

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The August 30th, 2022, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Carrier at 7:01 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

Senator Clark-Mellott moved to amend the minutes to fix an error with the spelling of "Clark-Mellott".

The motion passed without objection.

The College Panhellenic Council Ex-Officio moved to amend the minutes to strike "Recruitment and" from their report.

The motion passed without objection.

The minutes were approved, as amended, without objection.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Brown moved to amend the agenda to add the letters of creation for the Ad-Hoc Restructuring Committee and Ad-Hoc Parking Committee under new business.

Senator Swilling seconded.

The motion was passed without objection.

The agenda was approved, as amended, without objection.

OPEN FORUM

Tyler Wolfgang the Gender and Sexuality Program Coordinator from Multicultural Affairs introduced their department to the ASUW Senate and extended a warm welcome. Multicultural Affairs provides resources and Identity-based programming at UW. Program Coordinator Wolfgang mentioned the "QBBQ" event that took place and next week there will be the Welcome Black event.

SPECIAL EVENT

Provost Carman spoke to the ASUW Senate tonight regarding initiatives that reorganize the University of Wyoming. Provost Carman discussed what it means to be a Provost at a university. A Provost is synonymous with a Chief Academic Advisor which means Provost Carman has oversight of all academics at UW. Thus, the deans report to Provost Carman. He elaborated on his experience at other universities and the story behind him coming to UW. Academic advising

has had substantial reformation. A specific change is in the departments of botany and zoology and physiology are now aligned with the new College of Agriculture, life, sciences, and natural resources and will have new advisors. This does not apply to current Juniors and Seniors in the respective programs. This also applies to the new College of Engineering and Physical Sciences. Provost Carman notes that the College of Arts & Sciences will have a changed name gradually and for Freshman and Sophomores, there will be professional advising until graduation. The school of computing is established as formally a part of the university. They plan to have it be an independent college with a dean. There will be a large spread of disciplines within the School of Computing. Provost Carman transitioned into the Saddle-Up Program that was initiated this semester. 1250 students participated in Saddle-Up which attempted to elevate student experience and enrich their college studies for continued success. Provost Carman gave praise to the student mentors (Poke Pack Leaders) during the program. Provost Carman iterated that there will be debriefs after feedback has been received on ways to improve Saddle-Up. He emphasized that the 1 credit course during the program must be applicable to students' courses later in the semester. Provost Carman later discussed the role UW is initiating for the Carnegie Foundation which gathers data for federal agencies, such as the National Science Foundation, and classifies Universities in a tier. The University of Wyoming is an "R2" tier currently. A focus of the university is to move to the "R1" tier. A crucial step to achieving that status is having a doctoral classification for the humanities. Provost Carman expressed the process of developing the UW Strategic Plan. There will be the first lab session on September 2nd. Additionally, on September 1st the university will be launching a specific school for graduate students.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Brown announced that the student issues survey will be distributed to students on September 7th. Next week during the ASUW Senate meeting she will have the sections for questions codified. President Brown is meeting with Faculty and Staff Senate to address concerns amongst the bodies. She is preparing for the state of the university speech. President Brown plans to work with Erik Khal the Director of the Wyoming Union & Center for Student Involvement and Leadership (CSIL) on the outside design for the ASUW Office and Pokes Pub area in the basement of the Union. President Brown continues to collaborate with Multicultural Affairs to mend issues of shared concern. Provost Carman is working with President Brown and with Director Heddins about the Carnegie Engagement University committee mentioned during the Special Event tonight. President Brown prepares for a city council presentation. She has been working on the Block Tuition Proposals and works to update the statistics on the proposed changes. President Brown formed the ad-hoc committees (Restructuring & Student Parking). Bringing forward two resolutions in support of the feasibility for the studies with social justice and public humanities. President Brown works towards budget realignments supporting student outreach, cowboy emergency fund, and a name change fund and will be presenting to Budget and Planning.

