**ASUW FIRST-YEAR SENATE MINUTES**

The October 2nd meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Vetter at 5:03 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the mission statement was read, and roll was taken. First-Year Senator Bradshaw was absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved as circulated.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Senator Doran moved to make Director John Houghton, Director of Governmental and Community Affairs, the special event.

 Senator McNiccoll seconded.

 Motion Passed.

The agenda was approved as circulated.

**OPEN FORUM**

Catherine Applegate, full senator representing the College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, said she was here to help any first-year senators.

Wade Woodward, full senator representing the College of Health Sciences, said he was here to help any first-year senators

**SPECIAL EVENT**

Director John Houghton, ASUW Director of Governmental and Community Affairs, came and shared some announcements with the First-Year Senate. He shared details about the Pokes Vote campaign, where events are scheduled to raise awareness about voting in the midterm elections. Events and the website are on the ASUW Facebook page. He is in need for First-Year senators to table. If interested, talk to Richard from SLCE. He talked about the survey for the Pilot Hill Project. He passed around a sign-up sheet for tabling to gain input from the students. He was in a group that met with the mayor pertaining to sustainability projects. If anyone has ideas for sustainability projects, talk to John in his office hours. Finally, he plans to visit different community colleges around Laramie. If anyone has questions or concerns for any community colleges, talk to John in his office hours.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Advisor Wheeler talked about the Matthew Shepard events including the candlelight vigle. It is on October 12th at 6:30pm in Simpson’s plaza. He also reminded senators to go to different Matthew Shepard events that take place around campus.

Advisor Ward reminded First-Year Senate to be educated about Matthew Shepard and to go to events. She also reminded everyone to register for the Big Event at uwyobigevent.com. The code for the ASUW group is 1052E. Advisor Ward is also taking over the ASUW social media. Be sure to follow First-Year Senate on Facebook and on Instagram. First-Year Senate also took a picture following the meeting.

**Officers**

Presiding Officer Vetter reminded that committee meetings counts towards attendance. He also sent out a Google Forms sheet to collect personal contact information. If there are any questions, please ask Senator Vetter or Senator Walls.

Parliamentarian Romero had no report.

Secretary Walls had no report.

Treasurer Doran had no report.

Steering Committee Liaison McNicholl dicussed that RHA talked about the methods of collecting student input about new format of Residence Halls.

**Ex Officio Communications**

President Jones was not in attendance.

Vice President Mulhall reminded senators to join extra committees, tasks forces, or focus groups if available and interested. She said there is mandatory student fee committee in process of being formed. She discussed that Homecoming is in three weeks and senators should get involved and go to different events. Vice President Mulhall also passed around a sign-up sheet for Honorary Cowboy which is for anyone from kindergarden to senior year who has experienced a tough time and deserves recognition. She also reminded First-Year Senate to sign up for Pilot Hill survey team including singing up for tabling in the Union. She discussed a housing survey being distributed to all the students and asked for help in spreading word about the survey.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Steering talked about providing incentive to students who answer the survey pertaining to the new formats of the residence halls.

Procedures changed their meeting time to Friday morning at 8am in the basement of Washakie.

Programming and Traditions met in Coe Library at 8am. They are planning different special events to talk to First-Year Senate.

Diversity & Student Outreach changed their meeting location to room 124B in the Union.

**ASUW COMMITTEES**

Steering talked about reformatting the bylaws.

Academics, Diversity & Policy talked about changing the sexual assault advocacy program from an “opt-in” process to an “opt-out” process. They also talked about sustainability issues including composting and recycling. They also talked about tenant issues and events about Matthew Shepard.

Student Outreach and Programming talked about Homecoming, the housing survey being sent out to students, and sustainability projects.

RSO Funding Board approved funding for three groups. Two groups were granted $500 and one group was granted $409.

Budget & Planning had no report.

Programs & Institutional Development decided not to pursue a program with McGraw-Hill.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Senate Bill #2632: ASUW By-Laws Reformatting & Revision

 First Reading.

 Steered to Procedures.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Vetter reminded Senators to read through all of the legislation and all of the by-laws.

Senator Diamond yielded her time to Vice President Mulhall, who reminded the author of SB #2632 is Chief of Legislator Affiars Sanders. If there are questions about the bill, contact her via email or in her office hours.

Advisor Wheeler reminded senators that executive office hours are on the ASUW website.

Senator Pelkey discussed a new RSO called Forward Wyoming, or FWUW.

After processing the meeting adjourned at ­­­­5:32 PM. The next regular meeting will be October 9th, 2018 at 5:00 PM in the Union Senate Chambers room 221.

 Carolanne Walls

 First-Year Senate Secretary