

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The September 23, 2025, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President McGuire at 7:02 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

Senators Khan, Kaiser, and Searfoss were absent. CPC, IFC, Staff Senate, NTSC, FYS, UMC, SLS Intern, and Ag Ambassadors were present. Senator Lindsay entered the chambers after roll call and the Abernathy clause was suspended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended to add Ad-Hoc committee confirmations to New Business.

OPEN FORUM

Reese Davies spoke regarding SB 3060. Casey Toner spoke regarding SB 3060.

CONFIRMATIONS

President Medina spoke on behalf of the nominee. By a standing vote, Logan Heard was confirmed as the Internal Director of Public Affairs and Advocacy.

President Medina spoke on behalf of the nominee. By a standing vote, Dylan Fernholz-Hartman was confirmed as the External Director of Public Affairs and Advocacy.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Medina: On the Parking Ticket Relief Fund: After consistent meetings with VP Keane, we have officially received the green light to begin writing legislation to enact this Program. Chief of Legislative Affairs Heffley and I will be working on a policy and relevant legislation to present to you all in the coming weeks. For those that are new or just do not know, The PTRF was an idea that Aidan and I campaigned on. Essentially, the program would create a fund that would help pay for one allowable UW parking ticket in exchange for an amount of service hours. If you would like to work on this at all, as always please reach out to me, and I will get you involved! Side note: please complete the poll I sent out on the teams. There are only 14 responses. Please. Fill. It. Out.

On LASSO: For those that do not know, LASSO stands for the Leadership Student Success and Opportunities Project. A project created in the 112th administration. Funded by the ASUW Student Retention Fund. The goal of the project is to create a system that would help subsidize the cost of wages, housing, and transportation for internships in Wyoming. Over the summer and the semester, we have been working hard to collect data to evaluate the need from the student

body on this. On that note, Chief of Staff Hargett, VP Courney, and I had a very successful meeting today with campus stakeholders on internships. We have found multiple avenues to collect data, and ASUW will be coming out with their individual survey to students. As usual, please let me know if you'd like more information or would like to be involved in this initiative.

On Giving Day: ASUW's campaign will focus on the Cowboy Emergency Fund. A fund that was created to help students financially in emergency situations.

On Hathway: the Ad-hoc committee will help guide the stance ASUW will take on this issue. You will hear more about this later in New Business.

Other updates: Board of Trustees is happening starting tomorrow. I will be there for the rest of the week. If you need to reach me, please teams or emails me. I will be active there. When I return, i will be given a more extensive report on the discussions by the Board. One item that I will be bringing up to BOT is about DIA Shuttle Expansions.

VP McGuire: Conducting final interviews for final 2 vacancies, hopefully will be up for confirmation next week. Almost all committees are at full operational size, excited to have a fuller senate. Working with chair of SWAC to discuss projects, encouraging all chairs to meet with any big projects. Open to working with Senators if they are interested in legislation. Working to get tech in senate chambers working smoothly, hoping all will be up and running next week. Is running FYS in interim of DOPE absence.

ASUW Advisor: Kudos to committees, shout-out to HOPE and Senator Golden for Homecoming efforts. Thanking VP McGuire for helping with FYS, best onboarding of FYS he's seen. ASGA Conference announcement for November in Orlando.

COS Hargett: Chief of Staff (Gwen)

Hi everyone!

One update from me, and then I'll get to the Directors: I met with the people who run the Wyoming Association of Student Councils conference today, and that is basically a conference that high school student government leaders go to each year. The conference will take place on November 17th in Cheyenne, and approximately 800 high school students will be in attendance. Anyways, I am telling you all of this because I want to know if any of you are interested in going and talking about ASUW and recruiting for the First-Year Senate next year. If you are interested in participating in this, please teams me!

