**ASUW FIRST-YEAR SENATE MINUTES**

The October 9th, 2018 meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Vetter at 5:08 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the mission statement was read, and roll was taken. First-Year Senators Lain and Pelkey were absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved as circulated.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

**OPEN FORUM**

No one was present.

**SPECIAL EVENT**

Rebecca Despain, Manager of ACES and SOAR Representative, spoke about the new program SOAR. She showed the senate a brief video about the program. She explained that SOAR is a new competency-based learning program. It compiles experiences gained by the students over their college careers into a simple list for interviews and work after college. SOAR stands for service, opportunities, acquisition, and research. There are different levels for experiences. She displayed the website on the projector screen and walked First-Year Senators through the program. There are different types of requirements to fulfill. There is also a “think outside the box” feature that allows students to enter events that are not listed for points. Students are also able to request the addition of events by emailing SOAR representatives. She discussed the importance of reflecting on the events after participating in them.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Advisor Wheeler requested that Senators be aware of events dedicated to Matthew Shepard. He discussed the Candlelight Vigle on Friday, Oct 12 at 6:30pm. There are flyers containing information about events in the ASUW office.

Advisor Ward reminded Senators about abstaining from votes if one cannot vote without bias or abstaining if there is a conflict of interest. She encouraged First-Year Senate about the Committee of the Whole, saying it will be fun. She also reminded Senators to check their emails daily.

**Officers**

Presiding Officer Vetter had no report.

Parliamentarian Romero had no report.

Secretary Walls asked committee chairs to email her once a week with an attendance update for FYS committees. She also reminded Senators to email her about any attendance issues.

Treasurer Doran had no report.

Steering Committee Liaison McNicholl discussed his conversations with RHA concerning the survey about new housing preferences.

**Ex Officio Communications**

President Jones said that the Pilot Hill Project survey closed on Thursday, and legislation concerning Pilot Hill will be introduced on Friday. He also discussed the RHA survey, saying it was postponed until October 22. He would like to do some sort of an outreach until then. He also said the Facilities Committee will be giving a presentation on Monday, and an update from that presentation will come on Tuesday.

Vice President Mulhall was not in attendance.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Steering discussed the steering of SB #2633, but because of Committee of the Whole, the steering of that bill has become “moot point”.

Procedures discussed SB #2632. They meet in the basement of Washakie at 8am on Friday mornings.

Programming and Traditions discussed decorating the Union for Homecoming, pending approval. Participating counts as service hours for anyone not in Programming and Traditions committee.

Diversity & Student Outreach discussed the First-Year Senate Instagram account.

**ASUW COMMITTEES**

Steering discussed SB #2632 and SB #2633.

Academics, Diversity & Policy discussed SB #2632 and talked about writing amendments concerning the bill.

Student Outreach and Programming rolled up shirts for the Homecoming shirt give-away. Senator Diaz passed around sign-up sheets concerning ASUW Homecoming events including the pig roast, t-shirt distribution, and walking in the homecoming parade.

RSO Funding Board did not meet.

Budget & Planning discussed special project ideas and reminded senators that special project forms are available.

Programs & Institutional Development discussed an idea about a joint RSO council and discussed the process of planning events.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

Procedures gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Diaz moved to approve Senate Bill #2632.

Senator Hoppa seconded.

Senator McNicholl moved to amend all sections of the ASUW By-Laws referencing an ASUW standing committee so that each primary mention reads “The ASUW (insert committee name)” and any subsequent mentions read “the(committee)”.

Senator Doran seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

McNicholl moved to amend section 2.02 4. C. by striking “of aforementioned”.

Doran seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

McNicholl moved to amend section 2.02 10. C. c. by replacing the “Senators-at-large” (inconsistent) with “Senators-at-Large”.

Doran seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

McNicholl made a friendly amendment to section 2.02 10. G. c. by adding an ‘s’ to (2) “Executive Assistant”.

Doran seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion passed (19-0-0)

**NEW BUSINESS**

Senate Bill #2633: Sustainable Efforts for 2018 Homecoming

First Reading.

Senator Romero moved to suspend Article 6, paragraphs B and C of the Rules and Procedures.

Senator Greig seconded.

Motion passed (18-0-0)

Senator Romero moved to resolve into Committee of the Whole.

Senator McNicholl seconded.

Motion passed (18-0-0)

Committee of the Whole gave a do-pass recommendation.

Senator Horton moved to pass SB #2633.

Senator McNicholl seconded.

Senator Romero moved to amend line 16 by adding “distributed in opt-in basis”.

Senator Williams seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion passed (16-1-0).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chief of Legislative Affairs Sanders discussed a scholarship available for First-Year Senators called Charlotte H Davis. It is open from October 15th until November 3rd. Senators must meet the qualifications. There are four winners that are awarded $2,000 to cover next school year’s tuition. It is posted on academic works.

Senator Horton reminded Senators of the upcoming swim meet against University of New Mexico on Friday, October 12th at 5pm.

After processing the meeting adjourned at ­­­­6:33 PM. The next regular meeting will be October 16th, 2018 at 5:00 PM in the Union Senate Chambers room 221.

Carolanne Walls

First-Year Senate Secretary