

ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES

The September 7, 2021, ASUW senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Anderson at 7:01 pm. The land acknowledgement statement and mission statement were read and the Pledge of Allegiance was done at individual member's discretion.

ROLL CALL

Senators Bowers, Engel-Cartie, Houghton, Knight, and Sanders were not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the August 31, 2021 senate meeting were approved without objection, as electronically circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Senator Wilkins moved to add the Safety and Wellness Committee under Committee reports.
Senator Titus seconded the motion.
The motion passed without objection.

The agenda was approved, without objection, as amended.

OPEN FORUM

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

SPECIAL EVENT

Michelle DiPasquale from Green Dot addressed the senate tonight to share information about the bystander intervention program on campus called Green Dot. Green Dot started in January 2020 and is a bystander intervention program focused on reducing sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, and stalking. The program is developed from research, bystander lenses, anonymous polling, and skill building. One of the main concepts of the program is that all bystanders can make our campus safer and green dot gives trainings on how to be proactive and reactive when faced with these situations. In her presentation, Michelle talked red dots which is when someone partakes in these violence activities. Following this, she discussed reactive green dots which is when we can do something in that moment of time to stop a red dot that's currently in progress. She gave some examples on how to use a reactive green dot and talked about the 3Ds which are Direct, Delegate, and Distract. She then talked about proactive green dots which is when you take an action to prevent a red dot from even happening in the first place and gave examples of these. She then discussed ways you can get involved with green dot such as advertising their logo, attending trainings, and sharing on social media. She also talked about resources available on campus to those who have maybe experienced a red dot moment. One of the main resources she discussed was the SAFE Campus Project which is where you can find confidential

advocates. She then went in to give examples on how to respond if someone confides in you about a red dot experience they may have had. Saying things like “you’re not alone” and “I believe you” can be very impactful and important when talking to a survivor. She ended the presentation with ways to contact Green Dot and with the final statement on what Green Dot communicates; sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking are not tolerated here and everyone is expected to do their part. Make sure to follow Green Dot on Instagram and they can be contacted at greendot@uwyo.edu.

COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Reports

President Swilling reported that the academic quorum was today where they discussed COVID-19 and shared their thoughts and feelings on the COVID situation. He also said “the numbers in terms of COVID are relatively OK at the moment. If you do have any feedback on what you would like the COVID-19 plan to look like please let me know before next Wednesday morning when the board of trustees begins meeting so that I can communicate thoughts and requests from the student body that accurately reflects the views of our constituents so please if you have any, email them to me. We also discussed some fees and tuition and there was the possibility that tuition may be increasing beyond the 4% mark so that would be something that tuition allocation and review committee will be prepared to tackle but I just wanted to let you all know that there are rumblings that this may occur. Nothing concrete and we don't know, but it's possible. Vice Provost Alexander shared some thoughts on strategic planning and we are moving ahead with our strategic planning process and creating the new basic strategic plan for the University of Wyoming for the next few years in her role as the new Vice Provost for student planning. They should likely have a representative or two on that committee just giving some insight onto the thoughts of the University. I will let you all know and you know sort of ask for representative when the time comes. Furthermore, there are four search committees for major positions here at the University of Wyoming that are either currently ongoing or will be set to start in the very near future. The office of research and economic development will be meeting in the next few days and then there are also be searches for Deans in the College of Business. Health Sciences and Engineering additionally have search committees. If you are in one of these College's, be prepared for an email from me in the next few months if you want to sit on that committee that's a pretty cool opportunity a little bit of a heavy time commitment but you really get to make an impact in terms of choosing the next scene of a whole college which is a fairly important thing in terms of other things. The restructuring committee will be meeting soon and Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier sent out a doodle poll earlier today so if you are on that committee please respond because that's really important that we try to get that meeting so that by October 1st we can submit some feedback to the Provost. Other things that came out of this meeting was that the student ombuds office will actually be getting off the ground and formally began accepting students in the very near future. They've hired a coordinator for this position a part time position who is the advisor to the Central Asian students association and also works for the office of global awareness and engagement. I am letting everyone know about this because ASUW gave about \$8000 to the student ombuds office this last year for startup costs for their office supplies some office things. The student ombuds is basically a position that will help students resolve conflict by talking it out instead of a you know sort of formal complaint. So, it'll be another area

