
ASUW FRESHMAN SENATE MINUTES

The November 7th, 2017 meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Sanders at 5:01PM. Freshman Senators Good and Gruntmeir were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Freshman Senator Sacalise moved to amend the Agenda to include the United Multicultural Council Co-Chairs as the Special Event.

OPEN FORUM

Haley Fried, Full Senator from the College of Arts & Sciences and Programs & Institutional Development Chair, attended the meeting to observe.

SPECIAL EVENT

Tyler Wolfgang and Dmitri Nesbitt, Co-Chairs of United Multicultural Council, along with an officer Cole Carpenter, presented to the Freshman Senate about their upcoming projects and current events on campus. They will be hosting the MLK days of dialogue in early February, their annual Diversity Ball, Drag Show, and Shephard Symposium. They shared some information about the controversial speaker coming to campus later this week and distributed information pertaining to issues with the speaker's background and issues with how the event was funded. The representatives from UMC also shared that if Freshman Senate intends to host a Cinco de Mayo event in the spring that they must be conscious of cultural appropriation and they shared their support of the idea of changing the name of Freshman Senate to First Year Senate to be gender neutral and more inclusive.

COMMUNICATIONS

Advisor McKenna reported that November 28 will be our special meeting with Associate Vice President and Dean of Students Sean Blackburn. This meeting will occur at 5 PM at Old Main Hall and will include hot chocolate, cookies, dialogue, discussing Freshman issues, and sharing ideas.

Officers

Presiding Officer Sanders reported that she is working with Full Senate Programs & Institutional Development to get the Freshman Senators on the Full Senate List Serv so they will be sent the

Full Senate Minutes, Agenda, and Legislation each week. She also offered to share more information on topics that United Multicultural Council discussed in their Special Event presentation if any Freshman Senators have questions or concerns.

Parliamentarian Mooren encouraged the Freshman Senators to be cautious when taking the floor and be sure to address the chair.

Secretary Ward provided the Full Senate report for the last week. The Full Senate Special Event was the UWPD Police Chief who shared some of the top issues they see on campus, specifically alcohol, marijuana, and sexual assault. Full Senate funded the International Student Association's Coffee Hour and International Education Week. Senate Bill #2573 with amendments passed unanimously, Senate Resolution #2577 passed unanimously with amendments, and Senate Bill #2578 passed 17-7-0 after going to Committee of the Whole.

Treasurer Dalman had no report.

Steering Committee Liaison Schieffer had no report.

Ex Officio Communications

President Wetzel announced a budget meeting with the State Government in January as a possibility for interested Freshman Senators. He will be attending the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting this Friday from 12 to 1 PM. The ASUW Executives are undergoing their mid-year reviews. He announced that the effort to recover ASUW's reserves passed in the Board of Trustees Budget Committee so there is a very good chance that the reserves will be back after the whole Board votes next week.

Vice President Welsh had no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Steering steered this week's three bills.

Procedures had no report.

Programming and Traditions announced the intention to combine Meet Your Freshman Senators and Cram & Cocoa on December 7th from 7:30 to 11 AM. They are working on a flyer that can be distributed at the event that will tell students more about Freshman Senate. We will be signing up for shifts at a future time.

Student Outreach and Policies had no report.

ASUW COMMITTEES

Steering steered the current bills and checked their grammar.

Academic Technology and Sustainability had no report.

Budget & Planning reviewed the Special Projects proposals and began making some cuts to projects based on the criteria outlined in the Finance Policy and the options presented in the proposals.

Constitution discussed writing legislation.

Program & Institutional Development discussed how they can improve communication challenges they have been experiencing with Freshman Senate. They also heard from United Multicultural Council about their concerns with an upcoming event.

Programming had no report.

RSO Funding Board approved a request from Geography Club.

Senate Vacancy had no report.

Student Outreach & Policy will be tabling in the Union about WyoVocal. They are working to re-submit legislation that would make all of the language in the ASUW Constitution gender neutral.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Freshman Senate Bill #50, Revision of Senate Officers' Powers, had its first reading and was steered to Procedures.

Senate Bill #2579, Revision of Individualized Senator Responsibilities, had its first reading and was steered to Student Outreach & Policy.

Senate Bill #2580, ASUW Support for a Campus Art Plan, had its first reading and was steered to Student Outreach & Policy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Freshman Senator Donley announced that Dan & Shay will be performing for 7220 on November 16th at 8 PM.

Freshman Senator Houghton reminded the Freshman Senators of the Social Event planned by Freshman Senator Good on this Thursday. Freshman Senators should contact Freshman Senator Good about whether they are planning to attend. He also announced that Procedures will be meeting directly after the meeting.

Freshman Senator Project announced the SLCE Good Mule Project's People's Supper event happening next Wednesday at 6 PM. People who are interested can register online through the SLCE website.

Freshman Senator Sanders announced that Full Senate will be meeting at 7:30 PM tonight and next Tuesday for UMC diversity trainings. She requested that Service Hour and RSO Event forms be submitted as PDFs or Word Documents in the Future. She encouraged Freshman Senators to inform other Freshmen that they can still submit an application to Advisor McKenna if they are interested in being considered to fill vacancies. The Procedures Committee is in charge of filling vacancies.

Freshman Senator Schieffer announced that the Sigma Chi Fraternity will be hosting an all-you-can-eat Grilled Cheese event for \$5.

After processing the meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM. The next regular meeting will be November 14th, 2017 at 5:00PM in the Senate Chambers Union Room 221.

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Freshman Senate Secretary

