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# ASUW SENATE MINUTES

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The November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting was called to order by President Pro Tempore Hungerford at 7:04 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the mission statement was read, and roll was taken. Ex Officios from Faculty Senate, Residence Halls, Staff Senate, Student Athlete Advisory Committee, and Union Programs were absent. Senators Garcia, Gruntmeir, Lyle, Mueller, and Van Baalen were absent.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as circulated.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Senator Leyshon moved to add Committee Reports and College Contact Reports.

Senator Strock seconded.

Motion passed.

The agenda was approved.

## OPEN FORUM

Donald O'Toole, President of Faculty, gave Faculty Senate's report. He reported that there will be a No More Campaign meeting to discuss campus climate survey results. They hope to create more programs to actually help students who are sexually assaulted. Faculty Senate is forming a response to Academic Affairs' plan to abolish the Geography Department; they would like student feedback on this issue. He informed the Senate about the plan to dissolve the Biodiversity Institute. President Nicholls announced in July that the unit will be gone by December, despite the unit successfully completing its tasks. Faculty Senate is asking that the University keeps funding the unit until outside donors can be found. There is a regulation coming to Faculty Senate's December meeting regarding the Professor of Practice; they are concerned with this since the new category will not require a degree. Additionally, they do not support the creation of an Executive Professor for the same reason and would ask that they instead be called Academic Administrators. Mr. O'Toole also reported that the Great Colleges survey produced results that showed that University employees are very displeased.

## SPECIAL EVENT

Pilar Flores, Director of Student Educational Opportunity (SEO), addressed the Senate. The SEO is funded through the federal Department of Education and run programs centered on college access and success. The programs can start as early as 6<sup>th</sup> grade and run through grad school and help student prepare for, apply to, enter, and succeed in college. The SEO serves around 6,000 students in Wyoming, as well as their families. The Student Success Services (SSS) is a program

that serves socioeconomically challenged students at UW through intentional and intrusive advising. They aim end generational poverty by establishing a tradition of attending college. Additionally, students can only enter the program if they demonstrate and higher academic need than their peers. The outcomes of the program are very good: students in SSS have a higher first semester GPA than those who qualify for SSS but are not in it, 81% of SSS students are in good academic standing, and graduation rates are significantly higher. There is a big gap between students in SSS and those who qualify but are not in it, and the SSS students' scores are close to UW's average and help them keep financial aid. The SEO's advisors tailor their advising based on personal social, financial, academic, and engagement issues.

## **RSO FUNDING BOARD REQUESTS**

There were no RSO Funding Board requests.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Executive Reports**

President Jones gave a few BOT updates. They approved the major in construction management and the tuition policy that included student success priorities, began a feasibility study on the general studies major, put Union Visioning on hold until December, and had presentations on the Great Colleges survey and the Student Satisfaction survey. President Jones is currently working to prepare for next semester.

Chief of Staff Harris reported that there is a Legislative Listening Session this Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Senate Chambers; all authors, or their designated replacement, have to go. She is working on a resolution with a student about the geography department, so any Senators who are interested in the topic should email her. She has also been updated on the budget process.

Director of Marketing Hu requests that the Senators share the Facebook post about vacancy applications. He would appreciate any ideas for his next video, and he created a Google form for marketing requests. It will be on the site next week and will be the only way he accepts requests.

Director of Programming and Events Dia is working to bring two recipients of the Honorary Cowboy to campus and connect them with departments that they are interested in.

Director of Finance Ditty-Suggs will be out of the office for the week, so all questions should be directed to Chief of Staff Harris.

Director of Wellness and Student Resources Schuster is starting the process for the Child Assistance Scholarship. The applications close on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and she needs one more Senator to serve on the selection committee. It will count as a service hour.

Director of Diversity McVicker reported that tomorrow is the Student Voice Summit. The doors will open at 4:45 pm and the event begins at 5:30 pm. She is helping create a survey regarding diversity on campus, so anyone who would like to submit questions to be included should

contact her before December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dr. Monago will be presenting the results of said survey to the Senate next semester. Nominations for the Willena Stanford Commitment to Diversity Award are to [diversity@uwyo.edu](mailto:diversity@uwyo.edu) by December 21, 2018.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Sanders reported that the scholarships and legislation projects she has been working on are finished. She reminded the Senators that they can turn in legislation by 9:00 am on Friday if they want it to be introduced this semester. Additionally, legislation can be submitted to her over break.

