahoney were sworn into office.

## **New Senate Confirmations**

### **Parliamentarian Election**

The floor was opened for nominations for Parliamentarian.

Senator Hennigar nominated Senator Meester.

Senator Ewalt nominated Senator Keasling.

Senator Keasling nominated Senator Murfitt.

Senator Worcester nominated Senator Meester.

Senator Meiklejohn nominated Senator Keasling.

Senator Hulen nominated Senator Murfitt.

The floor was closed for nominations.

The Chair invited each Nominator to speak on behalf of their Nominee.

Senator Hennigar spoke on behalf of Senator Meester.

Senator Ewalt spoke on behalf of senator Keasling.

Senator Worcester spoke on behalf of senator Meester.

Senator Meiklejohn spoke on behalf of senator Keasling.

Senator Hulen spoke on behalf of senator Murfitt.

Senator Keasling was elected as the Parliamentarian.

### **Executive Director Confirmations**

President Smith spoke on behalf of the nominees for director positions.

Director of Justice and Equity Candidate Anthony Stoeter was given the floor and spoke on their behalf and opened themselves to questioning.

Senator Ewalt moved to confirm the Director Candidate.

Senator Worcester seconded.

The floor was open to discussion.

Discussion was closed.

A standing vote was called for the confirmation.

Anthony Stoeter was confirmed by a standing vote of 19-0-0.

Senator Ewalt moved to limit speaking lists to one per director and to limit speaking times to two minutes.

The Chair approved the motion at her discretion.

Director of Student Organizations and Outreach Candidate Jessica Yang was given the floor to speak on their behalf and opened themselves up to questioning.

Senator Ewalt moved to confirm the Director Candidate.

Senator Grim Seconded.

The floor was opened for discussion.  
Discussion was closed.

A standing vote was called for the confirmation of the Director Candidate.

Jessica Yang was confirmed by a standing vote of 20-0-0.

Director of Finance Candidate Augustus Mahieu was given the floor to speak on behalf of themselves and opened themselves up to questions.

Senator Knull moved to confirm the Director Candidate

Senator Hulen seconded the motion.

The floor was opened for discussion.

The floor was closed for discussion.

A standing vote was called for the confirmation of the Director Candidate

Augustus Mahieu was confirmed by a standing vote of 20-0-0

Director of Policy and Analysis Candidate Jerry Henderson was given the floor to speak on their behalf and opened themselves up to questioning.

Senator Worcester moved to confirm the Director Candidate

Senator Ewalt Seconded

The floor was opened for discussion.

The floor was closed for discussion.

A standing vote was called for the confirmation of the Director Candidate.

Jerry Hendersen was confirmed by a standing vote of 20-0-0

Director of Wellness Candidate Joy Gavidia was given the floor and opened themselves up to questioning.

Senator Medina moved to confirm the Director Candidate.

Senator Saint Seconded.

The floor was opened for discussion.

The floor was closed for discussion.

A standing vote was called for the confirmation of the Director Candidate.

Joy Gavidia was confirmed by a standing vote of 20-0-0.

Senator Murfitt moved to table the college council and IOC reports until the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Senator Keasling seconded.

The floor was opened to discussion.

The floor was closed for discussion.

A standing vote was called for the tabling of the reports.

The reports were tabled by a standing vote of 19-1-0.



## **Steering Senator Elections**

The floor was opened for nominations.

Senator Meester Nominated senator Mcquire.

Senator Ewalt nominated senator Langford.

Senator Grimm nominated senator Meiklejohn.

Senator Hennigar nominated senator Meester.

Senator Meiklejohn nominated senator Gundling.

Senator Anderson nominated Murfitt.

Senator medina nominated Senator Worcester

Senator Keasling nominated Senator Grimm

Senator McGuire nominated Senator Worcester

The floor was closed to nominations.

Senator Meester spoke on behalf of senator Mcquire.

Senator Ewalt Spoke on behalf of senator Langford.

Senator Grim spoke on behalf of senator Meiklejohn.

Senator Hennigar spoke on behalf of Meester.

Senator Meiklejohn spoke on behalf of senator Gundling.

Senator Anderson spoke on behalf of senator Murfitt.

Senator Medina spoke on behalf of senator Worcester.

Senator Keasling spoke on behalf of senator Grimm.

Senator McGuire spoke on behalf of senator Worcester.

Senators Murfitt and Mcquire were selected as the senators to serve on the steering committee.

Senator Meester moved to suspend 6.11 of the ASUW Rules and Procedures to avoid voting on SAL of the month and Senator of the month.

Senator Bogani seconded.

The floor was opened for discussion.

A standing vote was called for the suspension of the rules and procedures.

The rules and procedures were suspended with a standing vote of 20-0-0.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Grimm announced that sorority applications are open and to direct interested parties.

Senator Hennigar announced that the cowboy swing club were meeting this Thursday for their first meeting.

Senator Mcquire announced he had some bills already cooked up and invited collaboration as he claimed it was the heart of democracy.

Senator Ewalt announced that Cole Schlibe was selected as the FYS advisor and encouraged the senate to send FYS.

Senator Brown announced the Phillys beat the angels today.

Senator Meiklejohn announced that her organization was open to volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28PM

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