Chief of Staff Skorcz reports that the executives are getting settled and oriented. They are so excited to work on projects related to their position. Chief Skorcz extends an invite to reach out to her or individual executives with any ideas anyone has. Chief Skorcz informed the ASUW

Senate of professional and career development opportunities that will be elaborated on more at the end of the week. Any events that someone is passionate about should send the ideas to Chief Skorcz. A large focus with the administration is to collaborate with other ASUW affiliates to bolster events at UW.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Smith acknowledged senators who had the tenacity to already begin working on legislation for the 110th administration. Chief Smith worked with President Brown for the Saddle-Up feedback section of the Student Issues Survey because of his work as a “Pokes-Pack Leader”. He was appointed to chair the Ad-Hoc Restructuring Committee and encouraged senators to sign up. Additionally, he asked if anyone has reports during senate, to send them to him.

Director of Marketing Pappas has continued efforts to advertise for First-Year Senate. He is collaborating with Vice-President Carrier on the promotion of the Blockchain Hackathon Concert which will be taking place in late September. Director Pappas is working with Office Associate Taeya Lobato to make a 4-month digital calendar for ASUW events to go on the ASUW website homepage. Additionally, he is working with Project Coordinator Craft to start new UMC social media and swag. He finished the newsletter design that will be sent out in September. Director Pappas has been working on PowerPoint slides with his SharePoint folder. Model release forms were distributed during ASUW Senate.

Director of Student Outreach Murfitt: “This week, I worked on writing questions for the student issues survey which will be sent out on September 7th along with the student newsletter. I also met with the UW Alumni Association to go over some brainstorming for collaboration during Homecoming. More information on that will be available in the next few weeks. I also have continued to further plan out the Back to School Bash which will be on September 14th. I have been working on finalizing the College Council Orientation which will take place tomorrow night at 5:30. I am going to pass around a sign-up sheet with times to help table or work for the Back-to-School Event. The tabling times are broken into hour increments, and it will count as a service hour for you all. I will also emphasize like last week, that if you have ideas on outreach or need help with event planning, please stop by the office and see me.”

Director of Student Organizations Acosta-Engavo worked with accountant Schaef to become familiar with the “Qualtrics” form that Student Organizations must complete prior to funding requests. As well as the ASUW student organization funding page on the website.

Director of Finance Hamilton “This past week I worked with Accountant Schaef and President Brown in preparing statements for the University Board of Trustees regarding Senate Bill 2801, colloquially known as the Noncitizen and International Student Endowment and Senate Bill 2809, the Student Success Priorities Endowment. These bills were both passed by this senate last April, and we remain optimistic going into the Board of Trustees meeting that they will be incorporated into the ASUW endowments. Additionally, I began the first steps to planning out financial literacy initiatives. I know several of you are very interested in this and there will be more information in the weeks to come.”

Director of Wellness Malles: “Hello Everyone I just wanted to say it's been so nice getting to know all of you as you come into the office and hearing all that you advocate for. This past week I worked on counting our materials from last year's ADP special project and ultimately refilling all of the baskets around town. I also have been working with Kosta on creating some small materials for suicide prevention week which is next week. We created some table tents and hopefully will have those out by the beginning of next week.”

Director of Sustainability Macey: “This first week in the executive office I have reached out to the stakeholders of sustainability on campus. I have also drafted an extensive proposal for a hydrogen energy awareness campaign that I sent out to President Brown and Chief of Staff Skorecz. If there's a lot of retention from this campaign, the next step could be introducing carbon capture technology as another topic. Spreading awareness would increase our sustainability literacy on campus which could be an important factor that improves the University's “Sustainability” rating called STARS.”

Vice-President Carrier invited ASUW members to table at the first home UW Football game of the calendar year. ASUW will be handing out merchandise such as bobbleheads and ASUW items. Interested individuals must be there at 11:00 p.m. and will count as service hours. Vice-President Carrier spent a long time setting up the committees. Committee assignments are nearly solidified. Parliamentary procedure is at the discretion of the chair of each committee. Vice-President Carrier will hold the Parliamentary Procedure workshop on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. She extended an invite to the office.

