

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The August 31st, 2021 senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Anderson at 7:00pm. The land acknowledgement statement and mission statement were read. The pledge of Allegiance was conducted at member's discretion.

ROLL CALL

Senators Bowers, Cooper, and Houghton were not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the August 24th, 2021 senate meeting were approved without objection, as electronically circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Senator Laverell moved to add the Student Organization Funding Board Requests to be added to New Business.

The motion was adopted without objection.

OPEN FORUM

The new Vice President of Non-Traditional Students Council introduced himself to the senate tonight.

SPECIAL EVENT

Bryan Shader and Emma-Jane Alexander spoke to the senate tonight about UW's proposed plan for the School of Computing (SoC). The team that has been working together to design this plan has been primarily from the Math department at the University and consists of about 30 faculty. They first started their presentation by sharing what the vision for the SoC is. One of the main goals of the SoC is to help enable UW to become a national leader in education, engagement, and research. Through the school, they want to provide students with skills and resources they will be able to use throughout the rest of their lives and be able to apply to any fields. Another main purpose of the SoC is to nurture computing curiosity across disciplines and backgrounds to enhance interdisciplinary and to capitalize on emerging innovations. The vision of the SoC is to create a unique and inspirational SoC with national and impact and global reach. Emma and Bryan then discussed what type of students they hope to produce and why a SoC is necessary and applicable. Producing professionals who are fluent in computing and have strong digital competency is crucial in today's growing time of digital use. Computing skills can be applied in many fields such as agriculture, smart tourism, and fintech. Additionally, computing skills allows students to address societal skills such as human trafficking, water management, and medical implants. A SoC also benefits the state of Wyoming as not only will it supply a workforce prepared for the 21st century, but it also will attract big corporations. Next in their presentation,

they discussed what the curricula will look like at the school and what degrees can be achieved. As of right now they are planning to provide either a BA or BS in Computing and a disciplinary minor in Computing. Characteristics of this program looks like experiential project based work with internship opportunities. The program will provide multiple pathways and aims to take what is learned quantitatively and have it applied to the individual. Characteristics of the minor could look like having multiple on-ramps, career enhancing computing courses, and badges and certificates in areas being explored. Additionally, they have the thought of offering classes that are shorter than the full semester and which would allow students to learn specific information in a quick amount of time. In the future, the school hopes to offer MA, MS, and PhD programs as well with host large job fairs with big companies present. Finally, they ended their presentation with a discussion about the timeline for the school and the expected cost. The hope is to have the school up and running and be welcoming the initial SoC class by Fall 2023. The expected budget is about nine million a year after five years. However, there are a lot of anticipated contributions to this cost such as grants, corporate partnerships, and philanthropy which should all help raise around 8 million dollars. In the long-term run, they want to be graduating 25-30 students a year as well as provide students across all disciplinarians on campus with necessary computational skills that can be used a lifetime.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Swilling reported that most of his week has been spent onboarding and working with the newly hired Directors to develop goals and set priorities for this year. He is happy that ASUW is back up and running in full capacity. Additionally, he reported that city council has reached out to give a presentation regarding student issues and how to better integrate the community and the students. A survey will be sent out in the coming weeks regarding student issues and what students would like to see. Landlord tenet rights is one of these potential issues that would be addressed at the meeting. He also met with restorative justice coordinator to continue working on the reporting and investigation process which was brought to the senate's attention last week. In the coming weeks he is fine tuning endowment legislation. He also met with the coordinator from peer transfer mentorship program to discuss opportunities for transfer students to get involved in ASUW and what resources are available to them. He also announced Multicultural affairs is having a resource center night on Thursday September 2 from 6-8pm floor level of the Union. Finally, he has created an Ad-Hoc committee to discuss the restructuring at the University and the impact it will have on ASUW. Finally he said that if you signed up for the 2-13 process, you may be getting an email in the near future for these committees.

Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam said "This week I have been moving forward with the onboarding process of our six new Directors, as well as working personally with each of the seven directors individually on beginning their specific duties. As a partnership with our Director of Marketing, the two of us organized and recorded an ASUW Podcast that will become a monthly tradition and an ASUW Town Hall with President Swilling and Vice President Anderson that will be a bi-weekly occurrence. Over the past week, I have also worked closely with Libby Thorson and Michelle DiPasquale from Green Dot to organize a Green Dot training

and Mandatory Reporter Training for the Executive Branch. Tonight, I will also be giving a report on behalf of our Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Ivan Sapien, who could unfortunately not be here with us tonight. This week has consisted of Director Sapien meeting with Coordinators of multiple programs such as Green Dot and the Golten Fellow with student legal services, as well as the former Director of Diversity from the 108th administration, covering any gaps with transition and ensuring that connections made within the last year are not disbanded. Director Sapien plans to continue meeting with various program coordinators and arranging meetings with different groups around campus, to become more familiar with older, prominent resolutions tied to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Director Sapien will also be working with DACA efforts on campus, updating information on the ASUW page, and planning new changes that will benefit Dreamers on campus. This concludes both my own report and the Director of Diversity and Inclusion's report."

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier said "I just want to start off by saying I hope everyone's school year is off to a great start and I am very excited to see what we can accomplish here in ASUW this year. As for what I have been working on in ASUW recently is I have been focusing a lot on learning my new position and continuing to prepare for it. I have been working on applying some updates to some of our working documents and have just been rereading through them and familiarizing myself with them some more. I have also been working on making sure our website is updated with all of these newer versions of our working documents, along with making sure our agendas and minutes are up to date. This weekend, I helped put on the senate retreat with Vice President Anderson. We covered a lot of information pertaining to how to write legislation, parliamentary procedure, and our working documents. If you were unable to attend the retreat or would like to go over some of these topics in more details, all of the PowerPoints we used can be found in the SharePoint under legislative branch, senate onboarding. I am also more than happy to sit down with you and go over them with you if you would like. With that, if you have not turned in your model release form yet, please do so! You can come drop it by the office and give it to either me or Vice President Anderson, and once you do so, we will give you some cool ASUW gear. Also, if you need another form, please let me know and I can provide you one. Last week I also met with Director Hacke and First-Year Senate Advisor Denney to discuss First-Year senate and So coming up in the future, as President Swilling mentioned in his report, I will be chairing the Ad-Hoc committee for the restructuring of the University and ASUW. I am very excited for this and I cannot wait to work with everyone and see what all we can accomplish. Also, on Monday I will be recording a podcast with Vice President Anderson and Director Clark over Senate and legislation. Next up, I also have set office hours now, I will for sure be in the office every Monday from 10-1:30, Wednesday 11-2, and Friday 10-1. I am also in the office often outside of these times too so honestly you can probably stop by anytime and I will probably be there. Additionally, my email signature has a calendly link to schedule meetings with me and if you would like to meet at a different time, feel free to shoot me a email and I am happy to work with you to find a time that works. With that said, I really want to reiterate I am here for you and I am really eager to work with you all and help you achieve your goals so please do not hesitate to reach out."

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Sapien's report was included with Chief of Staff's Homer-Wambeams report.

Director of Finance and Student Organizations Reyes-Aguilar said “I have been working on getting in contact with Student Organizations that have emailed me throughout the summer and the first week of class in order to request funding. I have walked them through the process of submitting their forms and the processes of presenting to Funding Board. I received 4 funding request forms this week and I submitted them to the Funding Board, which met earlier this morning. Unfortunately we did not have quorum so we were not able to accept or deny any requests. These requests as well as recommendations will be brought up tonight during this meeting. I am also meeting with other student organizations this week to talk them through the Funding Board process as well. I have also been meeting with people, (Shelly Schaefer (former accountant), Gilbert (from Students Organizations and Entertainment), and CeeJay (former director of finance and student orgs)) to orient myself with UW Connect, Funding Board, the Finance Policy, and with my position in general. I also met with the Director of Financial Planning and Analysis (Brittany) to begin planning out Financial Wellness Events. We have already begun to discuss financial wellness ideas for the year. Any suggestions are welcome and we begin to have our first event in early October. This week I will continue to work with Shelly, the funding board committee, and students organizations to continue to guide them through the process of requesting funds. I will begin to reach out to student organizations to attend meetings and inform them of funding and ideas of how to increase their member sizes. I am going to continue to familiarize myself with the Finance Policy, and I will also continue to meet with Brittany to discuss budgets and put together our financial wellness events”

Senator Wilkins moved to suspend the Abernathy clause

Senator Engel-Cartie seconded

The motion passed via a voice vote.

