
ASUW FRESHMAN SENATE MINUTES

The January 30, 2018 meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Sanders at 5:00PM. All Freshman Senators were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Freshman Senator Scalise moved to add Lena Newlin from the Wellness Center as the Special Event.

The agenda was approved.

OPEN FORUM

Freshman Senator Leif Mann was sworn in.

Tyler Wolfgang from United Multicultural Council attended the Freshman Senate meeting. He discussed the events this week related to MLK Days of Dialogue, including a march, dinner, and award ceremony that took place on Monday night, Jason Thompson's speech on Thursday at 7:30 PM, and the Diversity Ball on Saturday. UMC has applications for their internship open and encourage freshmen to apply. UMC hopes that they will see the name change from Freshman Senate to First Year Senate and inclusion of non-traditional first year students legislated this semester.

SPECIAL EVENT

Lena Newlin, the Assistant Director of Wellness attended the meeting to talk about Half Acre, Campus Recreation, and the Wellness Center. The benefits of participating in recreation are physical health and all around wellness, including the opportunity to take on a leadership position, seek employment, and relieve stress through physical activity. The newly renovated Half Acre has a large gym that can accommodate many sporting events, a climbing wall, pool, hot tub, and racquetball courts. Half Acre offers group fitness classes including Zumba, Yoga, and spin classes. Students can also get involved by participating in intramural sports or club sports through the university. The Outdoor Program provides guided tours around the region and offers affordable equipment rental. The Wellness Center focuses primarily on stress management, meditation, and nutrition. They offer services such as the cat and dog de-stressors, free fruit on Fridays, their smoothie bike on the first Friday of each month, massage therapy, and athletic training services. They also have the Wellness Ambassador program for students looking to promote health and wellness on campus.

COMMUNICATIONS

Advisor McKenna passed out forms for the Facebook page “Get to Know You” post she will be making soon. She would like to take group and individual pictures after the meeting.

Officers

Presiding Officer Sanders reported that she is working with Advisor McKenna and Vice President Welsh to brainstorm ideas for the Freshman Senate mentorship program. She will be attending committee meetings this week and hopes to attend them more regularly throughout the semester to be more accessible.

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 reported that he will be meeting with the elections commissioner next week to begin working on promoting elections and encouraging people to run for positions. His Campus Safety Committee has started up. Freshman Senators are invited to attend breakfast with MLK Days of Dialogue Keynote Speaker and former ASUW President Jason Thompson on Thursday at 9 AM. Student Legal Services will be doing a presentation about First Amendment rights on Thursday at noon. President Wetzel’s office hours for this semester are on Monday and Wednesday from 3 to 5 PM.

Vice President Welsh had no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Steering steered this week’s legislation and discussed possibilities for future legislation.

Procedures discussed the vacancy.

Programming and Traditions talked about their goals for this semester, including starting a Freshman Senate Instagram page, holding an Earth Day celebration, and an end-of-year event.

Student Outreach and Policies will be having their first meeting of the semester this week.

ASUW COMMITTEES

Steering had no report

Academics, Diversity & Policy appointed a chair and discussed their goals for the semester.

Student Outreach and Programming discussed their goals for WyoVocal.

RSO Funding Board suspended the Jazz Advocates and approved a request from the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

Budget & Planning re-elected their chair and heard presentations from programs that submitted budget proposals.

Programs & Institutional Development elected a chair and discussed their general role and goals as a committee.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill #2591, Discontinuation of Processing, had its first reading and was steered to Procedures.

Senate Bill #2592, Approval of the ASUW Strategic Plan *Moving Forward 2018-2022*, had its first reading and was steered to Student Outreach & Policy.

Senate Bill #2593, Revision of Article III of the ASUW Finance Policy and Amendment to RSO Suspension Decisions, had its first reading and was steered to Procedures.

Senate Bill #2594, Changes to Senator Candidate Requirements, had its first reading and was steered to Procedures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Freshman Senator Wilkins announced that he started the Instagram page and is open to ideas for content to post.

Advisor Wheeler announced that February is Financial Literacy Month and Executive Vincent will be holding several events with opportunities to win prizes. On February 6 at 6 PM, there will be a presentation about credit and credit cards in Business 129. On February 13 and 15 at 6 OM in Business 108 there will be budgeting workshops. The final event will be on February 27 and will have the grand prizes for the month. In order to be eligible for the grand prizes, students must attend at least one event throughout the month and the final event.

Freshman Senator Houghton announced that Procedures will not be able to meet at its regular time this week so they will be discussing an alternate meeting time.

Freshman Senator Good announced that the female acapella group on campus is holding auditions for new members and that Freshman Senator Woodward would like to go to Taco Bell after the meeting if anyone would like to join him.

Freshman Senator Sanders announced that Full Senate will be tabling about elections soon and reminded the Freshman Senators to attend the breakfast with Jason Thompson on Thursday morning at 9 AM.

After processing the meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM. The next regular meeting will be February 6, 2018 at 5:00PM in the Senate Chambers Union Room 221.

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