

# **ASUW SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

The May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 senate meeting was called to order by Vice President Anderson at 7:06pm. The land acknowledgement statement and mission statement were read.

## **SWEARING IN OF NEW SENATORS**

All senators unable to attend the in-person swearing in ceremony, were sworn by Vice President Anderson.

## **ROLL CALL**

Senators Dawson, Harris, Harvey, and Stadler were not present. The College Panhellenic Council, Faculty Senate, Interfraternity Council, Non-Traditional Student Council, Residence Halls Association, Staff Senate, and the United Multicultural Council were not present.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 senate meeting were approved without objection, as electronically circulated.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved, without objection, as electronically circulated.

## **OPEN FORUM**

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

## **SPECIAL EVENT**

Michelle Hilaire, Jason Gigley, and Teal Wyckoff from the vaccine information team addressed the Senate to discuss the COVID-19 vaccination process currently happening at the University. They first began by talking about their backgrounds and how they are reliable and credential sources when discussing the COVID-19 vaccine. Michelle Hilaire works in the College of Health Sciences and is a pharmacist who has administered approximately 4,000 COVID-19 vaccines since December. Jason Gigley is an immunologist who studies how infectious diseases induces immunity in people and is a great resource if wishing to discuss how the vaccine works in further detail. Teal Wyckoff focuses on understanding the geography of disease spread and works in the Wyoming geographic information science center and is a great resource for learning where you can get a vaccine in Wyoming or where you can get a COVID-19 test in Wyoming when off-campus. After introductions, they asked if the senate had any questions they could answer. A major goal of their presentation was to answer any questions Senators may have so that they would feel comfortable sharing vaccination information with members of their respected college.

Vice President Anderson ended with encouraging Senators to get in touch with administrators to represent their constituents and their wishes when it comes to vaccines. Additionally, he stated that him and President Swilling both sit on the vaccine working group and welcome any ideas on how to encourage students to get their vaccines.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Executive Reports**

President Swilling started by welcoming everyone to the senate and stated that him and Vice President Anderson are eager to work closely with the senate to help build the relationship between the executive and legislative branch. He then moved on to discuss a meeting him, Vice President Anderson, former President Talamantes, and former Vice President Titus had recently had with President Seidel. In the meeting they discussed how ASUW and President Seidel can work together more frequently. They also discussed issues regarding promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion. He then talked about his and Vice President Anderson's involvement with the vaccine working group. A survey should be sent out soon to students over their thoughts on the vaccine, if they have or have not been vaccinated, and potential vaccine incentives. ASUW hopes to work closely with the vaccine working group to help push efforts for vaccinations. Some current ideas to help push efforts includes vaccine clinics, greater emphasis on vaccines, using student leaders as examples, and prizes for students who report their vaccine. President Swilling also reported current numbers of employees who have reported vaccines, and so far, 62% benefited employees are fully vaccinated while 32% of non-benefited are vaccinated. Since efforts began with employees, vaccination numbers went up 9% and similar numbers are hoped to be reproduced once efforts begin on students. President Swilling is looking forwards to working with the group further and welcomes any ideas regarding this issue. President Swilling then informed the senate of a summer book club between the Black Student Alliance and ASUW. The book is; *Do Better: Spiritual Activism for Fighting and Healing from White Supremacy* by Rachel Ricketts. A link so sign up will be sent in an email following the senate meeting. President Swilling then stated that applications for the first part of the executive team have opened. The current open positions are; Chief of Staff, Chief of Legislative Affairs, and Director of Marketing and more positions will be opening over the summer. Applications for these positions can be found on the ASUW website. President Swilling also informed the senate about a tri-senate meeting he had recently had with the incoming Presidents of faculty and staff senate. In the meeting they discussed the collaboration between staff senate, faculty senate, and ASUW and how these can be improved. He also informed the senate that a monthly tri-senate meeting will be occurring. He then moved on to discuss the University regulations that are up for debate at the next board of trustees meeting. More information will be sent in an email following the senate meeting and feedback on these regulations are welcomed and encouraged. President Swilling also informed the senate that he will be attending the board of trustees meeting May 12-14 with Vice President Anderson and former President Talamantes.

