

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The September 20th, 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

Senator Anderson was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved without objection.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved without objection.

OPEN FORUM

Aaron Courtney the Interim Associate Vice President, Budget & Institutional Planning spoke in front of the Senate regarding the block tuition that was approved by the Board of Trustees. He explained how the University did use the block tuition model for a period until 2003 when it changed to a per credit model. The model is designed to be more transparent on the actual costs of college during the pursuit of a four-year degree. He handed out the past block tuition proposal to the Senate tonight. About 57% of non-resident undergraduate students are enrolled in 15 or more credits and 52% of resident students are in 15+ credits. While there was concern that it could cause a loss in profit, he believes this program will be close to net neutral or profitable. The numbers provided are based on the average amount of credits taken by undergraduate and graduate students. The exemption and appeals process will be handled by the student financial office, and potentially the Dean of Students office, which they hope will make it a fair and simpler process for students. Summer courses would still be using the "per-credit" model as the course load usually isn't as full as during the fall and spring semesters.

SPECIAL EVENT

Dr. Renee Laegreid covered the roles and responsibilities of the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate is primarily based on concerns of academics. It was instituted in the 1960's. The Faculty Senate has the responsibility of reviewing what academic programs are approved. Shared governance with the three senates is imperative to give the view of staff, faculty, and students on university policy. There have been a few instances where the senates have collaborated to address university reformation. The Faculty Senators are tasked with speaking with their constituents on issues. This information is relayed to the Faculty Senate to brainstorm recommendations. The Faculty Senate has a website that have their current By-Laws. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSE) comprises of the Faculty Senate Officers. They

consist of: the chair, the chair elect, secretary, and members at large, who are voted on each year. They are in charge of creating the meeting agendas and running the meetings. Within Faculty Senate meetings they cover regulations, policy changes, proposed changes in curriculum, administrative issues, committee appointments, and other discussion issues. Their voting cycle is a month long in contrast with the ASUW Senate because they meet bi-weekly instead of weekly. They have executive sessions similar to ASUW to discuss pertinent issues internally. They have 13 standing committees in which different senators sit on. Their main focus at the moment is addressing many small problems arising with the restructuring of UW.

Tim Nichols reported information about the Staff Senate. There are 6 cabinet positions within the Staff Senate which include non voting members who assist with administrative work. Staff-Senate represents the well-being of the staff members at the university. They ensure that staff are fairly compensated for their efforts. The Staff Senate has several committees that focus on specific tasks to promote efficacy on campus for staff members. They have discussed the need for improvement of the campus culture. The legislation of the Staff Senate has been improving processes for staff members. There are proposed changes for financial stability for staff members. They work to receive a central office space for the Staff Senate. The body is seeking participation with the program. Tim Nichols met with President Brown to discuss relevant concerns and they work to collaborate with the ASUW Senate.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Brown plans to be highlighting no more than five specific things each week to preserve time for the Senate. She reported that the Board of Trustees meeting went well. President Brown reported on the feedback of the Saddle Up Program. President Brown voiced the concerns for Block Tuition it was approved along with an increase in tuition. She met with stakeholders for the approval of ASUW endowments. President Brown has worked on various projects within the office President Brown worked on the Carnegie Community Engagement Committee to have UW on national recognition. The Student Issues Survey had 750 responses, President Brown is working to further engage students on this, and then to process the data in early October and share that all with you. She reports that Pizza with the Presidents will be held tomorrow in the Union Breezeway.

Chief of Staff Skorcz Reported on behalf of Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Heddins and Director of Diversity and Inclusion Lin. Chief Skorcz reported that Director Heddins is at city council tonight giving a presentation about ASUW, our relationship between the city council and ASUW is incredibly important. Chief Skorcz reported for Director Lin stating: "Giving Day is coming up! We want to support our newly approved DACA and International Students Scholarship Fund. If you are interested in getting involved with that, please email me or Director Lin. The success of this giving day is dependent on widespread engagement, so please help out!" Chief Skorcz additionally asked those coming into the office to respect executive space, ask first before sitting at their desks, and to keep the ASUW Office clean.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Smith asked those with reports during senate to send those to him via email. He also encouraged senators to ask him, Accountant Schaef, or Vice-President Carrier to assist with any issues regarding senator pay.

Director of Marketing Pappas was not present.

Director of Student Outreach Murfitt: “Last Wednesday, I hosted the Back to School Bash in the Skylight Lounge. I want to thank every senator and executive that helped with the event. I also met with Vice President Carrier, Director Pappas, Senator Clark, and the representative from the University Alumni Association, Colter Anderson to discuss collaboration efforts this year for Homecoming. Last week I also met with Director Acosta-Engavo and Director Pappas to discuss the Student Organization Roundtable which is a new event we hope to have monthly to be able to outreach to many students through leaders of organizations around campus. Along with that, we will have guest presentations from members of other departments on how student organizations can run more efficiently on campus. Tomorrow, at 11:30am, we will be having our first Pizza with the Presidents event in the Breezeway. We will need a few senators to help hand out pizza tomorrow. Along with that, on Thursday the 22nd, Director Acosta-Engavo will be tabling for Student Organization Funding and the Student Organization Roundtable. We need three senators to help table per hour for that event. Next Monday through Wednesday, we are also tabling for a final push to have students take the Student Issues Survey. These shifts will also be broken up into hour increments. Can I have Senator Swilling pass this sign-up list around. Please fill it out if you are able to help with the tabling efforts. As a little heads up, the October Newsletter will be sent out on Tuesday, October 4th. We will also be hosting the first Town Hall of the 110th administration on October 7th in the Skylight Lounge at 11am.”

