
ASUW FRESHMAN SENATE MINUTES

The April 3rd, 2018 meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Sanders at 5:00 PM. Freshman Senators Schieffer and Talamantes were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

OPEN FORUM

Full Senators Alex Mulhall from the College of Arts and Sciences and Venkat Madhyanam from the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences were in attendance.

SPECIAL EVENT

University of Wyoming President Dr. Laurie Nichols came to discuss the progress the university has made over the past year and what they are looking forward to in the future. Over the past year, the administration has been excited to work with students in the development of the university's Strategic Plan, with goals surrounding enrollment, retention, graduation rate, involvement, and opportunities for students. They worked to implement a standardized program fee to improve transparency surrounding student fees and include professional advising in every college across campus. The Public Art Initiative and Master Housing Plan were also approved over the past year. Looking to the future, President Nichols is excited about the Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, which will allow students from any major to access classes that could help them build or expand a business in the future. It hopes to embed entrepreneurship minors into several colleges across campus, not just in the College of Business. With the university's budget in recovery, hiring efforts for the fall have begun. Consulting has been underway to determine the university's capacity growth and evaluate what levels tuition should be at. The university can facilitate over 1000 more students on campus without a need to drastically increase resources, so the possibility of lowering out of state tuition to draw more students is being considered. The new tuition level will be proposed to the Board of Trustees in September. The university is also working on a branding and marketing campaign which will hopefully draw in more students who are excited about the University of Wyoming.

COMMUNICATIONS

Advisor McKenna was not in attendance.

Officers

Presiding Officer Sanders reported that at last week's Full Senate meeting the Judicial Council rules were passed, Senate Bills #2605, #2609, and #2611 passed and Senate Bill #2610 was pulled by the author. Multiple RSO events were approved. Next week's full senate meeting will take place in the College of Law courtroom.

Parliamentarian Mooren had no report.

Secretary Ward had no report.

Treasurer Dalman encouraged Freshman Senators to contact him about programming ideas.

Steering Committee Liaison Schieffer was not in attendance.

Ex Officio Communications

President Wetzel was not in attendance.

Vice President Welsh was not in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Steering steered reviewed legislation.

Procedures reviewed legislation.

Programming and Traditions is working on their transition documents.

Student Outreach and Policies reviewed legislation.

ASUW COMMITTEES

Steering had no report.

Academics, Diversity & Policy reviewed legislation,

Student Outreach and Programming made posters for next week's Meet the Candidates event.

RSO Funding Board heard a request from MECha for their Fiesta Primavera, reviewed legislation, and looked at storage locker applications.

Budget & Planning reviewed legislation

Programs & Institutional Development reviewed legislation and heard updates on Non-Traditional Student Council.

OLD BUSINESS

Senate Bill #2612, ASUW By-Laws and Working Documents Revision – Changing the Name of Freshman Senate to First-Year Senate, had its second reading.

Procedures and Student Outreach and Policy made do pass recommendations.

Moved by Freshman Senator Gonzales.

The bill passed 18-0.

Senate Bill #2613, ASUW Constitution Revision – Changing the Name of Freshman Senate to First-Year Senate, had its second reading.

Procedures and Student Outreach and Policy made do pass recommendations.

Moved by Freshman Senator Houghton.

The bill passed 18-0.

Senate Bill #2614, ASUW Senator Requirements Revision, had its second reading.

Procedures made a do pass recommendation and Steering made a do pass recommendation with amendments.

Moved by Freshman Senator Houghton.

Freshman Senator Gonzales moved to remove Procedures from the recommending committees.

The motion to remove Procedures passed by a voice vote.

Freshman Senator Ward moved to amend the bill to require 2 service hours per service period for all senators.

The amendment passed by a voice vote.

The bill passed 17-0-1.

Senate Bill #2615, The Defebaugh Efficiency and Economy of Finance Act.

Freshman Senator Ward moved to table the bill.

The motion to table passed by a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Freshman Senator Mooren moved to approve Corey Vitos and Allison Davis as the recipients of the \$250 Freshman Senate Textbook Scholarship.

The scholarship recipients were approved by a voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advisor Wheeler passed out ballots for Freshman Senator of the Year and a sign-up sheet for tabling for the Rave Guardian app being launched. Student Legal Services will be hosting their

Surviving Slumlords event on Friday at 12 PM in the Senate Chambers. United Multicultural Council will be having their round table meeting in Business 110 for the election of their new officers, and their drag show is on April 21st at 7 PM in the Arts and Sciences Auditorium. The final Freshman Senate meeting of the year will be catered by The Library.

Freshman Senator Gonzales announced that the UMC drag show is in need of volunteers and that Wyoming Public Radio is looking for volunteers.

After processing the meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM. The next regular meeting will be April 10th, 2018 at 5:00 PM in the Senate Chambers Union Room 221.

Lucia Ward
Freshman Senate Secretary

