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# ASUW SENATE MINUTES

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The October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 meeting was called to order by Vice President Mulhall at 7:04 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the mission statement was read, and roll was taken. Ex Officios from Faculty Senate, Non-Traditional Student Council, Student Athlete Advisory Committee, United Multicultural Council, and Union Programs were absent. Senators Garcia, Gunter, and Lyle were absent.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved as circulated.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Senator Conard moved to add Election of a New Parliamentarian under New Business.  
Senator Hungerford seconded.  
Motion passed.

The agenda was approved.

## **OPEN FORUM**

There was no one in the gallery.

## **SPECIAL EVENT**

Jo Chytka and Richard Miller from ACES addressed the Senate with updates to the Professional Advising Plan. The purpose of the plan was to create a holistic, collaborative, integrated, and multidisciplinary approach to registration, degree planning, counseling, financial aid guidance, academics, internships, international experiences, and career preparation. By doing this, they will build relationships between advisors and students. The model for the plan involves putting an Advising Center in every college with ACES serving in an oversight role. Advisors need to complete training on advising policy, curricular issues, aspects of the transition to college, career preparation, and how to overall help students be successful. There are four levels of training: Level 1- Quick Start, Level 2- Advising Essentials, Level 3- ACE Advisor, and Level 4- Specialization and National Best Practices. The timeline started in fall of 2017 when the fees, ARAG Committee, and Advising Plan were approved. They also changed the Undeclared major to an Exploratory Track and got ready to start hiring people. In the summer of 2018, the college advising plans were submitted, the UW Advising Council was formed, the President and Vice Provost approved the budget, nominations for advisors were made, and professional advisors were hired. They also made Level 1 and 2 trainings available. This semester, all of levels of training will be available, and they will be entering into MOUs with all of the colleges. They then explained more about the Advising Council. Its purpose is to ensure accountability and

continued improvement of the advising plan. The budget that was submitted was \$1,474,397, but the current projected cost is only \$1,346,065. This money is spent on salaries and support, and the surplus will be spent according to the Advising Council. A hiring overview was also given; 95% of positions have been filled, and the SER is working on hiring. 18 new Advisors were added and some previous advising positions have been reclassified as managers. The hiring was completed using a combination of student fees and college monies. Two pieces of technology are being utilized to improve the advising process: TimeTrade and Advisortrac. TimeTrade helps students schedule appointments with their advisors, and Advisortrac provides a way to keep track of student use and follow their progress.

They then explained the organization of ACES. It stands for Advising Career, and Exploratory Studies and helps students figure out what they want to do with their degree. After students graduate, ACES asks them to fill out a survey about their post-graduation plans. They have been working to improve student engagement through several platforms. First, SOAR is a new platform that helps students build their skills and resumes. It stands for Service, Opportunities, Acquisition, and Research. Students can download the Suitable app to use SOAR on their phones. EPIC is a platform that helps student prepare for careers, and it stands for Explore, Prepare, Implement, and College to Career. Handshake provides information on jobs and internships.

Senator Hungerford moved to suspend the Abernathy Clause.

Senator Brooks seconded.

Motion passed.

## **RSO FUNDING BOARD REQUESTS**

There were no RSO Funding Board Requests.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Executive Reports**

President Jones reported that the Pilot Hill survey has been sent out to students and will be open until October 11<sup>th</sup>. There are incentives to take it, and they will also be tabling for it. Legislation regarding this purchase will follow soon after. He encouraged the Senators to RSVP to the event Chief of Staff Harris emailed out. It is a meet-and-greet with student government members from Utah State University on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:30 pm. He reported that he is continuing to work with VP Blackburn on developing a survey about the options and commodities in the new residence halls.

Chief of Staff Harris reported that they are still looking for interns for Marketing and RSO relations. The applications are on the website and are open through the rest of the week. She informed the Senators that the last chance to RSVP for the Utah State meet-and-greet is tomorrow at noon. She also reported that Ava Schuster was hired as the Director of Wellness and will be starting tomorrow.

Director of Diversity McVicker has been working on planning events for the Shepard Memorial.

Director of Programming and Events Dia met with IFC and is looking forward to meeting with CPH.

Director of Finance Ditty-Suggs has been outlining the programming timeline for Financial Literacy and Financial Wellness.

Director of Marketing Hu has been working on Senator photos. Any Senators who have not had their picture taken need to email him to set up a time.

Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Houghton reported that Pokes Vote is up and running. It is an organization that encourages students to get out and vote. They need Senators to help table with SLCE and information about important dates can be found on their Facebook. He reported that he, Senator Savage, and Senator Pierson met with Mayor Summerville to talk about sustainability. He encouraged the Senators to reach out to him if they have any projects regarding governmental and community affairs.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Sanders reported that she has been working on the site and scholarships. The website should have all necessary documents, and any Senators that notice that their office hours are not listed correctly should email her. She has been figuring out what scholarships are under her purview, and she passed around a sign-up sheet for the Service Exchange Scholarship Committee. She informed the Senators that she will be attending committee meetings if they are steered Senate Bill 2632 and encouraged them to reach out to her regarding any questions about the bill.

Vice President Mulhall reported that she has been working to finalize University Committees. She asked Senators who haven't heard about their appointments to email her. She has been figuring out the Mandatory Student Fee process and announced that the committee has been formed and will be producing a resolution later this semester. She reminded the Senators that Homecoming is in three weeks and encouraged them to attend events. Volunteering to help SOP with events will count for service hours. She prompted the Senate to sign up for the ASUW group at the Big Event; it is a great chance to help the community and bond with First-Year Senators. Finally, she passed around a sign-up sheet for the Honorary Cowboy Committee.

### **Ex Officio Communications**

College Panhellenic Council reported that they had a dinner with IFC, Dean Chestnut, VP Blackburn, and Jeremy Davis.

First-Year Senate reported that Director of Governmental and Community Affairs Houghton visited them to discuss Pokes Vote and the Pilot Hill Project. Their Procedures Committee is currently working with Student Outreach and Programming on the Residence Halls survey.

Interfraternity Council reported that their kickoff event for Redefining Cowboy Tough will be October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Business Auditorium. They elected a new VP of health and Safety and will be discussing legislation regarding alcohol in the fraternity houses.

International Students Association reported that the Soccer Fiesta was finalized and will be October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Residence Halls had no report.

Staff Senate had no report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Steering met last Friday and steered SB 2632.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy met last week to discuss policies around advocates for sexual assault; they would like to make it an opt-out instead of opt-in program. They continued the discussion on campus composting and will be having a speaker from SLS on October 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss tenant rights.

Budget and Planning did not meet last week, and they will meet this week to discuss Special Projects.

Programs and Institutional Development met last Wednesday to discuss the inclusive access presentation from the previous week.

RSO Funding Board allocated \$500 to the APA and EWB for conference registration fees. They allocated \$400 to Gamma Theta Upsilon for their event Paddling the John Wesley Powell Route.

Student Outreach and Programming listen

Student Wellness Advisory Board is having their first meeting tomorrow at 5:00 pm in Half Acre room 115.

## **COLLEGE CONTACT REPORTS**

Agriculture and Natural Resources reported that they are working on the Donuts with the Dean event.

Arts and Sciences reported the planetarium schedule.

Business reported that they are continuing to work on the Donuts with the Dean event.

Education reported that they had their first office hours last week and are working to get student list serves to spread the word. One of the Senators will be attending the College of Education meeting on Monday.

Engineering and Applied Sciences reported that the JDC had their first meeting last week and 90% RSOs showed up. The RSOs are planning lots of events.

Haub School had a meeting with Mayor Summerville about composting. They will also be attending an event about campus sustainability.

Health Sciences is setting up a second meeting to plan de-stressors.

Law reported that they had office hours last Thursday.

School of Energy Resources reported that they will be meeting with David Bat from 12:00-1:00 pm tomorrow.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

First Reading.

Steered to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Steering.

Election of a New Parliamentarian

Senator Hungerford nominated Senator Swartz.

Senator Conard nominated Senator Herold; he did not accept.

Vice President Mulhall appointed Senator Swartz.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Mueller announced JKirk's report. Glofest was successful with over 750 students in attendance. Ken Jeong will be here on Saturday in the A&S Auditorium and tickets are still available.

Senator Strock announced an UMC update. They met last week with Director of Diversity McVicker and will be having a small resource fair next Monday and Tuesday from 10:00 am-3:00 pm in Simpson's Plaza. They are also helping plan and run the Matthew Shepard Memorial Candlelight Vigil on Friday.

President Jones announced that the Collegiate Chorale is having a free concert on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Buchanan Center.

Senator Hungerford announced that Big Brother Big Sister needs more Bigs, specifically Big Brothers. Sign-ups are on the website, it is a minimum commitment of one year. She also announced that Education majors that need housing for student teaching should go on the Trello board that AD Rush emailed out.

Senator Lane announced that opening night of a play, Below the Knees Above the Navel, is tomorrow night at 7:30 pm. They will run through this weekend and next weekend.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M. The next regular meeting will be October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Senate Chambers Union Room 221.

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\*\* Due to technical difficulties, there was no audio recording of the meeting. Therefore, these minutes are not a completely accurate documentation of the meeting. \*\*