Assistant Director Hansen shared a message of empowerment to the ASUW Senate. He wants to let all the senators know how powerful and important they are. Director Hansen read from a passage to inspire the ASUW Senate. He encourages senators to share their opinions in this space. He challenges senators to come prepared to senate and engage with the content thoroughly.

Accountant Schaef: “I'll keep it brief tonight. Senators, please remember to check your emails for the link from HR to get those applications completed. In addition, to keep an eye on your email to complete the required I-9 report if HR does not already have it on file. You only have a few days to complete it and then HR will freeze your ability to work at all until that is done. In addition, if any senators or execs have any issues with your timesheets, don't hesitate to reach out to myself or your other supervisor. This week's Moment of Inspiration goes to Senator Meiklejohn. I got to chat with her for a few minutes and wow is she busy, but reminded me life is an adventure, to put yourself out there, to try that new thing, and that you don't have to already know how to swim to join swim club.”

Project Coordinator Craft: “This week has been very busy for me. I have spent a lot of time with our partners and programs, helping them get up and running as the semester kicked off. We're working out any wrinkles that might have developed in the process of launching their programs. And so it's been a very challenging time, but I would encourage everyone again to be involved with partners and programs as much as possible. One that has been on my mind this week is our First-Year Senate, our applications close next Monday at midnight. So, far we have fewer than ten spots remaining in the First-Year Senate. So, if you are in contact with the any First-Year

Students I would highly encourage you to meet them with me, so they can get an application and join First-Year Senate to start making some change on this campus. I would also like to plug the ASUW and First-Year Senate mentorship program. If you are not familiar First-Year Senators are paired with ASUW Senators in a kind of mentorship program. There are fingers crossed going to be twenty-one seats in ASUW and twenty-one seats in First-Year Senate. If we do the math that's about one to one, and it should be a good opportunity."

Ex- Officio Communications

College Panhellenic Council (CPH) announced that they had their formal recruitment, this weekend, and it was a success with a total numeral count of fifty-eight (58). Bidding efforts will continue throughout the semester, however long each chapter sees fit, or until individual chapters reach campus totals.

Interfraternity Council (IFC) reported that a majority of IFC fraternities ended their recruitment this week. Recruitment went well for everyone. There are still some fraternities who are continuing the recruiting process. The IFC met prior to this meeting to discuss new chartering on campus.

International Students Association tabled in the involvement fest to gain new members within the organization. Finalizing the main event, the Etiquette Dinner, is a large priority for the organization. International Week will report on further in the upcoming weeks along with the Etiquette Dinner.

Non-Traditional Student Council was not present.

Faculty Senate was not present.

Residence Halls Association was not present.

The Sustainability Coalition "So we, as an organization met the first time this Friday kind of getting our semester set up. We are planning on meeting with the execs and pro staff. Hopefully, sometime early next week, so we can start working on building back partnership. The Climate Action Plan Task Force met this last week, and I'm hoping that the Food Security Task Force meetings will start up soon."

Staff Senate was not present.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee "My name is Josh Rogers, I'm. In the University of Wyoming's Cross Country and track team. The representative for the Student Advisory Committee. And uh, first thing I want to know is that the Student Athlete Advisory Committee has a lot plan for this year. Pushed with things finally going back to normal. There's a lot of events coming out this fall, and I think it's my president and Cameron Murphy, of the Swimming dive team, just probably to advise that there is a "Toys for Tots" event coming out for the first football game. That's going to be Friday, September the sixteenth, going out all day. Reach out to him. If you have any questions with that because he's like running the thing for the whole day. I want to say it starts at six Pm. And uh, just overall in general. If you guys have any initiatives or

programs to get involved with student athletes, please reach out to me with those questions. I'd love to hear your ideas and get involved as much as I can. That's why took this position in the first place."

United Multicultural Council was not present.

Wyoming Honors Organization was not present.

Committee Reports

Steering met on Friday from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. which will be the permanent meeting time. The legislation deadline will be submitted by Thursday at 7:00 p.m. to Chief Smith. This will be strictly enforced. There was legislation steered this week. Only two unexcused absences are required for senators to appear before the Steering committee. Every absence from a committee will count as a ½ absence. The committee is discussing if senator pay of nine hours allocated will be enough.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy (AD&P) elected their official chair, Senator Sapien, after meeting last Friday at 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. which will be the permanent meeting time.

