

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The September 13th, 2022, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Carrier 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

All senators were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Swilling moved to amend the minutes under new business as reflected:

“Senator Hacke moved for a do not pass.

Senator Etchepare seconded.

Senator Hacke moved to proceed to the previous question

Senator Petri seconded.

The motion passed via a voice vote.

The main motion failed 2-18 via a standing vote.

Senator Swilling moved to table the legislation indefinitely

Senator Willis seconded.

Senator Almejo-Ponce moved the previous question.

Senator Etchepare seconded.

The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.

The main motion passed via unanimous voice vote.”

The motion to amend the minutes was passed without objection.

Senator Swilling moved to amend an error in spelling of “Old Business.”

The motion to amend the minutes was passed without objection.

The minutes were approved, as amended, without objection.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Senator Castronovo moved to add the approval of the Indian Students Association's funding after the Special Event.

Senator Swilling moved to amend the agenda to replace the word “bill” under Resolution #2825: Resolution on Laramie Housing Ordinance 8.80.010-8.80.070 with resolution.

The motion to amend the agenda was passed without objection.

Senator Swilling

The agenda was approved, as amended, without objection.

OPEN FORUM

Gabriel Lattimore, the Public Relations Coordinator from the Student Engagement Team (SET), introduced themselves and will be taking pictures of the Senate Meeting.

SPECIAL EVENT

Senator Hunter Swilling and the rest of the Budget and Planning Committee (B&P) presented to the ASUW Senate to discuss the ASUW Finance Policies. There are two different Finance Policies. Namely, the Student Organization Finance Policy and the B&P Finance Policy. The ASUW Working Documents are updated after legislation is passed that amends them. B&P oversees the B&P Policy and all Budget Realignment Requests. Any portion of the ASUW budget may be realigned. Requests over \$3,500 must be approved by the full ASUW Senate. It must contain: the person proposing the realignment, background information, source of funds to be realigned and when they will be realigned and why the realignment is beneficial to students. Additionally, requests must have the official recommendation of the ASUW President, the ASUW Accountant, and the ASUW Assistant Director. Budget and Planning handles equipment requests. B&P is responsible for overseeing the ASUW endowments which accrue money over time. The Special Projects Endowment covers up to \$60,000 to work on projects that will benefit students on campus. The International Student Endowment and the Student Priorities Endowment will be made available to ASUW in Fiscal Year 24. There is a contingency fund of \$3,000 dollars. The ASUW Senate has a total budget of \$1.15 million which is a combination of student fees and endowments. There is a \$55 fee per semester for students that funds a large portion of ASUW. Accountant Schaef informed the ASUW Senate how to read the Fiscal Budgets of ASUW.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION FUNDING BOARD REQUEST

Indian Students Association: India Night on October 15th

Senator Engel-Cartie moved to approve the funding request.

Senator Etchepare seconded.

The motion was passed unanimously via a standing vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Brown reported that she is not currently attending City Council to present alongside Director Heddins and President Seidel on ASUW initiatives and how these relate to the city, this will be rescheduled. President Brown is looking forward to attending the Board of Trustees (BOT) this week, which means she will not be in committees this week nor in the office. She will serve on the Facilities Committee, Student Affairs Committee, Biennium Budget Committee, and the Legislative Affairs Committee. There will be a session regarding the outcome of the Saddle

Up Program, and President Brown will be sharing her report tomorrow. The BOT will be discussing the approval of the Student Priorities and the DACA/International endowments. The student issues survey has received over 700 responses thus far.

Chief of Staff Skorcz reported on behalf of Director Heddins and Director Malles. Additionally, she announced that the Welcome Back Bash will be tomorrow from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Smith informed the Senate that Ad-Hoc Restructuring has a timeline within the SharePoint. Any senator is welcome to provide input for the committee. He also congratulated the senators for crafting legislation.

Director of Marketing Pappas had no report.

Director of Student Outreach Murfitt was not present.

Director of Student Organizations Acosta-Engavo was not present.

Director of Finance Hamilton: "This past week I launched Phase I of the Financial Literacy program on Friday, Sept. 9 that included an email sent out to all ASUW staff, executives, and senators with an attached excel spreadsheet detailing a "simple" breakdown of the ASUW FY 2023 budget. I would like to highlight some of the charts and heat maps in that excel sheet that are tailored for your viewing. Additionally, the interactive budget is a prototype and I encourage any and all feedback to improve your user interface. The intention of this is to prepare senators for budget planning as well as to educate senators on the breakdown of line items and budgeted vs requested funds. Accountant Schaef went over that earlier in the budgeting special event, this merely builds off that and allows you to directly mess around with hypothetical scenarios and budgets. Coming next is the public financial literacy element of Phase I which will contain more heat maps and ledger breakdowns related to Student Fees and Tuition. These will be intended for public use, and I encourage all senators to use these in any outreach program that you participate in. Additionally, Director Pappas and I continue to plan a financial literacy week, tentatively called Cash Bash. We are targeting a late October, early November week which will include fun events such as Bingo, tabling, as well as Cash Cart. Although I have been made aware of a horse drawn cart which I fully intend to pursue."

