**ASUW FIRST-YEAR SENATE MINUTES**

The October 16th, 2018 meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Vetter at 5:07 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the mission statement was read, and roll was taken. First-Year Senators Diaz was 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**

Tyler Wolfgang and two other guest speakers cam to talk about the importance of voting. Tyler Wolfgang is from Forward Wyoming, a non-profit, non partisan program that encourages millennials to vote. Their main goal is to educate people how to vote, not who to vote for. He handed out a quiz about the voting process in Wyoming. He described the Why We Vote Project, saying they travelled to festivals and markets to convinve young people to commit to voting.

They also talked about For Freedoms, a non-profit, non-partisan event to celebrate freedom and to encourage people to vote. Each state is given an exhibit. Wyoming was given an exhibit called “Representations of Idnetity of the American Dream,” and is open to see for free until November 24th. There is also a new billboard in Cheyenne about the program. They also encouraged senators to register for the People’s Supper where people discuss art and politics, which takes place on Oct 24th. They also gave us lawn signs to decorate to encourage voting around campus. The RSO Forward Wyoming wants new members to become stronger. Meetings are on Wednesdays at 5:10 in room 202 in the Union. To learn more about voting, visit <https://www.forwardwyoming.org/thevotingcenter>.

Senator Walls moved to suspend the Abernathy Clause.

 Senator McNicholl seconded.

 Motion passed unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Advisor Wheeler had no report.

Advisor Ward reminded senators that the Abernathy clause prevents senators who arrive late from voting, so suspension of clause allows the late senator to vote. She thanked the senators who participated in the Big Event. She reminded senators of the First-Year Senate scholarship is open and available on academic works. She commended the decorations in the Union for homecoming. She reminded sentators to fill out forms for service hours and event evaluations as soon as possible after events. She also said she would be out of town, but would still be available via email.

**Officers**

Presiding Officer Vetter reminded senators that the service hour and evaluation forms are available on Google Forms found on one of his first emails to the senate. He also encouraged senators to go to homecoming events and enjoy the week. He also discussed that the responsibility of filling the two vacancies on the senate would be directed to Procedures committee and that he would be available for any questions.

Parliamentarian Romero had no report.

Secretary Walls had no report.

Treasurer Doran had no report.

Steering Committee Liaison McNicholl had no report.

**Ex Officio Communications**

President Jones was not in attendance.

Vice President Mulhall reminded senators to go to Homecoming events and enjoy the week as well as the opportunity to volunteer for events. She encouraged senators to attend the Gubernatorial Debate on Oct. 25th, at 5:15 pm in A&S Auditorium, saying it was free for all. She discussed Pokes Vote events and encouraged senators to get involved with voting. She also thanked Forward Wyoming for their presentation and the commitment cards they passed out. She then conveyed messages from President Jones. He informed senators that the housing survey goes live on October 22nd, and asked for senators to help with student outreach with the survey.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Steering discussed SB #2634.

Procedures are working on filling the two vacancies for First-Year Senate.

Programming and Traditions decorated the Union for Homecoming, and asked for people to help take down decorations on Sunday at 12pm.

Diversity & Student Outreach are working on spreading the word about the Instagram as well as thinking of picture and caption ideas.

**ASUW COMMITTEES**

Steering discussed SB #2634.

Academics, Diversity & Policy had no report.

Student Outreach and Programming had no report.

RSO Funding Board had two requests. Partners with America was granted $157.19 for the What Works conference. The board tabled the request of $3,220 to the Greek chapter concering Pharmacy for Falling Back into Good Health program.

Budget & Planning met the new accountant. They reminded senators that special project forms are available but they are due on November 6th. They also informed the senate of a budget increase.

Programs & Institutional Development is discussing the concept of a joint RSO council.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Senate Resolution #2634: ASUW Support for the Pilot Hill Project.

 First Reading.

 Steered to Diversity and Student Outreach.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Diamond asked for everyone to follow the First-Year Senate Instagram and to encourage friends to follow it. The handle is @UWFirstYearSenate.

Advisor Ward reminded the senate that People’s Supper is Wednesday, October 24th at 6pm. Register at uwyo.edu/SLCE. She disucessed advising week, reminding senators to use the make a plan feature in the Degree Evaulation, as well as to make an appointment with advisors as soon as possible. She reminded senators about available flu shots. They are $15 at student health, and walk-ins are available.

Senator Vetter encouraged senators to go to the Gubernatorial Debate on Oct. 25th, at 5:15 pm in A&S Auditorium.

After processing the meeting adjourned at ­­­­5:48 PM. The next regular meeting will be October 23rd, 2018 at 5:00 PM in the Union Senate Chambers room 221.

 Carolanne Walls

 First-Year Senate Secretary