Director of Financial Planning and Analysis Stadler said “ This past week, I have been working on reviewing the budget for FY 2022 to help our partners and programs, and discussed the goals for my position this school year. This next week I am working on planning for special projects by helping gather information for marketing content and reviewing the past application process to know if improvements need to be made. Also, I will be working on writing a financial report with details about student fees to inform UW students about student fees.”

Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Brown said “During this past week, my focus was primarily on reaching out to contacts made with the previous DoGCA in the 108th administration. This includes the university's Director of Governmental Relations, city council stakeholders, WyASC contacts, the Office of Transfer Relations, to name a few. President Swilling and I began onboarding for city council issues, we met to discuss the Police Reform working group and the creation of a Laramie city Tenant/Landlord rights document for students. I attended Budget & Planning Committee to discuss the budget realignment for my position, during this portion of Senate tonight, I can speak to the realignment if desired. During my term, I will also be sitting on PID, working specifically with UMC in their restructuring under Director Hacke's initiative to provide more support to our ASUW partner. This weekend, I enjoyed meeting with Senators during the retreat and ask that you stop by my office hours if you would to discuss any of my mentioned projects or broader issues relating to ASUW's working relationship with the town of Laramie and state-wide. Earlier this evening, I attended the fifth ward

meetings with our Laramie Ward 2 (Mayor Paul Weaver, Rep. Jayne Pearce, Rep. Sharon Cumbie) and Ward 3 Representatives (Rep. Pat Gabriel, Rep. Erin O'Doherty). This was a great opportunity to introduce myself prior to the first City Council meeting I will attend, next Tuesday, and start to build a relationship with the council in the 109th administration. As President Swilling mentioned earlier, on October 14, we will be presenting to City Council. We are in the beginning stages of starting to strategize what this presentation and our objectives will be. We welcome any insight or comments from Senators and Ex-Officious today, please don't hesitate to email or reach out to me. This week, I will primarily focus on two tasks. Scheduling a meeting with state representation, Rep. Cathy Connolly, a known ASUW and University of Wyoming ally on the legislature, to establish a working relationship, as well as extend invitations to work with ASUW in the fall and later during the budget session in the spring. Late next week, we will be sending out a survey to the student body relating to broad City of Laramie issues as well as some issues specific to a Tenant/Landlord Rights document. We am working with City Counciler Pearce, along other members on the council such as Mayor Weaver to develop and implement a Tenant/Landlords Right Document for our students as well as the broader Laramie community. This project has been in the making for a handful of administrations, and we plan to capitalize on the momentum from the city council look forward to putting it into writing during our term."

Director of Marketing Clark said "First off, I would just like to thank you all for completing the model release forms and getting those to either myself or Chief Carrier. That makes my job much easier when trying to post on the ASUW social media. This past week my job has had a major focus on the social media side of things. The social media has included podcast, town hall, Senate Retreat, and the vaccine incentive program offered by the Albany County Vaccine Project and Ivinson Memorial Hospital. Additionally, the Senate Story update was posted yesterday for the Students' Right to Know. As I promoted the town hall, I also helped host the town hall with Chief Homer-Wambeam with a Zoom session and Facebook Livestream that did slightly fail but it is still posted on the Facebook page. Projects that are upcoming will be the next podcast episode, the town hall next week, working with and promoting the writing center as a campus resource, UMC promotion, and beginning the mask/COVID campaign we will be promoting through ASUW."

Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke said "I started off last week mostly trying to schedule all our strategic partners in accordance with our by laws when it comes to timing. I then did the same with all our crucial programs. I look forward to meeting with them over the next two weeks and working on their drafts of their strategic plans and preparing them for their presentations in front of PID. With these presentations and contacts I hope to hold ASUW and its partners and program to a higher standard and further integration. In accordance with this over the past week I've spent my time meeting with individuals getting further informed and going over all the partners and programs budget FY21 and FY22. I also talked to some of our Arts and Science Senators last weekend and I will be following up with the ideas we had as soon as Programming and Student Outreach has a meeting. And lastly I want to thank everyone who signed up for tabling at involvement fest. We got over 14 signatures for FYS and some possible future full senators. I will send updates about possible venue changes tomorrow morning to those who have signed up."

Director of Wellness and Sustainability McLean said “this week I have been getting settled into my new position and as such have been meeting and communicating with students, staff, faculty, and organizations I will be working with in the coming year. Director of Diversity and Inclusion Sapien and I met with UW Law School Golten Fellow, Martha Jenkins, regarding how to better help DACA recipients in our UW community. This week Director of Marketing Clark and I began working together on a social media campaign to promote COVID safety here on campus. Additionally, I am working with Michelle Dipasquale of Green Dot and the Dean of Students office to get contraception and sexual education materials distributed across campus. These are all ongoing projects that I am excited to keep you all updated on. This upcoming week I will be meeting with the sustainability coalition and the food insecurity taskforce to outline our goals and our relationship for the year. I will also work with Vice President Anderson in organizing the Safety and Wellness committee up and running so keep an eye out for that”.

Vice President Anderson said “Thank you all for coming tonight, most of my report will be reminders this evening. First, I will be sending around two sign-up sheets, one for the ASUW Homecoming Committee and one for the ASUW Safety and Wellness Committee. If you are interested in serving on one of these committees please write your name legibly and you will be contacted later this week. Bear in mind that if not enough senators sign up, people will be assigned to these committees as their composition is mandated in our by laws. Next, I would like to reiterate the importance of attending all of your committee meetings and actively working with your committee’s chair to make things run more smoothly for them. Committees are where the bulk of ASUW Senate’s work is done, and missing a committee meeting does count as half of an absence (of which you are allowed 3). I would like to thank everyone who attended the senate retreat last Saturday, I hope that it was helpful and engaging. I would like to reiterate a few points I made at the retreat: I am always happy to meet with you one on one or answer your questions over email, so please don’t ever hesitate to reach out to me to set up a meeting or simply ask a question. If you have not yet submitted your model release form, you need to do so as soon as possible. You will not be able to receive your parliamentary procedure handbook, padfolio, or ASUW Jacket until you do so. You can drop those off at any time in the ASUW office. If you need a model release form, you can email Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier or stop by the ASUW Office. Finally, Chief of Legislative Affairs will/has circulated the relevant information regarding the funding board requests that will be brought before senate tonight. Please refer to these documents when we are addressing these items under new business.

Advisor Wheeler reported that he met with eight executives this past week and that he has three more meetings this week. He also reported that there will be interviews for the project coordinator position and that they hope they will be able to provide a job offer next week. First-Year Senate apps are open and close Sept 5. Accountant Shaef and him met with the UMC Co-chairs to help with their onboarding process.

Ex-Officio Communications

College Panhellenic Council reported that the voting on the anti-hazing legislation has been tabled until further revisions have been made. They hope that they will be able to review it again in the near future.

Faculty Senate started by thanking everyone for being here. She reported they have not met yet but have been meeting over the Summer and have been very involved with President Swilling on topics related to COVID and the restructuring process. She looks forwards to working with ASUW in the coming year.

Interfraternity Council reported that their recruitment has been going well and that their community is growing. They have also decided to table the anti-hazing legislation and hope they can review it in the future.

Non-Traditional Student Council reported that the council met and discussed activities for the semester.

Sustainability Coalition reported they are working on implementing food cabinets and recruiting people for the joint Laramie climate action task force and will be continuing to do this. Also they are working on recruiting new members and will be meeting to work on the Laramie climate task force and are having their second task force.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee reported they will have their first meeting of the year this week and are hoping to have lots of participation from many teams.

