

## **ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

The September 6th, 2022, senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Carrier at 7:01 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 to have SB #2818 be steered towards the Tuition, Allocation and Fee Review Committee and Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy instead of Steering. The motion passed without objection.

The minutes were approved, as amended, without objection.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved without objection.

### **OPEN FORUM**

There was no one in the gallery wishing to address the Senate.

### **SPECIAL EVENT**

Al Walsh from Student Legal Services (SLS) spoke about the ASUW program to the Senate tonight. SLS provides legal services to all full-time fee-paying students at UW. SLS does not have the scope to represent students in court. However, SLS can assist with numerous amounts of things outside of that. Students who seek SLS will gather assistance/coaching to solve their legal issues. None of the assistance can be opposed to UW. SLS receives numerous amounts of assistance needed such as: name changes, students attempting to start a business, landlord disputes, and a variety of other issues. Al Walsh gave an update on Laramie tenant law. He stated that the law is still in flux but every landlord has to have every property registered through the city. This means students and other community members will be able to view their landlord for their respective property by January 1<sup>st</sup> (or the next business day). SLS received office space to become more accessible to students in Knight Hall room 235 & 237. Every file that SLS receives is completely confidential even to UW. Contact their email for any legal assistance: [asls@uwyo.edu](mailto:asls@uwyo.edu).

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **Executive Reports**

President Brown discussed new developments in the executive branch and work within the administration. She's excited about the Ad-Hoc Committees being formed. The State of the University speech last week, went well, and highlighted some of our accomplishments from the 109th as well as highlighting some of the challenges we face moving into this year, but just showing the opportunities we have this year to move forward. President Brown reported that she will be slightly late the senate meeting next week due to a city council presentation. The Board of Trustees meets next week. Opportunities are looking great for our endowment requests moving through the biennium budget committee and to be officially approved. The student Survey/Newsletter is out tomorrow. There are a plethora of topics that are covered, namely: Demographics/thoughts on relevant issues to populations, Saddle Up feedback, Parking and campus transportation, USP Degree Requirements, President Seidel's evaluation questions, Union Updates/student support for a potential Chick-Fil-A restaurant, and mental and emotion health resources. There will be a Back to School Bash next week on Wednesday, shout out to Director Murfitt and Director Pappas for working to plan and market this.

Chief of Staff Skorcz announced the Suicide Prevention and Awareness Week and more information to come regarding events and resources. Chief Skorcz highlighted the Professional Development Workshop Series that will be starting tomorrow night from 5:00-6:00 p.m. The first event will be about professional communication hosted by Project Coordinator Craft. Chief Skorcz invites everyone to attend UW Football Game this Saturday against UNC. If interested, plan to meet at the Rochelle Gateway center at 1PM. She explained the Student Wellness Advisory Board (SWAB) and their scope. Informing the Senate that SWAB is a grouping of multiple entities on campus to address wellness improvements on campus.

Director of Marketing Pappas initiated marketing for United Multicultural Council (UMC) to increase membership. ASUW is working with Cowboy Country Swing Club and starting to market for the Blockchain Concert. All designs created and posted for the Suicide Prevention Week. ASUW is marketing the student issues survey in the newsletter, social media, and in person when we table for things like the Back to School event.

Director of Student Outreach Murfitt: "This last week, I primarily focused on the college council orientation which took place last Wednesday. We still have vacancies in the following colleges. Academic Affairs, Law school, Engineering, and Haub. If any of you have ideas of people who would make a great fit then please let me know and I will get in contact with them. Also, for everyone who is tabling or helping out next week for the Back-to-School event, I have sent you a calendar invite for your timeslot. If you are working the 11am slot for tabling or the 10:30am slot for the event set up, please meet in the ASUW office. I am also finalizing the September Newsletter which should be sent out on the all-student list serve tomorrow along with the fall student issues survey. I also created a student comment box where students can fill it out anonymously with their concerns of issues on campus, ideas for ASUW, and general comments or questions. We will also have a spot for them to leave contact information if they want to connect with us. This will be released in the September Newsletter and then also the Student Hub on Canvas. Next week, I will be working to finalize the back-to-school event materials and planning the first Town Hall."

Director of Student Organizations Acosta-Engavo had no report for this week.

Director of Finance Hamilton: “This past week, I worked with Director Pappas as we begin to map out a permanent and comprehensive financial literacy strategy for this administration. We will have separate but compatible approaches for both internal financial literacy among senators, staff and executives as well as external strategies for the general student population. At the moment, we are considering doing the Cash Cart, Bingo, as well as some brand new and unique ideas that we are in development at the moment. Further details will be available next Tuesday.”