in which we can navigate some conflict mediation and allow for the successful sort of resolution of thoughts really be able to share amongst equals with a neutral sort. This will be housed in the office of diversity equity and inclusion as its permanent home. Next, I wanted to share with you all some exciting news that the Wellness Center here on campus has just gotten \$100,000 and \$25,000 per year grants to do some mental health awareness training so they will be hiring a full time permanent position with benefits sometime after the funding starts September 30th. This will be really good for mental health in our campus. I know that's been a huge priority for students and this is some really positive direction in that area so wanted to watch little know about it. Just a few other things on the docket for me I am working with the Director Brown to create a student issue survey that we are hoping to send out at the latest I think by the end of next week with hoping to make it sooner rather than later. This will be primarily to allow us to know what students are actually thinking about a variety of issues that are important to them most notably surrounding our presentation to the City Council on October 12th where they are specifically asking to know what issues are important to students. There will probably be some emphasis on a few questions regarding landlord tenant rights and agreements so that we can most notably address some longstanding thoughts and concerns in that area that the City Council has been aiming to address. I also helped our Director of Diversity and Inclusion update our list of identity based student organizations with the most updated and relevant student leaders who are now in their positions that new school year has started. Now, Senator Titus and I helped sort of create out list last year and I'm glad that we can keep it up to date. In terms of other things, we are actively going through changes to look at how we can like the food security indent that we all have been talking about throughout the entire year most accurate and relevant to students. We probably will be addressing this with the Advocacy Diversity and Policy Committee in the next week or two probably two weeks because they have a very busy meeting this week and also talking to the food security taskforce about that. Finally, we have been in contact with Brett Kahler at the foundation to discuss how our requests for rewriting all of our current endowment agreements is currently going and he says that it should be done by the end of this week so we're hoping we have legislation up for first reading next week. This would be a pretty minor change to all of our endowment agreements, it just updates it with the most accurate and relevant language that the foundation is now using for all endowment agreements to allow us to invest the liquid assets that are not spent to generate revenue on those as well instead of just the main corpus of the endowment. I know this is a little confusing and we'll talk more about it during the actual debate on the legislation but I don't expect it to be particularly controversial have your eyes open for that.”

Chief of Staff Homer-Wambeam said “For my own report, this past week, President Swilling and I have been meeting individually with each Executive director to determine their specific priorities and goals for the next year. I am also excited to report that I have joined two committees, I now sit on the Advocacy Diversity and Policy committee as well as the Safety and Wellness Committee. Through AD&P, I am assisting in a special project request to supply rape drug detection kits to students, and this upcoming week I will be researching statistics on sexual assault and rape incidents in bars and the dangers of date rape drugs. Please direct any questions regarding that specific project to the AD&P committee.”

Chief of Legislative Affairs Carrier said “This past week I have been continuing to work on updating the website with all of our current legislation, agendas, minutes, and senators. I have also been working with senators to write legislation that should be hitting the floor in the coming weeks. This week I will be recording a podcast over senate legislation with Vice President Anderson and Director of Marketing Clark. As President Swilling mentioned I am also currently working on finding a time for the restructuring Ad-Hoc Committee to meet which will hopefully be sometime this week so that we can get going on that project and start coming up with some ideas so once again if you are on that committee, please fill out the doodle poll so that we can get going. I am also serving on the ASUW Homecoming committee and the Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review Committee and am eager to see what both of those committees will accomplish. Coming up in the future, I am hoping to start working with and start orientating our First-Year senators once they have been selected. Finally, I just want to remind everyone that I am more than happy to meet with anyone at any time to discuss any legislation they may be hoping to write.

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Sapien reported that he is finishing emails to be sent out to Multicultural groups on campus and is working on getting new contact information for these groups. He also reported that he has met with green dot to see how ASUW and Green Dot can collaborate and help each other meet and understand student needs on campus. Coming up, he is setting a meeting with Diversity and Inclusion Office to see what we can take away from their office and reevaluate. Finally, he reported that coming up he is updating DACA information by adding resources and information to the page. Additionally, he is working with Giving Day to allocate funds for DACA students on campus.

Director of Finance and Student Organizations Reyes-Aguilar said “This week, I have been working on meeting with students who are looking to request funding for their respective student organizations. This week, we received one request, which I submitted to funding board and then met yesterday over Zoom. I also met with our accountant Shelly Shaef and the Director of Financial Planning and Analysis to set up a process to keep track of funding. We have reached out to the students who have been awarded funding so they are able begin spending their funds. President Swilling also submitted the funding request from last week to the Judicial Council for interpretation, so, we look forward to hearing from them. This coming week, I am working on creating a list with the active Student Organizations alongside Gilbert from Student Organizations and Entertainment to inform SOs about their funding possibilities and offering support from ASUW. I am also meeting with Derek Jones from UW Catering to learn the process for Student Organizations to request services from UW Catering next week. This way, if SOs contact me about UW Catering questions, I am able to assist them to the best of my ability. I will also begin to attend the Budget and Planning committee meetings.”