International Students Association reported they are working on planning their famous etiquette dinner. They are also holding their Friday Coffee Hour at the Cheney International student center and encourage all students to attend.

Committee Communications

Steering reported they will be meeting every Friday at 12pm in the College of Business. They also reported that this location is subject to change depending on the week so if you are wishing to attend, please email Vice President Anderson so that you may get the correct location. They also reported that they discussed more of the restructuring process and how this may impact ASUW.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported that they elected their permanent chair who will be Senator Rhymes. Additionally, they set a permanent meeting time which will be 2:30-3:30 on Fridays in the ASUW Conference room. They also reported they discussed the legislation that was steered to them and have invited two guest speakers to speak in future meetings.

Budget and Planning reported they met for the first-time last Friday and discussed the projects that Budget and Planning typically covers. 9am on Fridays will be the official meeting times and Senator Talamantes was elected as chair of the committee.

Elections reported they will be meeting on Wednesday at 4pm and have yet to establish an official meeting time.

Programs and Institutional Development met for the first-time last Friday and discussed the role of the committee and potential projects. Each committee member will be assigned a program or partner to work with. Wednesdays at 9am in the ASUW Conference Room and Senator Houghton was elected permanent chair.

Student Organization funding board heard 6 requests and were unable to constitute a quorum so will be discussing the results tonight.

Student Outreach and Programming elected a chair and are still working on finding a permanent meeting time.

Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review reported they are still working on finding a meeting time and are wanting to get a head start on the process.

College Contact Reports

College of Agriculture and Natural resources had no report.

College of Arts and Sciences reported that they will be having a meeting with the dean at 4pm on Wednesday. They also reported the Honors College will be holding their internship fair at 7pm on Wednesday in the Honors College House.

College of Business had no report.

College of Education had no report.

College of Engineering and Applied Sciences reported the senators will be meeting this week to discuss the goals for the college.

Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources had no report.

College of Health Sciences reported they have discussed potentially holding office hours once a month to meet with constituents.

OLD BUSINESS

Senate Bill #2752: A Change to the Required Composition of Sponsors on ASUW Legislation

The bill was read for the second time.

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

Programs and Institutional Development gave a do-pass recommendation.

Steering gave a do-pass as amended recommendation.

Senator Wilkins moved to pass SB#2752.

Senator Engel-Cartie seconded.

Senator Wilkins moved to amended Addendum A to define an ex-officio member as defined in Article 8, section 8.01 of the ASUW By-Laws.

Senator Smith seconded.

The motion passed by a voice vote.
Debate continued with the proposed amendment.
The motion passed by a role call vote of 23-0-0

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Ebben moved to approve the unspent pro-salary realignment request.
Senator Castonovo seconded.
The motion passed unanimously by a standing vote.

Senator Castronovo moved to pass the competition funding request from Food Science Club.
Senator True seconded.
The motion passed unanimously by a standing vote.

Senator Rhymes moved to approve the conference funding request from Food Science Club.
Senator Ebben seconded.
The motion

Senator True moved to approve the Student Dietetic Association first conference registration funding request.
Senator Rhymes seconded.
The motion passed unanimously by a standing vote.

Senator Castronovo moved to approve the Student Dietetic Association second conference registration funding request.
Senator Nwokejob seconded.
The motion passed unanimously by a standing vote.

Senator True moved to approve the Student Dietetic Association third conference registration funding request.
Senator True seconded.
The motion passed unanimously by a standing vote.

Senator Castronovo moved to approve the Women in Business's conference registration funding request.
Senator Rhymes seconded.
The motion passed unanimously by a standing vote.

Senator Wilkins moved to table the Conference registration funding request from Anastasiia Corley until the Judicial Council can convene to prove an interpretation of the Finance Policy language to determine the legitimacy of the application.
Senator Rhymes seconded.
The motion passed 21-2-0 by a standing vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advisor Wheeler announced that involvement fest is happening in the Union Ball room on Wednesday.

Senator Rhymes announced that volunteer fair is happening in Prexis on Tuesday September 7th from 11-1pm.

After processing the meeting adjourned at 9:18pm. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on September 7, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

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