
ASUW FRESHMAN SENATE MINUTES

The October 31st, 2017 meeting was called to order by Freshman Senator Mooren at 5:00PM. Freshman Senators Applegate, Porterfield, Sanders, and Woodward were absent. Freshman Senator Ward moved to suspend Article IV Section IV of the ASUW Freshman Senate Constitution for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

OPEN FORUM

Full Senate Programming Chair Wendy Hungerford wished to thank the Freshman Senate for their hard work and participation during Homecoming week.

Vice President Welsh will be attending a meeting about Cowboy Connect next Monday November 6th at 3:30 PM and would like to bring a Freshman Senator.

SPECIAL EVENT

Dr. Joanne Stearns, the Director of Student Health Services came to tell the Freshman Senate about services they offer. Student Health Services is paid for by student fees so it is free to students whether they are on the insurance program offered by the University or not. Students may be charged minimally for additional supplies such as medications or crutches. They have several doctors and nurses on staff that can provide services such as flu shots, travel consultations, women's health services, and sexual health services. Their hours are 8 AM to 5 PM on Monday thru Wednesday and Friday and 9 AM to 5 PM on Thursday.

COMMUNICATIONS

Advisor McKenna yielded her report to Vice President of Student Affairs Sean Blackburn who discussed the vote on Senate Resolution #2577.

Officers

Presiding Officer Sanders' report was provided by Freshman Senator Mooren. Last week's Full Senate Special Event was Tara Evans from the Commencement Committee. Two organizations

were funded, Senate Resolution #2576 was passed and Senate Resolution #2577 was tabled in committee.

Parliamentarian Mooren had no report.

Secretary Ward had no report.

Treasurer Dalman had no report.

Steering Committee Liaison Schieffer had no report.

Ex Officio Communications

President Wetzel thanked the Freshman Senators for their assistance and participation during Homecoming week. He discussed the possibility of working with the Trustees to reform the Hathaway scholarship. The hearing about the reserves will take place this week with the Board of Trustees Budget Committee. This Friday will be the grand re-opening of the basketball arena and the first games for both basketball teams.

Vice President Welsh provided her report during the open forum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Steering discussed a new attendance policy to improve consistency and accountability. Being sick will no longer count as an excused absence. If you are sick, you can still take one of your absences and be okay, you will have to come before Steering if you reach three unexcused absences but that will not necessarily lead to being impeached. Also, be sure to communicate with Secretary Ward if you will be absent whether it is excused or not.

Procedures had no report.

Programming and Traditions thanked the Freshman Senators who helped with cleaning up the Homecoming decorations in the Union.

Student Outreach and Policies discussed Senate Resolution #2577 and the possibility of writing legislation to change the name of Freshman Senate to First Year Senate.

ASUW COMMITTEES

Steering steered the current bills.

Academic Technology and Sustainability had a joint meeting with Student Outreach and Policies to discuss Senate Bill #2577. They will be tabling in the Union on Wednesday and Thursday about the possibility of introducing a plus/minus grading scale.

Budget & Planning distributed Special Projects applications to committee members to begin investigating them.

Constitution had no report.

Program & Institutional Development had no report.

Programming discussed Homecoming week.

RSO Funding Board approved a request from the National Society of Black Engineers and they denied a request from the Geography Department.

Senate Vacancy held interviews for the Full Senate Vacancies but did not make an appointment yet.

Student Outreach & Policy had no report.

OLD BUSINESS

Freshman Senator Gonzales moved to take Senate Bill #2573, Changes to ASUW Standing Committees, from the table. The bill had its second reading.

Procedures made a do pass recommendation.

Moved by Freshman Senator Ward.

Freshman Senator Dalman moved to accept Steering Committee's recommended amendments.

The amendment passed by a voice vote.

The motion passed 16-0-0.

Senate Resolution #2577, ASUW Recommendation on Revised Programmatic Fee Implementation, had its second reading.

Student Outreach and Policy made a do pass recommendation

Moved by Freshman Senator Donley.

Freshman Senator Scalise moved to accept the recommended amendments from Academic Technology & Sustainability and Student Outreach & Policy.

The amendment passed by a voice vote.

The motion passed 16-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill #2578, Disclaimer Amendment to the ASUW Finance Policy, had its first reading and was steered to Student Outreach & Policy.

Freshman Senator Ward moved to suspend Article VI, Section I, Sub-Sections B and C of the ASUW Rules and Procedures. The motion passed.

Freshman Senator Ward moved to dissolve to Committee of the Whole to discuss Senate Bill #2578. The motion passed.

Freshman Senator Gonzales moved to make a do pass recommendation. The do pass recommendation passed by a voice vote.

Freshman Senator Dalman moved to dissolve Committee of the Whole and Rise and Report a do pass recommendation.

Senate Bill #2578, Disclaimer Amendment to the ASUW Finance Policy, had its second reading. Committee of the Whole made a do pass recommendation.

Moved by Freshman Senator Dalman.

The motion passed 15-0-1.

Freshman Senator Brooks moved to cancel the Freshman Senate meeting on November 21st. The motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Freshman Senator Donley announced the Tri Delta Pancake Breakfast happening this weekend and that Dan & Shay will be performing for 7220 on November 16th.

Freshman Senator Ward announced that she will be attending tonight's Full Senate meeting and to email her ahead of time about absences.

President Wetzel announced Finger Food Friday this Friday at noon.

Freshman Senator Gonzales encouraged everyone to check out music and theatre events.

Freshman Senator Good mentioned the idea of having a group of Freshman Senators go to Tri Hop for a social event.

Freshman Senator Gruntmeir encouraged everyone to check out the planetarium.

Freshman Senator Mooren, on behalf of Freshman Senator Sanders, announced that service hours are due by tonight at midnight. The next two Full Senate meetings will be starting at 7:30 PM due to Diversity Trainings.

After processing the meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM. The next regular meeting will be November 7th, 2017 at 5:00PM in the Senate Chambers Union Room 221.

Lucia Ward
Freshman Senate Secretary