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Lin was not present.

Director of Wellness Malles was not present.

Director of Sustainability Macey: "Last week, the executive office met with the Sustainability Coalition to discuss objectives for the semester. During the meeting, Project Coordinator Craft shared an outline for what transitioning from a partner to a program would look like. Program

and Institutional Development (PID) will be drafting a document that displays a blueprint for this process of becoming a program and will share it with the Sustainability Coalition. Last Friday, I also met with the Director of the Hydrogen Energy Research Center. We discussed hosting a roundtable-conference type of event to introduce students to sustainable hydrogen energy and storage. Mr. Holubnyak expressed how his department in the Energy Innovation Center will provide resources for funding the event and will invite speakers that work directly in the industry. If anyone in the Senate is interested in collaborating on this energy awareness initiative and has experience with event planning, please reach out to me! That is all I have.”

Vice-President Carrier thanked the Senate for CC'ing the ASUW Professional Staff and Vice-President Carrier on external email communication. She encouraged the Senate to speak with Accountant Schaefer or Vice-President Carrier if you're above hours for the week. The ASUW Senate is required to attend the November 2nd Green Dot Training at 5:30 p.m., which fulfills the sexual misconduct training requirement within the ASUW By-Laws. Vice-President Carrier reminded the ASUW Senate to be professional while in the ASUW Office or during work hours. Send any amendments to legislation to Chief of Legislative Affairs Smith. ASUW will be going through Committee of the Whole to expressly pass or do not pass a piece of legislation. Vice-President Carrier gave a senator shoutout to Senator Willis for her collaboration with Student Athletics and ASUW.

Assistant Director Hansen wanted to congratulate everyone for their work so far in this semester. He wants to emphasize that the ASUW Professional Staff is CC'ed on outward communication via email.

Accountant Schaefer: “We received several questions this week regarding service hours. Service hours DO NOT count as paid hours. If you have additional questions on if something is a service hour or a paid hour, don't hesitate to reach out to Vice President Carrier. This week's Moment of Inspiration goes to First Year Senate Advisor Ewalt. I've been so inspired by how dedicated and passionate you have been in working with Project Coordinator Craft to improve the experience for First Year Senators. Investing in these students is an investment in ASUW's future as many of the amazing students in senate and the executive branch started with this program. You've reminded me to think outside the box, and that change can be very beneficial. I'm so excited to see First Year Senate excel and grow this year.”

Project Coordinator Craft spent the past week having productive meetings with ASUW partners and programs. The Professional Development Workshop was held last week. He is excited to announce that the First-Year Senators have been chosen.

Ex- Officio Communications

College Panhellenic Council (CPH) reported that next Monday will be the start of National Anti-Hazing Week and asks for ASUW's support for that week. They reported that there are no state laws prohibiting hazing, which not only regards FSL membership, but other organizations seeking membership as well.

First-Year Senate (FYS) officially sent out the acceptance emails for First-Year Senators. FYS has undergone changes and FYS Advisor Ewalt worked with Project Coordinator Craft to effectively onboard First-Year Senators.

Interfraternity Council (IFC) reiterated CPH's sentiments. IFC will be working closely with ASUW members to possibly start a petition to amend the Wyoming State Law to include anti-hazing measures. Sigma Chi will be doing a pancake feed this Friday from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and it will be five dollars per plate. Proceeds will go to the Huntsman Cancer Foundation. Pi Kappa Alpha will be doing a Spikeball tournament this Saturday from 3:00-5:00 p.m., which will have a ten-dollar entry fee and will support the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

International Students Association (ISA) had a meeting today joined by Assistant Director Hansen and Project Coordinator Craft. They worked out the details for the annual etiquette dinner. There will be a midsemester potluck on October 15th and will be open to all students. They are working to speak with the ten new students interested in joining ISA from the involvement fest.

Non-Traditional Student Council was not present.

Faculty Senate was not present.

Residence Halls Association was not present.

The Sustainability Coalition met with ASUW members last Friday to begin connections with team members and discussed ideas for the semester. Sunday was the first club meeting and about twenty-five people came to pick up trash. This Saturday, September 17th, they are co-hosting Processing Climate Crisis Through Music with the Canterbury Church. On September 27th they will be joining the Better-Wyo at Pilot Hill discussions on how local voting impacts climate change.

Staff Senate was not present.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee the "Toys for Tots" program will be taking place and they ask for ASUW to assist with marketing. If there are any questions reach out to the liaison or Senator Willis.

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. and steered five new pieces of legislation and gave recommendations on steered legislation.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy (AD&P) met on Friday at 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. and plan to discuss ways to redistribute the sexual assault prevention products. They started conversation on Special Projects ideas such as women's health and a community biking system.