Director of Student Organizations Acosta-Engavo was not present.

Director of Finance Hamilton: “This week, I finalized plans for financial literacy week with the determination that the week of Oct. 24 will be called Cash Bash with a plethora of events ranging from cash cart to bingo throughout the week. Additionally, two student organizations, Chess Club and Sculpture Society have been processed through the financial system and their SOFB-approved funds have been spent. I anticipate the Indian Students will be meeting with me shortly to discuss allocation of spending for their event October 15. Finally, I worked with TASFRC and Vice President Carrier to develop a short questionnaire for departments to submit to TASFRC ahead of their scheduled hearing in October.”

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Lin was not present.

Director of Wellness Malles: “This past week Chief of Staff Skorcz and I worked with Karen Drew on finalizing some things concerning S.W.A.B. If you are part of that committee, please check your emails/calendars. We are trying to have a student meeting on Wednesday Sept. 28th from 12-1pm. I will be passing around a green dot volunteering sheet for the Wellness fair on October 11th. There will be flu shots, STD testing, and wellness testing available to all students. So, we need people outside the restrooms navigating people in the right direction, runners for samples, and people for the food and raffle tables. If you can make one of these times but need to leave early, please put down what time you would need to leave. Also, there is green dot training

this Sunday from 1-4:30 and you can sign up on their website. And last reminder there is a 5K suicide prevention walk this Saturday at 9am with an 8am check in time. There is a 20\$ entry fee if you would like to enter, I have the QR code up here with me and you can register beforehand.”

Director of Sustainability Macey was not present.

Vice President Carrier: “If you are having a meeting in the conference room, committee or personal, make sure you book it with Taeya, you can email her or email the gov account. Also make sure to get out of your meeting in time. If you are supposed to end at 3, make sure you are out of there at 3 because it can set everyone else back if you are not done when you are supposed to be. Please try and keep noise levels to a minimum when you are hanging out or working in the office. When it gets really loud, you can hear it pretty clearly through the walls so it can disrupt meetings that are happening or people that are trying to get work done at their desks or the collaboration station. Be nice to your committee chairs! The committee meeting and how it is being ran and what level of professionalism and parli pro being used in committee, is up to the committee chair. It is up to their discretion how fast and efficient the meeting should be running, so do not give them a hard time and just try and make sure you are always being respectful. If you have major concerns or problems with your committee in any capacity, you can also come talk to me about it. Once again, if you are reaching out externally from ASUW, especially any of our partner or program, just CC someone. It can be me, Project Coordinator Craft, Advisor Hansen, the chair of PID Senator Engelby, just someone so that we can be in the loop. Met with committee chairs. I am working a lot with TASFCR and making sure the fee memo was good and ready to go. My senator of the week goes to Senator Meikeljohn. We had a check in last week I believe and she just came to me full of ideas and questions and projects. I was really excited and inspired to see just how much she cares about the student body and she provided some really great insight into some bodies and areas on campus I am not very familiar with, which I appreciated a lot. “

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'd on outward communication via email.

Accountant Schaefer: “We’ve mostly successfully completed another pay period this week. Thank you to everyone that took the time to complete those super fun HR trainings and to those that stopped by my office to make sure you had your time correct and submitted. Please don’t hesitate to reach out if you have questions or suggestions for making it easier. This week, my Moment of Inspiration is Chief of Legislative Affairs Smith for several reasons. I’ve gotten to work with him for several months and have seen him in many different situations that have reminded me to face life with maturity and willingness to grow. I also always look forward to our interactions because you show up every single day with a smile and the best sense of humor. I especially thank you for always giving a courtesy laugh to my corny jokes. You really do rock!”

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) was not present.

First-Year Senate (FYS) was not present.

Interfraternity Council (IFC) reports that this week is anti-hazing week. They are currently planning the fall fraternity games in mid-October.

International Students Association (ISA) reports that international students who are GAs cannot work more than 20 hours a week. Those students must choose between GA or other programs. ASUW would not be able to pay those students but could grant them scholarships for initiatives.

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 Next week there will be a new representative. The new liason introduced herself. First UMC meeting was last week and went really well. they will be held every other Thursday at 5pm in the senate chambers. Leadership will be getting confirmed by PID on Friday and they are currently drafting a constitution to be approved.

Wyoming Honors Organization was not present.

Committee Reports

Steering met on Friday from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and Set new rules for absence by being late 15 minutes to a committee meeting. Revisited discussion on creating a ‘bank’ of hours for senators who go over hours for the week due to committee assignments.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy (AD&P) met on Friday at 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. and talked about the two bills steered to them. They also talked about special project requests.