Budget and Planning (B&P) met, and the regular meeting time will be on 8:00 a.m. on Thursdays. Thus, budget realignments will be due at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays. The permanent chair, Senator Swilling, was elected. Despite all best efforts there is a vacancy on the committee. Senator Swilling invited any senator free during their meeting times to let Vice-President Carrier know that there is a full committee. Last week the committee elected a permanent chair. Additionally, the committee discussed a budget realignment for \$1,076.43 to increase the number of employees for Non-Traditional Student Council to four members which was tabled to allow for additional discussion on Thursday. This week the committee will have a budget realignment to create a \$10,000 line item in the exec branch budget for student outreach. Another budget realignment for \$10,000 to go to our Cowboy Emergency Fund, which allows for the Dean of Students to aid with students in a financially emergent situation. The committee will hear a budget realignment for \$5,000 to increase the line item for the ASUW Name Change fund, administered by the Civil Legal Services Clinic. On Thursday they will review legislation, if time permits, establishing guidelines for the ASUW Distance Student Scholarship, which we funded last March but did not codify regulations for.

Outreach, Programming, and Elections (OPE) Senator Clark-Mellott was confirmed as the official chair. The committee is intending to come up with a cohesive plan for the year regarding the election timeline. OPE will meet from 2:15 p.m-3:00 p.m.

Program and Institutional Development (PID) Senator Engelby was elected as the official chair. The committee emphasized an increased focus on financial literacy events and will work with Project Coordinator Craft to improve ASUW programs. There will be information regarding the meeting time in the coming weeks.

Student Organization Funding Board (SOFB) Senator Castronovo was elected as the official chair after meeting on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. which will be the permanent meeting time. There will be a request later tomorrow.

Tuition Allocation and Fee Review Committee did not meet this week. Although Senator Stadler was appointed as the Co-Chair for the committee. The committee decided to proceed with a staggered model to approach the fees this administration instead of every single fee. It will allow more time to discuss the fees in full. On September 12th there will be stakeholder meetings with various business departments on campus which pertains to the committee. The permanent meeting time will be Mondays from 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

OLD BUISNESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution # 2818: ASUW Support for Board of Trustees Block Tuition Proposal

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review Committee.

Creation of an Ad-Hoc Student Parking Committee

Senator Castronovo moved to approve the creation of an Ad-Hoc Student Parking Committee
Senator Engel-Cartie seconded the motion.

Senator Swilling moved to amend the charge letter to read “this committee will be comprised of a minimum of the following to allow for additional representatives for any given area to be appointed if there are more people interested than strictly allowed.”

The motion was passed unanimously.

The motion was approved unanimously as amended.

Approval of Ad-Hoc Restructuring Committee

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator McLean announced that Safe Project is accepting volunteers to serve as a hot-line specialist. There are also several Green Dot trainings available for students. The first will be on September 11th at 1:00 p.m. There will be a wellness event hosted by the Dean of Students that will administer flu shots and STI testing which are additionally volunteer opportunities.

Senator Hacke appreciated the responses from senators of his proposed effort to address constituent concerns about Residence Life. He will notify everyone shortly regarding this.

Senator Engelby wants to work on legislation as a committee regarding programs for Program, and Institutional Development

Senator Etchepare invites everyone to the Greek Festival on September 16th-17th at the Frontier Days exhibition starting at 5:00 p.m.

Senator Swilling would like to reiterate Provost Carman's Strategic Planning feedback session on September 1st at 2:00 p.m. in the Union Ballroom. Additionally, a session will be held on zoom on September 2nd at 11:00 a.m.

Senator Willis informed that UW Athletics wants to collaborate with ASUW more and they are willing to give tours of UW Athletics facilities.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:46pm. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on September 6th, 2021, at 7:00pm in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

Saber Smith
Chief of Legislative Affairs 110th Administration