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# **ASUW FRESHMAN SENATE MINUTES**

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The November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Sanders at 5:00PM. Freshman Senators Buseth and Donley were absent.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Freshman Senator Mooren moved to replace “project” with “Dalman” in the Announcements section of the minutes.

Freshman Senator Gruntmeir moved to replace “Sacalise” with “Scalise” in the Approval of Agenda section of the minutes.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

## **OPEN FORUM**

Full Senators Morgan Cloud from the College of Business, Maurie Mueller from the College of Arts & Sciences, and Hayley Stromberg from the College of Health Sciences were in attendance.

Anna Muzzarelli, Hannah St. Clair, and Jacob Freeman, candidates to fill the current Freshman Senate vacancy, were in attendance.

Freshman Senator Mooren moved to suspend the Abernathy Clause to allow for everyone in attendance to vote.

## **SPECIAL EVENT**

Elizabeth Whitt, Assistant Manager of Transit & Parking came to discuss the services they have available. Their fixed route systems go all across town from Walmart to 1<sup>st</sup> Street, on weekdays from 7 AM to 6:30 PM. They have a TransLoc App that tracks the buses live. They also offer demand response services that have more flexibility. SafeRide runs from Thursday to Saturday night from 9 PM to 3 AM. It can pick people up from anywhere within city limits and take them to another address. SafeRide is for anyone and is without judgment. RSOs can volunteer as Sidekicks for the SafeRide drivers to accompany them for a night and earn money for their RSO. They also offer Laramie Link Dial-a-Ride which runs weekdays from 6:30 PM to 2 AM and weekends 10 AM to 10 PM that runs anywhere on campus and any designated bus stop in town.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Advisor McKenna had no report.

## **Officers**

Presiding Officer Sanders reported that Full Senate's meeting last week was very brief. She is meeting with Advisor McKenna and Vice President Welsh tomorrow to discuss the Freshman Senate Mentorship Program. She will be meeting with the committee chairs to begin discussing the Textbook Scholarship, and she attended the WASC conference yesterday.

Parliamentarian Mooren had no report.

Secretary Ward reported that she attended the SafeRide Advisory Committee Meeting this week to discuss how the program has grown and potential future improvements.

Treasurer Dalman had no report.

Steering Committee Liaison Schieffer had no report.

## **Ex Officio Communications**

President Wetzel had no report.

Vice President Welsh had no report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Steering steered this week's three bills.

Procedures is working to fill the current vacancy on Freshman Senate. They will be having an open meeting tomorrow night at 7 PM in the basement of Washakie to discuss the candidates.

Programming and Traditions is working on logistics for the Cram & Cocoa event coming up after Thanksgiving Break.

Student Outreach and Policies discussed Senate Bill #2579 and #2580.

## **ASUW COMMITTEES**

Steering checked the grammar on the current legislation.

Academic Technology and Sustainability worked on their Special Projects proposals to purchase an industrial composter, recycling projects, and a waste audit. They tabled for +/- grading and met with Faculty Senate about it. Their Active Learning Survey is in the IRB and they are exploring the possibility of free online textbooks to help students save money.

Budget & Planning is continuing to work on cutting and approving Special Projects Proposals.

Constitution had no report.

Program & Institutional Development had no report.

Programming discussed their WyoVocal event and finals outreach.

RSO Funding Board had no report.

Senate Vacancy had no report.

Student Outreach & Policy is working on legislation and tabling for WyoVocal.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Freshman Senate Bill #50, Revision of Senate Officers' Powers, had its second reading. Procedures made a do pass recommendation.

Moved by Freshman Senator Gonzales.

Freshman Senator Houghton moved to amend Addendum A, Section 6 by replacing the current language with "All officers present, when deciding who will fill the absent position, must make a unanimous decision on every officers' request to carry out an officer job other than their own."

The amendment was approved by a voice vote.

The amended bill was passed 17-0-0.

Senate Bill #2579, Revision of Individualized Senator Responsibilities, had its second reading.

Student Outreach & Policy made a do not pass recommendation.

Moved by Freshman Senator Swartz.

The bill failed 6-11-0.

Senate Bill #2580, ASUW Support for a Campus Art Plan, had its second reading. Student Outreach & Policy made a do pass recommendation.

Moved by Freshman Senator Swartz.

The motion passed 14-3-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Senate Bill #2581, Special Projects Allocations for Fiscal Year 2018, had its first reading and was steered to Student Outreach & Policy.

Senate Bill #2582, ASUW Senate Vacancy Procedures Revision, had its first reading and was steered to Procedures.

Senate Resolution #2583, Support for the Observance of Mental Health Awareness Day, had its first reading and was steered to Programming & Traditions.

Freshman Senator Ward moved to cancel the November 28 meeting for the Special Meeting with Dean of Students Blackburn.

Freshman Senator Ward moved to amend the motion so as to no longer cancel it and instead change the location to Old Main 404.

The amendment passed by a voice vote.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

Freshman Senator Brooks moved to hold a second meeting on November 28.

The motion failed by a voice vote.

Freshman Senator Brooks moved that committees report to Presiding Officer Sanders on this week's legislation instead of having a formal meeting.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Wetzel reported that Dennis Prager's speech and concurrent protest were peaceful. He went to the WASC conference yesterday. He is working on University Regulation changes and Executive evaluations. They are working to include more information in RSO Funding Board requests. He will be out of the office the rest of the week for the Board of Trustees meeting.

Freshman Senator Houghton reminded that Procedures will be meeting at 7 PM tomorrow night in the basement of Washakie. Any Freshman Senators are welcome to come and weigh in on who should fill the current vacancy.

Freshman Senator Good reminded the Freshman Senators that there will be a social event after tonight's meeting.

Freshman Senator Dalman announced Service Saturday this Saturday, passing out lists of food items that can be donated to the food bank.

Freshman Senator Gonzales announced that Student Outreach & Policy will be meeting with Advisor McKenna in the basement of Washakie at 3:15 PM on Friday.

Freshman Senator Ridenour encouraged attendance at the NO MORE football game this weekend.

Freshman Senator Sanders announced that Full Senate is meeting at 7:30 PM tonight due to UMC diversity trainings. There will be no Full Senate or Freshman Senate Meetings next week because of the holiday. There are no Service Hours required for November or December, but RSO/ASUW Event evaluations need to be turned in by the end of the semester.

After processing the meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM. The next regular meeting will be December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:00PM in the Senate Chambers Union Room 221.

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