Budget and Planning (B&P) Made recommendation on both pieces of legislation steered to us. We are writing legislation to codify our policy regarding stipends that we will review at our meeting and submit Thursday. We do hear the words of our international student representatives but simply note that it is not possible to offer a scholarship in exchange for expectations of work, because when we do that it stops becoming a scholarship and starts becoming a stipend, which is disallowed by federal law. The committee is also writing three other pieces of legislation to do the following: clarify general pay guidelines and structure for all of ASUW, updating language on senatorial scholarship, Consolidating all language on pay in the ASUW finance policy, requiring a job description for every paid hourly ASUW position, and to clarify existing scholarship committees in the by-laws. The committee will do a full review of finance policy to fix grammatical edits, create an index, etc. B&P discussed how to clearly communicate realignments, next steps, etc. when making changes. All realignments will now be uploaded to B&P page on the website courtesy of Office Associate Taeya Lobato, and the committee will also be updating our webpage for general processes. B&P will be reviewing new forms for realignments. They are brainstorming marketing plans for special projects. There will be a realignment for funds to do a matching campaign for our international student scholarship. B&P will review legislation that we will submit on codifying regulations for international students, and make a plan to distribute work and create a timeline on other three pieces of legislation we will be working on. The committee will review marketing materials made by Director Pappas for special projects and to expand outreach because there are currently zero applications.

Outreach, Programming, and Elections (OPE) met yesterday and heard from Director Hamilton about financial literacy events for the year. They also briefly discussed SAAC involvement with ASUW about the charity event. They talked with Colter Anderson about working with the alumni association about homecoming, the horseshoe hunt and a food related event. They discussed partaking in the parade. They also talked with First Year Senator Advisor Ewalt about hosting a special event for FYS. They got approval from Quinn to decorate the union

Program and Institutional Development (PID) Met Friday and discussed some potential changes that will be coming to the committee in the upcoming year. They talked about a statement of inclusion. PC Craft gave an update on the programs and partners. They will be confirming leadership of different programs in the upcoming weeks.

Student Organization Funding Board (SOFB): “we met last week and heard two requests which we approved, and we discussed how to market our funds such as through tabling.”

Tuition Allocation and Fee Review Committee: Met Monday and went over the bill steered to them. They also did final checks on the fee memo that they will be sending tomorrow morning. Fee hearings will start October 3rd.

Ad-Hoc Restructuring met last Friday from 12:00-1:00 p.m. and Chief Smith invited members from AD&P to attend Ad-Hoc restructuring next week to discuss changes made. He also discussed what the committee did last week and congratulated senator Meiklejohn and Engel-Cartie for working on legislation on behalf of the committee. The Committee is focusing on the restructuring of committees especially PID.

Ad-Hoc Student Parking started conversation based on where we currently are at for parking. they also are focusing on ways to improve the walking areas around campus to make them more safe in the winter months.

OLD BUISNESS

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

The bill was read for the second time.

Advocacy, Diversity and Policy recommends a do pass with amendments.

Budget and Planning recommends a do pass.

Senator Swilling moved to pass the bill.

Senator Castronovo seconded.

Senator Swilling moved to adopt the minute proposed by Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy.

The amendment were taken as friendly.

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

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

The bill was read for the second time.

Budget and Planning recommends a do pass with amendments.

Program and Institutional Development gave no recommendation.

Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review Committee recommends a do pass with amendments.

Senator Engel-Cartie moved to pass the bill.

Senator Swilling seconded.

Senator Swilling moved to adopt the amendments proposed by Budget and Planning.

Senator Castronovo seconded.

The amendments were passed unanimously via a voice vote.

Senator Clapper moved to adopt the amendment proposed by Tuition Allocation Student Fee Review Committee.

The amendments were taken as friendly.

The bill 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 bill was read for a second time.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy recommends a do pass with amendments.

Senator Engel-Cartie moved to pass.

Senator Clark seconded.

Senator Castronovo moved to adopt the amendments proposed by Advocacy, Diversity and Policy.

The amendments were taken as friendly.

Senator Swilling moved to amend the resolution to add a line that says, “send a copy of the updated resolution to each member of the Laramie City Council upon passage of the legislation”

Senator Etchepare seconded.

The amendment was passed unanimously via a voice vote.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Associate Justice Confirmation

Senator Hacke moved to confirm the associate justice candidate.

Senator Petri seconded.

The candidate was confirmed unanimously via a standing vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Clark wanted to reiterate that if anyone had any comments or suggestions for Homecoming, they can either talk to him or come to OPE on Mondays from 2-3pm in the ASUW Conference Room

Senator Sapien brought forward an idea from AD&P gauging interest for Senators to dedicate a night out to give out cup condoms and other date rape prevention kits around town.

Senator Engelby announced that Greek Life will be tabling this week for different charities and supporting anti-hazing. Nonperishables can be donated instead of blood during the blood drive.

Senator McLean informed the Senate of Sex Bingo next Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and invited the ASUW Senate.

Vice-President invites everyone to the Chancey Williams concert on Friday September 23rd. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. It is open to the first 1700 people.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 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