Director of Financial Planning and Analysis Stadler met with the Director of Partners, Programs, and Events and the Sustainability Coalition to help answer budget related questions. She also met with the acting Treasurer, Shelly Shaef and the Director of Finance and Student Organizations to discuss the process of giving student organizations their funding once funding has been approved by the funding board. Additionally, Director Stadler began working on a student fee document to help with the transparency for students and the purpose of the ASUW fee.

Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Brown reported that she has been working on a handful of projects. She has officially invited members of the Wyoming Delegation to our ASUW roundtable to be tentatively hosted on the evening of October 14. Additionally, Director Brown has stepped up her engagement with Laramie City Council, and is currently attending her first regular meeting of the year. Her primary objective for the next week is continuing to work with different Executive and committees to develop questions for a broad “Student Issues survey that will be made public the week of September 20th. This survey will aim to address a general sense of student issues that are related to the goals and projects of the 109th administration.

Director of Marketing Clark-Mellott said “Over the past week, I have been working very heavily with social media. I created and promoted an Instagram story on the Writing Center here on campus, promoted the United Multicultural Council’s event, and posted about First-Year Senate’s deadline. There was also a posting of the Senate Story for the Students’ Right to Know last Thursday. Additionally, I met with Elections Committee, and we are working on filling vacancies and marketing those here soon. I also made some updates to the WyoCourses news and updates pages, so they are up to date when students are made available to view the site. Upcoming social media work for me is marketing the First-Year Senate application deadline extension, the Special Projects applications opening this Friday, and this morning I marketed the Fisher Innovation Launchpad for IMPACT307. The projects I will be working on is the next episode of the podcast, the town hall this Thursday, and meeting with some executives for them to help on the WyoCourses page.”

Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke reported that since his last report he has met with almost all of the immediate partners and programs. The sustainability coalition agreement has been solidified and they will be presenting in front of Programs and Institutional Development tomorrow. College Panhellenic also met today and they had a great discussion on event planning and workshops. The Interfraternity council also has a plan being written up this week. He also met with non-traditional student council and discussed marketing and meeting at a later date to discuss long term goals. The meeting with the United Multicultural Council had to be rescheduled until Monday. Finally, he reported that the First-Year Senate applications will be open until next week.

Director of Wellness and Sustainability McLean has continued to meet with relevant students and faculty to introduce herself and her position. She met with Director Hacke to meet with the Sustainability Coalition to discuss their partnership with ASUW and to establish common goals for the year. Director McLean is sitting on Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy committee as an ex-officio and is serving as the chair of the Safety and Wellness Committee. Both committees began meeting this past week and Director McLean is excited to share and see what the committees accomplish in the near future.

Vice President Anderson said that the senate policies have been passed by Steering and that they can be found on the SharePoint under the Steering Committee folder. Additionally, it is mandatory that you are attending your committee meetings, if you have any major conflicts, please let Vice President Anderson know. Finally, there have been some slight difficulties with getting the Senate WyoCourses page up and running. The WyoCourses page will be where you

submit service hours and other senatorial requirements. For now, please try to keep track of these things yourselves, and we will let you know when you can submit them electronically.

Advisor Wheeler said that he has extended a verbal offer to a candidate for the project coordinator position and hopes that the hiring process can begin so that this position can be filled. He also met with the chair of the non-traditional student council. Finally, he reported that the new deadline for First-Year Senate applications is September 12. He has started reviewing applications and once selected, orientation will occur on September 19.

Ex- Officio Communications

College Panhellenic Council reported that they have voted to sponsor the anti-hazing legislation. They also reported that they are looking to partner with ASUW in the future to hold a “Donuts” haze event during anti-hazing week.

The Interfraternity Council reported that they have decided to sponsor anti-hazing legislation. They also reported that they gained a new member on the IFC board.

International Students Association reported that this Thursday there will be a fall inclusivity gathering BBQ from 4:30-6:30 at Undine Park, Shelter 1 by the playground.