Now, here are my updates from each of the directors:

- First, The Director of Programs and Events position is now vacant, as Fabian has resigned from his position ASUW. Fabian offered his resignation due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts that made him unable to attend the First-Year Senate and ASUW Senate in full, rendering him unable to perform one of the core duties of the Director of Programs and Events position.

- When creating this position, a central priority was that there would be one singular person managing all of ASUW's programs, reminiscent of the project coordinator position. Thus, with this vision in mind, it would not make sense to have simply hired a new First-Year Senate advisor.
- On this note, please be mindful of the conversations that you are having in the office regarding personnel. While I understand wanting to have these conversations, it is an expectation that you will involve President Medina and myself in them. With this being said, if you have any questions, I am happy to share the executive expectations document and DOPE job description with you, and President Medina and I are more than willing to have these discussions with you.
- However, the discussion that I see as more important is how we are moving forward. We have opened applications for the Director of Programs and Events position, and they will close next Monday at 11:59pm. We have already received student inquiry and interest regarding this position. In the meantime, VP McGuire is taking over the inaugural meeting of the First-Year Senate and proceeding with onboarding efforts. I have been taking over the other tasks associated with this position.

Moving on to the other directors...

Marketing Intern (Justice)

- Justice is still updating the website, so please teams her photos of you in an ASUW capacity!

Director of Student Organizations (Ashlyn)

- Ashlyn has been continuing to work with Student Organizations as they apply for funding. So far, SOFB has funded 13 student organizations! Hopefully, we will hit 20 by this Friday.
- Additionally, Ashlyn has been working with Gwen Dailey from the Student Orgs Office to get Student Org Round Tables off the ground. The first one will hopefully be in October!
- She also worked to update the website with forms that align with the SOFB Finance Policy, such as the marketing assistance form and the post-event self-evaluation form.
- Lastly, Ashlyn is starting her meetings with Union staff and Patrick and Maureen this Thursday which she is excited for.

Director of Finance (Casey)

- Over the past week, Casey has dedicated significant time to ensuring the efficiency and accountability of our financial processes. Some key things he has been doing are:
 - Maintaining consistent office hours to assist with senators and the offices' organizational needs;

- Participating in various meetings, such as those to organize the P-Card checkout process, Giving Day efforts, and SOFB roundtables; and
- Working on digital file storage to strengthen our record keeping.

Director of Wellness (Molly)

- Molly has three main wellness events coming up in the last two weeks of September:
 - o The first is a tobacco cessation training Tomorrow, on September 24th, from 12:15 pm-12:45 pm in the Big Horn room. Note on this, there is free Panada Express if you go!
 - o The next event is in coordination with Senator Hansen, and it is tabling at the 2025 Albany County Walk to End Alzheimer's, which will take place on Saturday, September 27th at 8am.
 - o The last event is in collaboration with Student-at-large, Sydney Harris, who has organized a suicide awareness vigil, that will take place on September 28th in Simpson's Plaza at 5pm.

Director of External Public Affairs and Advocacy (Dylan) + Director of Internal Public Affairs and Advocacy (Logan)

- Logan and Dylan, our recently confirmed Directors of Internal and External Public Affairs and Advocacy, are currently working on getting a comprehensive understanding of their positions and expected responsibilities. For more information regarding what they will be doing this semester, talk to them or look at the job descriptions circulated by Chief of Legislative Affairs Heffley with the meeting materials.

If you have any questions about anything I just discussed, please reach out to me or the relevant directors, and we will be happy to talk with you!

I will now yield the floor to Director of Marketing Wilkerson to give her communications!

Director of Marketing (Peyton)

- Peyton is working on homecoming as well as weaving through the website, if you see any issues with it please teams her!

COLA Heffley: No report

College Panhellenic Council: Hello everyone! We are hosting elections for our vice president of administration and vice president of Wellness next Monday. The officers elected will assume the position until December, when an entirely new council is being elected.