Director of Wellness Malles: “Hello everyone, first and foremost I would just like to let you all know that green dot will be hosting an event this Thursday called Pizza and Pleasure. It will be held from 6pm-8pm in the family room of the union. Also, the next green dot bystander training is September 11th and slots are filling up fast so make sure to get signed up. Finally, I will be passing out a SWAB Committee Sign Up Sheet. This year SWABs focuses are to be student driven and to maintain a broad scope/definition of what wellness means. In order to do this, we will be meeting weekly to explore topics, brainstorm ideas, and process student data. This year we will be meeting a lot with Karen Drew, the new co-chair of SWAB, who is very passionate about SWAB and has a lot of ideas for us. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Riley and we can be sure to help you.”

Director of Sustainability Macey: “For the second week we've started the initial planning phase for a hydrogen energy where this campaign that will take place in the first week of October. This Friday I plan to meet with the Director of Hydrogen here at the university to discuss department specific issues.”

Vice-President Carrier reported that committee assignments are completely done expect for the vacancy within the Senate. Vice-President Carrier encouraged senators to communicate with committee chairs if they plan to be late to committees to avoid unexcused absences. She emphasized to “CC” Professional Staff or her for any outward communication with partners, programs, or other entities outside of ASUW in emails. Vice-President Carrier encouraged senators to use the legislative draft folder on SharePoint for any bills or resolutions in progress. If a Senator would like to hold an office hour contact Chief Smith or Vice-President Carrier. Office hours are required to work on ASUW related business because it is paid time. Vice-President works on coordination Tuition, Allocation, and Student Review Committee. She gave a shoutout to Senator Engleby for her dedication with her committee meeting materials.

Assistant Director Hansen reiterated the work Student Legal Services (SLS) has been doing for UW. He expressed the landlord contentions across the community of Laramie. Director Hansen urged everyone to be informed on the city ordinances and utilize SLS as much as possible. He would love to meet with any senator.

Accountant Schaef: “Today was the first due date for payroll. We had a few bumps, compounded because a holiday had to fall on our very first one. A few reminders and points of clarification. When entering your time, make sure you select the correct assignment number for ASUW. If you enter your ASUW time on a different assignment, your pay rate will be incorrect, it won't come

to me for approval, and the other supervisor will need to reject it. If you aren't sure which assignment number that you should use, reach out to me and I can confirm it. Please do not work or schedule committee meetings on federal holidays. Let's give our peers that much needed time off AND we're not budgeted to pay time and a half. You can work on a campus holiday, just not a federal. For example, during the week of Thanksgiving campus will be closed Wednesday through Friday. You can enter time on Wednesday but not on Thursday. Both Timesheets on SharePoint AND HCM Time Entry are due at the same time (5:00 pm every other Monday except for this week when there was a holiday). It is the expectation that everyone employed by ASUW completes both. This is a very new process so please know we are welcome to any and all feedback. Our goal is not to create more work or make things complicated, simply to ensure that we have a mechanism for tracking time and what everyone is working on as we are all paid by student fee dollars. This week's Moment of Inspiration goes to Senator Sapien, who has inspired me without he leads with a servants heart. Thank you for always being so helpful with anything I've ever asked, even when it doesn't even come close to falling within your purview, like connecting to printers on the network or navigating Qualtrics. You smile every time, have never called me a boomer, and resolve whatever issue I've presenting you with. I just want you to know you are very appreciated."

Project Coordinator Craft reports that applications for First-Year Senate (FYS) have closed and was pleased to announce that there were more applications than there was spots. Him and FYS Advisor Ewalt are diligently reviewing the applicants to decide who will comprise of the FYS. The workshop series about communication will take place on Wednesday night. Additionally, one will take place regarding mentors taught by Project Coordinator.

### **Ex- Officio Communications**

College Panhellenic Council (CPH) reported that the Wyoming College Panhellenic Council won three National Panhellenic Conference Awards. These awards were: the Innovation and Leadership Award, the Community Impact Award, and the Academic Innovation Award. The Greek life family day is on Sunday which is only open to FSL.

Interfraternity Council (IFC) was not present.

International Students Association (ISA) reported that there are potential new members within the ISA.

Non-Traditional Student Council was not present.

Faculty Senate was not present.

Residence Halls Association was not present.

The Sustainability Coalition had their leadership retreat on Friday, September 2, 2022. The Sustainability Coalition met with the new Food Security Task Force Project Coordinator and started brainstorming how the semester is going to go. They are collaborating with different organizations on events such as "Trash Talking".



Staff Senate was not present.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee had their executive meeting prior to today's Senate meeting. There is an additional executive meeting tomorrow to discuss possible people to volunteer for the "Toys for Tots" event. They encourage anyone with collaboration ideas to reach out to them directly.