The Non-Traditional Student Council reported they met on September 7 and elected a new treasurer, however they are still in the process of finding a new Secretary. They are also working on their first event and will be meeting again on either September 17th or the 24th.

The Sustainability Coalition reported they met with Directors Hacke, McLean, and Stadler to discuss goals and how the partnership will work. They also reported that between the two involvement fests, they received more than 60 signatures of people who are interested in joining the coalition. They also reported this past week the food share cabinet is up and running and the first delivery for that will be Wednesday. The climate task force is up and running as well. Finally, they reported that their first meeting of the semester is September 8 at 6:15 in the Ben Kimbell house backyard.

The student athlete advisory committee reported they had their first meeting with the new attendees and are now working on assigning committees.

Committee Reports

Steering reported they steered this week’s legislation to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy and Programs and Institutional Development. They also reported that the senate floor rules and policies regarding COVID and attendance have been reviewed and passed. Finally, they reported that they helped lay some groundwork for the ad-hoc restructuring committee.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported that they met at 2:30 last Friday to discuss harm reduction initiatives and sexual violence. They want to find more tangible actions that ASUW

can take such as providing rape drug detection kits to students free of charge. Each member of the committee have been assigned to research more into this project.

Budget and Planning reported that the timeline for special projects is September 10 through October 20. Once applications have been submitted and completed, they will begin the process of holding hearings and writing legislation. Additionally, they reported they have been working with Director of Marketing Clark to promote and highlight past special projects. Additionally, they voted on the budget realignment.

Elections reported that they now have co-chairs which are Senator Knight and Director Brown.

Program and Institutional Development reported they met at 9am last Wednesday. They reported they ran over Director Hacke's plan for meeting with programs and that they are excited to get involved. They also reported they allocated each member of the committee to a specific program so that they can work more closely with them. They also discussed their partner meeting plans and how they're going to reach out ahead of time so they can be prepared for when they meet with us and for any events they might have for the year. They also reported they discussed the First-Year Senate mentorship program and discussed some of the issues that might have had in the past and what they can do in the committee to help get that going a little bit better this year.

Safety and Wellness committee reported that they met for their first meeting today. They established goals for the year and hope to report more in the future.

Student Organization and Funding Board reported that they met at 3:30pm on Monday and elected Senator Laverall as their chair. They also heard a request from the food science club.

Student Outreach and Programming reported they are working on events they would like to plan. They also reported that they are working on an Instagram campaign with questions where prizes for involvement would be rewarded. They also reported that Wednesday's from 6:00-6:45 will be their permanent meeting time.

Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review reported they will be meeting at 5pm on Wednesday this week. They also reported that Vice President Anderson will be meeting with Aaron Courtney to better understand what the committee should be looking for when conducting these reviews.

College Contact Reports

The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources had no report.

The College of Arts and Sciences had no report.

The College of Business reported that the College of Business will be holding job fairs on September 20th and 21st. There will also be a virtual job fair which will be held on September 22nd.

The College of Education had no report.

The College of Engineering and Applied Sciences had no report,

The Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources reported they are working on getting a meeting set up with the dean to have conversations about the connections with ASUW and the vision for the school.

The College of Health Sciences had no report.

The College of Law had no report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Wilkins moved to suspend the Abernathy Clause.

Senator Ebben seconded the motion.

Motion passed by a voice vote.

ASUW Business Office Budget Realignment

Budget and Planning gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Talamantes moved to approve the ASUW Business Office Budget Realignment.

Senator True seconded.

The motion passed by a roll call vote of 21-0-0.

Senate Bill #2753: Updating Student Legal Services Document Retention Policy

The bill was read for the first time.

The bill was steered to Advocacy, Diversity, & Policy and Programs and Institutional Development.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Rhymes announced that the SLCE office will be holding in person events again. The first service Saturday will be Saturday on September 25th. She also reported that the big event is back this year which is a massive community service effort. This year you can sign up as an individual or you can sign up as a team. There is also the option to be a sight leader if you're looking for extra leadership or responsibility. If you have any questions, feel free to email Senator Rhymes or the SLCE office.

Director Hacke announced that there will be a lot of service hour opportunities coming up in the future through our various programs.

President Swilling announced that there is a listening session Thursday morning on September on September 9 at 8:00 AM regarding elimination of some departments in classical and modern languages. If you care about the elimination of the parts of classical modern language, please attend that list some of them are allocated thank you

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:16pm. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on September 14, 2021, at 7:00pm in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

Kathryne Carrier
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