Secondly, Charlotte Hearne Davis, a Tri Delta Alumni whose name you may recognize from the First-Year Senate Scholarship, attended and reported some issues that are being brought to the attention of upper administration regarding FSL at our delegate meeting yesterday. To combat these issues, we are working on strengthening our panhellenic positivity, to increase the overall morale of the community. As our numbers have been decreasing in certain chapters, it is important for us to disregard competition with recruitment and support chapters as a united front.

Additionally, this week is national anti-hazing week. FSL is hosting a workshop tomorrow to educate and train our community on the issue. We are excited to attend this, as we have hopes to collaborate with senators to address the issue on a legislative level like has been attempted in years previous.

First-Year Senate: 19 total attendees today. Meeting on Tuesdays @ 5:15 and keeping it slow before introducing them to the full ASUW experience. Come by to introduce yourself and support the new FYsers.

Interfraternity Council: Holding elections for three open positions, all three are now filled. New VP of Safety and Wellness, new VP of Recruitment, and new VP of Communications. Will be holding these positions until December when a new body is elected. Will be attending anti-hazing events.

Non-Traditional Student Council: Back to school BBQ was last Saturday, went fairly well for campus being dead on a weekend. Thanks DOM and MI for advertising help. Thanks Senators Robinson, Morales, and Keasling for help. Thanks WTMB for grills. Will be tabling this Friday to recruit, invites senators to help. Teams Gracilynn if interested. First meeting next week.

Staff Senate: Staff Senate President Grossinger is stepping down, VP will be stepping in as interim. Official election of new Pres will be in November due to his inability to permanently serve as president. That being said, SS is continuing to work on Giving Day and salary raising efforts. Discussing a resolution for staff opportunities to get up to 6 credit hours covered, and a resolution for a certification.

United Multicultural Council: Holding student circles Tues @ noon biweekly, been successful. UMC Drag Show is upcoming, expecting 200 attendees Oct 18 in ballroom. Working on Giving Day.

Student Legal Services Intern: Introduced themselves. Referenced circulated materials from 9/9 meeting. Assisted 14 individuals in the spring, and 11 individuals in the summer. In FY 25, helped students with criminal law and civil law. Engaged with 67 students at Saddle up and working with Veterans center. Produced renter's handbook last spring in help with ASUW. Hoping to fix the website soon. Immigration has been a concern for students, hoping to work with local immigration attorneys to provide resources. Hopes to work with the residence halls

regarding renting. New intern soon to be training, turnover happening next fall. Currently hoping to address issues with ASUW regarding increasing to the SLS budget, swag, and eligibility requirements for students to receive assistance. Wanting to move eligibility checks out of DOS and potentially have the intern continue to do those checks.

Ag Ambassadors: Things are going well. Ag Day BBQ on 2-5 Oct/11. Would love to see ASUW turnout. Sending out advising reminders for the spring semester. Will have more next communications.

Steering: Special events are planned for October, B&P report in December. Steering moving as usual.

B&P: Hello all, I am sorry I cannot be there tonight, I am feeling under the weather and wanted to keep everyone healthy. As a reminder special projects applications are open until October 17th. Please encourage anyone that has a project that positively impacts students and needs funding to apply. Additionally, yesterday BNP and TASFRC held their first joint meeting to discuss the financial strategic plan and how both committees impact ASUW and its financial operations. We are grateful to TASFRC for meeting with us, and we look forward to working together in the future to make ASUW as fiscally responsible as possible. As always if you have any questions feel free to teams or email me!

HOPE: Most everything for Homecoming is all ready and the only thing left is to just do it. Riddles, hiding places, and prizes are set for the horseshoe hunt, tabling has been confirmed, and excel sheets were sent out for those times. The budget realignment was approved so the pizza oligarchy is officially established. We're still waiting for a confirmation on reservations for simpson's plaza for wednesday, but once we get that confirmation I will send out another excel tabling sheet with additional details about what we're doing that day. Also, if you want to be a part of the cowboy joe cup send a teams into the main chat with what you want so that I can fill out the form. The only events we are eligible for now is the wheelbarrow race and the calf scramble and more details about these can be found in the teams. However, I need to know if anyone wants to participate because the deadline is tomorrow. Also if you want to participate please give a team name ideas in the chat too.