United Multicultural Council (UMC) plans to develop all council renewal and constituencies. UMC is tentatively planning to meet September 15, 2022. They plan to host events throughout the year. UMC would like to work on pieces of legislation and receive feedback.

Wyoming Honors Organization was not present.

### **Committee Reports**

Steering met on Friday from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m and steered two new pieces of legislation. There was a Senator pay discussion to create a bank of hours if a Senator goes over their allotted hours. There may be a potential legislation maximum cap to create a more enjoyable environment.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy (AD&P) met on Friday at 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. discussed the concerns regarding block tuition and special projects for the committee moving forward. They plan to continue work from the previous administration that focused on sexual assault prevention products.

Budget and Planning (B&P) discussed a budget realignment for \$4,000 to increase the number of employees for Non-Traditional Student Council to four and to move them to a stipend model, which was tabled to allow for additional discussion on Thursday. The committee rejected the realignment by unanimous vote for the following reasons: Concerns over 20-hour maximum work limit for international students and ASUW is actively moving away from stipend model. B&P heard from a budget realignment to create a \$10,000 line item in the exec branch budget for student outreach. This failed by unanimous vote as B&P felt that outreach should primarily be done through the OPE committee and saw no reason to circumvent them by creating a line for outreach in the exec branch. They heard a budget realignment for \$5,000 to increase the line item for the ASUW Name Change fund, administered by the Civil Legal Services Clinic. This was amended down to \$3,000 with the potential to be increased later to ensure we fund at the right level and don't overfund. The special projects application should now be live on the website and Senator Swilling will be meeting with Director Pappas in the near future to begin marketing. There was a budget realignment for \$10,000 to go to our Cowboy Emergency Fund, which allows for the Dean of Students to provide assistance for students in a financially emergent situation. This was passed unanimously from B&P but above \$3,500 so now in front of Senate. Review legislation establishing guidelines for the ASUW Distance Student Scholarship, which we funded last March but did not codify regulations for. The committee will review remaining stipends in ASUW in the College Council and the Judicial Council and discuss transitioning them away from a stipend as soon as possible. Additionally, they will review any

realignments that are submitted before 10am tomorrow. A discussion of what the committee would like to do for our required special event will be on the agenda for next B&P meeting.

Outreach, Programming, and Elections (OPE) met this week to discuss the Back to School Event put on by Director Murfitt and Director Pappas. They discussed the other events that Director Pappas is marketing for. OPE began election planning with 7220 Entertainment and other campus organizations. They discussed legislative ideas.

Program and Institutional Development (PID) discussed adding a possible new program of ASUW. PID spoke about Financial Literacy events and gave responsibilities to the Ad-Hoc Restructuring Committee to approach previous partners of ASUW and the validity of the partner model.

Student Organization Funding Board (SOFB): "SOFB met on Wednesday where we heard a request from the National Student's Speech-Language and Hearing Association for a conference which we approved, and we talked about goals and expectations for the year."

Tuition Allocation and Fee Review Committee reviewed SB #2818 after meeting at 6:00 p.m. today. They briefly discussed the fee timeline. Additionally, the fee memo will be sent out to relevant stakeholders. They are exploring options to review units bi-annually to be able to consider each fee intricately.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Senate Resolution # 2818: ASUW Support for Board of Trustees Block Tuition Proposal

The bill was read for a second time.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy tabled the bill.

Tuition Allocation Student Fee Review Committee gave do not pass recommendation.

Senator Swilling moved to discharge the bill from committee.

Senator Sapien seconded.

The motion passed 17-3 via a standing vote.

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.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to Steering.

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

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to Steering.

### **Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Realignment Cowboy Emergency Fund**

Budget and Planning recommends a do pass.

Senator Swilling moved to pass.

Senator Engel-Cartie seconded.

The motion was passed unanimously.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Stadler announced that the College of Business is hosting a career fair this week. She also announced that on Thursday the volunteer fair is taking place where people can meet with groups around Laramie for volunteer events

Senator Etchepare announced that Director Pappas and herself will be performing at the Greek Fair this upcoming week

Senator McLean announced that Sept 8 at 6pm there is a Pizza and Pleasure event in partnership with Green Dot. Bystander intervention training will be on 9/11

Senator Castronovo announced potentially starting a charity even hosted by ASUW in partnership with different group on campus

President Brown announced the professional development event by Project Coordinator Craft and that President Seidel is having a back-to-school event which she encourages Senators to visit. She also announced the Welcome Black event this upcoming week.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on September 13<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

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*Notes taken by Senator Castronovo*