Vice President Anderson started his report by saying that executive staff positions for Chief of Staff, Chief of Legislative Affairs, and Director of Marketing are open for application. He then said that he has sent out the committee preference form and would like senators to fill it out as

soon as possible so that committees can be formed and work can begin over the summer. He then discussed ongoing projects over the summer which include traffic safety and the first-year senate mentorship program. Finally, he reported that President Swilling and him signed letter addressed to President Seidel supporting a sustainable climate action plan going into the next couple of decades.

Advisor Wheeler started by congratulating everyone on their newly elected senate positions and is looking forwards to working with all the senators. He also wanted to wish everyone good luck when running for head table positions. He will also be working on the internship that Vice President Anderson and President Swilling will be participating in over the summer. He said that President Swilling and Vice President Anderson will be meeting with many stakeholders across campus to better understand current and past relationships with ASUW. He hopes similar goals and projects can be developed to help better the relationships and campus as a whole. Finally, he reported that he is in the later stages of the search for project coordinator and welcomes senators to come watch presentations and ask questions of the finalists.

Accountant Shaef congratulated everyone and is looking forwards to what will be accomplished during this administration.

### **Ex- Officio Communications**

College Panhellenic Council had no report

Faculty senate had no report

First-Year Senate had no report.

International Students association had no report.

Student athlete advisory committee had their elections yesterday and the delegate reported that she was elected president of the organization and that Cam Murphey will be the new ex-officio delegate.

Sustainability coalition had no report.

Wyoming Honors Organization reported the organization had had their final meeting of the semester.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Nomination and Selection of President Pro Tempore**

Senator Wilkins nominated Senator Titus.

Senator Titus was selected as the President Pro Tempore.

### **Nomination and Selection of Parliamentarian**

Senator Houghton nominated Senator Wilkins.

Senator Talamantes nominated Senator Smith.  
Senator Wilkins was selected as the Parliamentarian.

### **Nomination and Selection of Sergeant-at-Arms**

Senator Wilkins nominated Senator Talamantes.  
Senator Wilkins nominated Senator Houghton.  
Senator Houghton was selected as the Sergeant-at-Arms.

### **Nomination and Selection of Marshal**

President Swilling nominated Senator Rhymes.  
Senator Talamantes nominated Senator Carrier.  
Senator Pradghanang nominated Senator Nwokejiobi.  
Senator Rhymes was selected as the Marshal.

### **Nomination and Selection of Senators-at-Large for the Intersession Oversight Committee**

Senator Titus nominated Senator Smith.  
Senator Wilkins nominated Senator Laverell.  
President Swilling nominated Senator Talamantes.  
Senator Nwokejiobi nominated Senator Homer-Wambeam.  
Senators Smith and Senator Homer-Wambeam were selected to serve on the Intersession Oversight Committee.

### **Nomination and Selection of Students-at-Large for the Intersession Oversight Committee**

Senator Wilkins moved to suspend the phrase “two (2) Students-at-Large” of Article 2, Section 11, subsection C, part c of the ASUW By-laws”.  
Senator Houghton seconded the motion.  
Senator Wilkins yielded to Advisor Wheeler to explain the suspension.  
Motion approved by a voice vote.

Senator Newell moved to approve SAL Cole Lozon to serve on the Intersession Oversight Committee.

Senator Engelby seconded the motion.  
Senator Harvey spoke on SAL Lozon’s behalf.  
Motion approved by a voice vote.

Senator Engelby moved to approve SAL Santosh Madhyanam to serve on the Intersession Oversight Committee.

Senator Houghton seconded the motion.  
Senator Talamantes spoke on SAL Madhyanam’s behalf.  
Motion approved by a voice vote.

Senator Newell moved to approve SAL Ashton Hacke to serve on the Intersession Oversight Committee.

Senator Engelby seconded the motion.  
Senator Engelby spoke on SAL Hacke’s behalf.  
Motion approved by a voice vote.

Senator Wilkins moved to cancel the regular meeting of the ASUW Senate on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.  
Senator Laverell seconded the motion.  
Motion approved by a voice vote.

Senator Newell moved to invoke the Intersession Oversight Committee at the adjournment of the meeting.  
Senator Engelby seconded the motion.  
Motion approved by a voice vote.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Talamantes wanted to inform the senate that tomorrow (May 5, 2021) from 12-1 the UMC along with the native American cultural research center putting on a presentation about missing and murdered indigenous women as an awareness and advocacy event.

President Swilling wanted to let the senate know that he will be sending regular emails over the summer regarding ASUW including Board of Trustees information, vaccines, and end of year spending.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on August 24, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Union Senate Chambers Room 221.

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