PID: Chair transitioning smoothly. Strategic plan review soon.

SWAC: SWAC has started on multiple Safety and Wellness Projects. Firstly, SWAC is looking at potentially adding trash cans in sections of Fraternity and Sorority Row. This is a heavily trafficked corridor, and there have been some complaints about broken glass and some trash along the corridor. Secondly, SWAC is looking into improving the water fountains at War Memorial, along with potentially working with athletics to lower prices of drinks for students. Thirdly, SWAC is starting their Winter Safety Guidebook. More to come on all of these projects.

Lastly, as always, SWAC is a forum for students and senators at large to bring up safety and wellness concerns. If you have any safety and wellness concerns, please feel free to come to our committee in-person on Thursdays from 4-5, or you can email/teams the chair of SWAC, Senator Morales, and he will bring them up to the committee. Thanks!

SOFB: SOFB has approved \$11,887 in student org funding. We had a violation hearing for FSL, and it was remedied with an advisory term for 12 months. We look forward to future FSL events and relations. In other news, the UMC is hosting student circles every other Tuesday night in the Big Horn room. And the UMC drag show is on Friday, October 17th at 7:00 pm. I'll be shouting out ASUW-funded events during communications in the weeks to come, so be on the lookout!

TASFRC: We met with BnP yesterday to go over the financial strategic plan. TASFRC will begin hold fee hearings next week and they will continue through the end of October.

OLD BUSINESS

SB 3059 Revision to the Non-Traditional Student Council Constitution

Senator Keasling moved to pass.

Senator Smith seconded.

By a vote of 15-0-0, SB 3059 passes.

SB 3060 Removing Senate Approval for Committee Assignments

Senator Swingley moved to table indefinitely.

Senator Hansen seconded.

By a vote of 15-0-0, SB 3060 was tabled indefinitely.

NEW BUSINESS

Ad-hoc ASUW Committee on Scholarship Procedures Review

President Medina spoke on the charge letter.

Senator Keasling moved to approve the committee.

Senator Smith seconded.

The committee was approved by a vote of 14-0-1.

Senator Nominations

Senator Swingley nominated Senator Keasling, accepted

Senator Seigfried nominated Senator Robinson, accepted

Senator Keasling nominated Senator Swingley, declined.

Senator Morales nominated Senator Shosh, accepted

Senators Robinson and Shosh were appointed to the Ad-Hoc

Student-at-Large Nominations

Senator Robinson nominated Jacob Kmock

Jacob Kmock was appointed as a Student-at-Large to the Ad-Hoc

Ad-hoc ASUW Committee on Hathaway Increases

President Medina spoke on the charge letter.

Senator Keasling moved to approve the committee

Senator Robinson seconded

The committee was approved by a vote of 15-0-0.

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Senators Keasling, Swingley, Robinson, and Morales were appointed to the committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Hansen: There are still more spots open for sign-up for volunteering for the Walk to End Alzheimer's event this Saturday. You do not have to be there the whole time, but any time helps. If you have any questions, please let me know. The sign up can be found in the teams chat.

Senator Robinson; UW Wind 9/25 concert w student tickets. 9/26 is a free jazz concert.

COS Hargett: Sending when2meet for Ad-Hoc committees.

Senator Swingley: 9/25 at Cowboy Saloon, TPUSA having a country dance night. First 50 people get in free

Senator Shosh: UW Visual arts department 9/26 5-6 pm student art showcase

President Medina: giving ASUW report to BOT.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:23. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on September 30, 2025, at 7:00p.m. in the Senate Chambers.

Ray Heffley

Chief of Legislative Affairs 113th Administration

