

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The September 10th, 2024, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Knull at 7:00 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

No one was absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Langford moved to fix a typo in the announcements section
The minutes were approved as amended

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as distributed

OPEN FORUM

No one wished to address the senate

Communications

- President Murfitt

Last week, Chief of Staff Hennigar and I met with the Graduate Students Taskforce to discuss the potential in making a graduate student council program under ASUW. They are very enthusiastic about the idea and we will be working with the Vice Provost for Graduate Education Ahern in the near future to create a structure and hopefully draft legislation to make this happen.

Last week, Vice President Knull and I met with Lucas Hansen from the Foundation to discuss our endowments, potential ways to reach donors for private funding, as well as our Giving Day Campaign. This year, our giving day campaign is on our new mental health initiative "No More Empty Saddles". "No More Empty Saddles" is a new initiative created by ASUW. This was identified following tragic events impacting the student body and Laramie. Out of this tragedy, ASUW identified the need for greater dialogue and access to resources. This initiative aims to help make the conversation about mental health something Pokes are more willing to talk about casually. In this initiative, we plan to work with groups to expand services to campus either by increasing awareness or increasing funding, identifying shortages in the current services, and working to provide more resources for students.

The fall student issues survey has been published and will stay open till September 19th. I highly encourage you to fill out the survey and to outreach to your constituents about it. Unfortunately, no one in ASUW is eligible to be entered and win the iPad raffle.

This week, I will be attending the UW Foundation Board meeting and will be plugging in our Giving Day Campaign to try and gauge more potential donors.

Also this week, my team and I will be meeting with VP Chestnut to discuss feedback from the fall DIA Shuttle service. We are hoping that we come out of this meeting with the green light to be able to provide this service to students next semester as well.

I did want to plug a notable piece of legislation that is getting ready to be submitted. I have shared legislation that will be restructuring the ADP committee to align with UW's new equal opportunity and prohibited efforts rules. Speaking of this, next week, VP Evans will be here as our special event to discuss the prohibited efforts statement.

President Murfitt then yielded to Chief of Staff Hennigar

Chief of Staff Hennigar

COS

- Finalizing an After-Action report about DIA

DOSO

- Trying to coordinate us tabling at a football game

DOSOrg

- "Director of Student Organizations Anderson has re-opened the SOFB application, which has allowed him to vet requests from student organizations across campus. He has also contacted several student organizations with clarification regarding ASUW's processes. Additionally, he has started work on the SORT initiative with Director of Marketing Hargett and Director of Student Outreach Mackenzie. Director Anderson is also in the process of merging student organization membership with ASUW and would love input from other senators on it. He is in the office from 8:00 to 5:00 on Mondays and Wednesdays, and 12:00 to 5:00 on Fridays."

DOM

- "Hi senators! I have two things to ask of you as we are going into homecoming season. Firstly, please be signing up to table. We will be tabling with the homecoming tee shirts and food in Simpson's plaza from 11am-1pm on Monday and Tuesday, and we have a table in the Union the entire week from 8am-5pm. Homecoming is a super great time and a great way for us to create a positive name for ASUW. When students think of homecoming, we want them to think about ASUW, and our presence throughout the week will help with this. The second thing I ask is that you utilize the ASUW Instagram accounts that you all created during campaigning. Please repost everything you can from the ASUW account. You all have a wide array of follower bases, and I want to make sure that the information gets out to as many people as possible! Thank you for all you are doing!"

DOACU

- Working on making SOFB events more accessible by creating guidelines to encourage clubs to follow

DOWS

- No More Empty Saddles Campaign surrounding mental health
- Working on bringing back Purple Thursdays

DOGC

- Working on plans for Cowpoves and Candidates

DOF

- Getting the budget tracker on the website coordinated and starting to plan some ideas for Financial Wellness week

- Judicial Council

Judicial Council was not present

- Vice President Knull
In addition to the projects and work mentioned by President Murfitt, Last week I began the interviewing process for our Senate Vacancies, with the hope of completing them this week; we had 12 applicants for five seats. The applicant pool is very competitive this year, and I am hoping to present these outstanding candidates before the chamber for confirmation in the next few weeks. This week we also began our first round of Senator-Check-ins. As of today, I have completed 10 of the 16. If you haven't accepted those invites, please do. The hope is to meet during that same time once a month. ASUW will be conducting our first round of outreach office hours during homecoming this year ; I will provide further correspondence in the days to come. I will also be offering a workshop on Chairing and Secretary-ing meetings in the coming weeks to help provide a professional development opportunity for the body, in addition to the resources I have been provided in SharePoint. As always if you need anything please don't hesitate to reach out.
- Assistant Director Interim
Executive Advisor Hamilton
- Ex-Officios
 - College Panhellenic Council

College Panhellenic council was not present

- Faculty Senate

Faculty senate was not present

- First-Year Senate

First year senate was not present

- Interfraternity Council

Interfraternity Council was not present

- International Students Association

International Students Association was not present

- Non-Traditional Student Council

Non-Traditional Student Council was not present

- Sustainability Coalition

Sustainability Coalition was not present

- Staff Senate

Staff Senate was not present

- Student Athlete Advisory Committee

Student Athlete Advisory Committee was not present

- United Multicultural Council

United Multicultural Council was not present

OLD BUISNESS

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS

- **SB #2999 Updating Protocol for PID Committee approval of program Legislation**
- **SB #3000 Reformation of ASUW Senate Meeting Communications to Include Chief of Staff, Chief of Legislative Affairs, and Student Legal Services Intern**

Each piece of legislation was read for the first time

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Brown announced where to sign up for tabling during Homecoming Week. He highly encourages senators to sign up for at least two hours during the week to help more evenly divide up the workload.

Senator Culp announced -ANS: Tuesdays (6-7), next Tuesday (5-6); Engineering Rm. 1062; INL (Idaho National Laboratory) and free pizza hopefully

-Robotics: Tuesdays (6-7); teams (mechanical, software, electrical, science); teams meet at different times; Engineering Rm. 5100

-Speech team: Tuesdays and Fridays (5-7pm); Business Rm. 24

-MENA Club: Wednesday (7-8); MENARA Center Rm. 332

-Students for Reproductive Rights: Wednesday (6-7); Big Horn Rm. Union

Senator Langford announced "The College Democrats at UW had its first meeting yesterday; it was very successful. College Democrats will be meeting every other week on Mondays at 4pm. Our next meeting will be September 23rd at 4pm with a location to be announced.

We will also be hosting a candidate meet-and-greet for Democratic candidates on October 21st at 5pm and we will be getting a location announced soon. All are welcome and are encouraged to come, listen, and ask questions to the candidates. Food and beverages will be had at this event.

We look forward to being an active presence on campus for this academic year.

Please reach out if you have any questions or are interested in attending any of our events."

Senator Heffley announced BridgeUWYO is hosting an event September 11, 5-8 pm with panels on foreign & domestic policy, patriotism, and political polarization.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at . The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on August 25th , 2024, at 7:33 p.m. in the Senate Chambers.

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