Budget and Planning (B&P) welcomed Senator Clark-Mellott as new member. Additionally, they approved budget realignment of \$2,612.15 to form a bank of hours for Judicial Council justices – this is to correct the problem we previously had where international students who already worked 20 hours per week were going to receive a stipend. Paying international students for work greater than 20 hours per week is strictly forbidden by federal law. Whenever members of the Judicial Council work, they will claim hours that will come out of this “pool” of hours. The total number of hours remaining will be monitored by the Chief Justice and the ASUW Accountant. A very similar model is currently used by Student Technical Services. A spreadsheet, as is currently used by the ASUW Legislative and Executive Branches as well as our Programs and Partners would be created for the JC, with the Chief Justice and JC Advisor overseeing it. This will include \$1,900 from the already existing line item and \$712.15 from reserves. This would allow each justice to work 33 hours per year at \$11/hr. The committee approved another budget realignment that was sent out for the College Council for a vote of full Senate that will receive additional conversation later tonight. They reviewed two pieces of legislation and decided to sponsor both. B&P planned the Special Event tonight. The committee will review two pieces of legislation steered to the committee, brainstorm codifying change to policy regarding stipends in ASUW to formally address this issue in the long-term, and review special projects marketing plan and try to set a meeting to review proposals next week.

Outreach, Programming, and Elections (OPE) met and spoke with Senator Willis reading the charity event with the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. They discussed plans for Homecoming and what ASUW must do for that week. They began elections planning to work with other entities on campus such as 7220 Entertainment.

Program and Institutional Development (PID) is working with the Sustainability Coalition to define the difference between a partner and program. The committee decided to hold off discussion to add Acres Farm as an ASUW Program.

Student Organization Funding Board (SOFB): "SOFB met last Wednesday and heard two requests which we approved, one in committee and the second we, as a whole, approved. We talked about ways to advertise our funds so we can give out as much as possible this year. We also discussed potentially working with the Student Orgs and Entertainment office to create a storage area for items that SOs could use."

Tuition Allocation and Fee Review Committee: This year the committee will be sending out a pre-hearing survey. It's going to ask questions such as: What is your department, what services does your department provide, who's going to be at your fee hearing and presenting, what's the current student fee request, etc. The concluded by brainstorming questions to ask during the fee hearings.

OLD BUISNESS

Senate Bill #2819: Adding the College Council to the ASUW Rules and Procedures

The bill was read for the second time.

Steering recommended a do pass.

Senator Engel-Cartie moved to pass the bill.

Senator Grimm seconded

The bill was passed unanimously via a roll call vote.

Senate Bill #2820: Updating ASUW Rules and Procedures to Allow for Virtual Meetings in ASUW

The bill was read for the second time.

Steering recommended a do pass with amendments.

Senator Etchepare moved to pass the bill

Senator Petri seconded the motion

Senator Swilling moved to amend the motion sent out by Steering.

Senator Castronovo seconded the motion

The bill passed unanimously, as amended, via a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Fiscal Year 23 Budget Realignment- Bank of Hours for ASUW College Council and Transition to Hourly Employees

Senator Swilling moved to pass the realignment.

Senator Almejo-Ponce seconded the motion.

This motion was passed unanimously via a standing vote.

Senate Bill #2821: Codification of Guidelines for the ASUW Distance Student Scholarship

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to Budget and Planning and Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy.

Senate Bill #2822: Codification of the Process for Requesting Changes to the ASUW Fee

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review, Budget and Planning, and Program and Institutional Development.

Senate Bill #2823: Amendment to Article 5 of the ASUW by-laws

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to Steering.

Senate Bill #2824: Consolidation of Homecoming Duties to the Outreach, Programing, and Elections Committee.

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to Committee of the Whole.

Senator Almejo-Ponce moved to suspend section 6.01, subsection 2,3, and 4 of the Rules and Procedures

Senator Hacke seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously via a standing vote.
Senator Swilling moved to dissolve the Senate into Committee of the Whole.
Senator Castronovo seconded the motion.
Senator Engel-Cartie moved the previous question.
Senator Etchepare seconded the motion.
The motion was passed unanimously via a standing vote.
Senator Etchepare moved to dissolve the Committee.
of the Whole and reconvene back as the ASUW Senate.
Senator Petri seconded.
The motion passed unanimously via a standing vote.
Senator Castronovo moved to pass the legislation.
Senator Etchepare seconded.
Senator Castronovo moved to amend with the recommendations from
Senator Swilling.
Senator Swilling seconded.
The legislation was passed unanimously, as amended, via a roll call vote.

Senate Resolution #2825: Resolution on Laramie Housing Ordinance 8.80.010-8.80.070
The resolution was read for the first time.
The resolution was steered to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-President Carrier reported that Alpha Phi is having a blood drive on September 23rd from 9am-3:30pm. If anyone is interested in donating blood, let Vice-President Carrier know.

Senator McLean from tomorrow from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. there will be a lunch to hear from survivors of sexual violence. There will be free Panda Express.

First-Year Senate (FYS) Advisor Ewalt announced that the first meeting of the FYS will be held next week at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday.

Senator Clark invites everyone to the OPE committee from 2:15-3:00 p.m. on Mondays if they'd like to provide input for Homecoming.

Senator Engleby invites everyone to Chi Omega's fundraising and Kappa Kappa Gamma will be doing "Talk About Mental Health."

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on September 20th 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

Saber Smith
Chief of Legislative Affairs 110th Administration