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# **ASUW FRESHMAN SENATE MINUTES**

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The December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Sanders at 5:00PM. Freshman Senator Brooks was absent.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved as circulated.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

## **OPEN FORUM**

Full Senators Eric Herold, Clarissa Lyle, Alex Mulhall, and Jaman Garcia from the College of Arts & Sciences, and Japheth Frauendienst from the Haub School were in attendance.

Freshman Senator Riley Talamantes was sworn in.

## **SPECIAL EVENT**

Keith Evashavki, the Director of University Counseling came to talk about resources available to University of Wyoming students. The main goals of the Counseling Center are to provide counseling and intervention services to students struggling, talking about wellness and mental health across campus with the objective of decreasing the stigma of seeking help. All of their services are free to University of Wyoming students and completely confidential. The Counseling Center can offer group counseling or short-term individual counseling, most commonly for anxiety, depression, and relationships. The Counseling Center also holds workshops on topics such as stress management, communication, and healthy relationships. The Counseling Center hopes to encourage a conversation about mental health on campus to encourage people who are in need of help to reach out.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Advisor McKenna announced that Cookies & Kahoot will be happening at 7 PM tomorrow in the Half Acre classroom. The Full Senate meeting tonight will be at the Gateway Center, and RSO/ASUW event evaluations are due at the end of the semester.

## **Officers**

Presiding Officer Sanders reported that Full Senate's meeting last week included approving Bangladesh nights RSO Funding Board request and denying a request from Combat Color. The Turning Point USA appeal failed, meaning the punishment defined by Funding Board will hold.

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 announced that there will be a new After Hours Pedestrian Safety Committee starting in the new year, and people who are interested should send him a brief cover letter. The Alcohol EDU Survey has shown a normal rise in the amount of drinking in first year students. Some concerning information from the survey is an increase in the number of students who have ridden with a drunk driver and an increase in unwanted sexual encounters related to drugs and alcohol. The executives will not be as responsive to emails over the break.

Vice President Welsh collected new committee preference forms.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Steering steered this week's legislation.

Procedures discussed legislation.

Programming and Traditions announced Cram & Cocoa this Thursday from 7:30 to 11 AM. A sign up sheet was circulated.

Student Outreach and Policies met with Executive Harris about research opportunities and discussed legislation.

## **ASUW COMMITTEES**

Steering steered the current bills.

Academic Technology and Sustainability had no report.

Budget & Planning worked on their schedule for next semester and looked at legislation.

Constitution had no report.

Program & Institutional Development had no report.

Programming reviewed the semester, discussed what they will be able to do with new committees, and planned for handing out snacks in the library next Tuesday.

RSO Funding Board reviewed requests from Combat Color, Libyan Student Association, and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Senate Vacancy reviewed legislation.

Student Outreach & Policy tabled for WyoVocal.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Senate Bill #2585, ASUW Revisions to Reserve Policies, had its second reading. Student Outreach & Policy made a do pass recommendation. Moved by Freshman Senator Donley. The bill passed 19-0-0.

Senate Bill #2586, Restructuring Senator Service Hours, had its second reading. Procedures made a do pass recommendation. Moved by Freshman Senator Gonzales moved. The bill passed 19-0-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Senate Bill #2587, Revision to the RSO Funding Board Deadline Exception Clause, had its first reading and was steered to Procedures.

Senate Bill #2588, ASUW Waste Audit Initiative, had its first reading and was steered to Student Outreach & Policy.

Senate Bill #2589, Establishment of the Senate Vacancy Committee as a Special Committee, had its first reading and was steered to Procedures.

Senate Resolution #2590, ASUW Support of the Creation of the Natural Resource Recreation and Tourism Degree Program, had its first reading and was steered to Student Outreach & Policy

Freshman Senator Ward moved to cancel the meetings on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>, and January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>.  
The motion passed by a voice vote.

Presiding Officer Sanders ran the election of Freshman Senator of the Month for November and December.

Freshman Senator Swartz nominated Freshman Senator Ward  
Freshman Senator Ward nominated Freshman Senator Houghton.  
Freshman Senator Ward was voted as Freshman Senator of the Month by a secret ballot vote.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Freshman Senator Donley announced the 7220 Destressor on Friday at 9 PM in the Union.

Freshman Senator Gonzales announced the MLK Days of Dialogue will be happening after winter break.

Freshman Senator Scalise passed around the sign up sheet for Cram & Cocoa and Thank You notes for Special Event speakers.

Freshman Senator Talamantes introduced herself.

Freshman Senator Ridenour announced that the debate team will be hosting a debate about controversial speakers on campus.

Freshman Senator Good asked the Freshman Senators to ensure that there are not any misspellings on the pamphlet for Cram & Cocoa.

President Wetzel shared that if anyone needs information changed on the ASUW website they can submit a request form.

Advisor McKenna reminded the Freshman Senators of the Textbook Scholarship opening on January 22.

After processing the meeting adjourned at 6:06 PM. The next regular meeting will be January 23, 2018 at 5:00PM in the Senate Chambers Union Room 221.

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