Vice President Mulhall's report was given by President Pro Tempore Hungerford. Vice President Mulhall apologized for not being able to attend the meeting. She reminded the Senators that the Student Voice Summit will count as a service hour. The Mandatory Student Fee Committee met and wrote legislation. Lobbying training will be December 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Senate Chambers. She reminded the Senators to read and understand the legislation so they are prepared for next week's meeting.

Advisor Lozano had no report.

### **Ex Officio Communications**

College Panhellenic Council reported that the new representative is Jaynie Welsh. They finished elections last week.

First-Year Senate reported that they voted on Senate Bill #2637 and did first reading for the other pieces of legislation.

Interfraternity Council reported that they had elections this week. Alpha Sigma Phi will be having their philanthropy event, Pies for Phi, at Mr. Jims Pizza 4:00-9:00 pm on Friday.

Non-Traditional Student Council reported that they are working on recruiting members and effectively reaching out to non-traditional students to help meet their needs. They are planning a holiday event, working on being at orientation on Friday, and planning for spring semester.

International Student Association had no report.

Residence Halls reported that their last meeting is next Wednesday. They are working on a couple pieces of legislation for the halls and with ASUW.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Steering met and steered legislation. They will be working on the Senatorial scholarships.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy reported that they met and discussed legislation.

Budget and Planning reported that they finished up Special Projects but will be hearing appeals this week. They will begin the budget planning tomorrow.

Programs and Institutional Development reported that they decided to prioritize the transportation project given to them by Vice President Mulhall. They also discussed the housing meeting information that was sent out.

RSO Funding Board had no requests so they did not meet.

Student Outreach and Programming reported that Chief of Legislative Affairs Sanders attended their meeting to discuss a speed reading workshop. They discussed their plan for outreach on campus carry and decided to launch a survey over Christmas break. A sign-up sheet was passed around for Finals outreach on December 11.

Student Wellness Advisory Board reported that they will meet next Wednesday from 4:00-5:30 pm.

## **COLLEGE CONTACT REPORTS**

Agriculture and Natural Resources reported that they discussed how they will serve their constituents next semester.

Arts and Sciences had no report.

Business had no report.

Education reported that they are meeting with the Advisory Council tomorrow and are working to meet with Dean Rush to discuss the Geography department issue.

Engineering and Applied Sciences reported that the Senior Design Engineering Introduction presentations are December 5<sup>th</sup> in the Union Ballroom, and they would appreciate any student input.

Haub School had no report.

Health Sciences had no report.

Law had no report.

School of Energy Resource reported that they did their school service project in Cheyenne and got enough signatures to change the title and rezone covenant. Friday is the last Lunch and Learn.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Senate Resolution #2637: Creation of the ASUW Mandatory Student Fee and Tuition Allocation Review Committee

Second Reading.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy gave a do-pass recommendation with amendments.

Steering gave a do-pass recommendation with amendments.

Senator Strock moved to approve Senate Bill #2637.

Senator Pierson seconded.

Senator Herold moved to amend line 5 by striking “will vote” and inserting “voted”

Senator Vetos seconded.

The amendment was taken as friendly.

Senator Herold moved to amend line 6 by striking “in March”

Senator Vetos seconded.

The amendment was taken as friendly.

Senator Herold moved to amend line 16 to read “where half of the 4% tuition increase should be allocated to further student success on campus, thus”

Senator Vetos seconded.

Motion passed.

Senator Herold moved to amend the last sentence of Addendum A Section D Subsection a to read “It shall allocate half of the 4 percent of annual tuition increases to university fee units that it deems will make the most impact on student success.”

Senator Vetos seconded.

Motion passed.

Senator Herold moved to amend the middle section of Addendum A Section D Subsection b to read “It shall recommend the allocation of the funds to any university fee units that are determined to meet the requirement of improving student success.”

Senator Vetos seconded.

The amendment was taken as friendly.

Senator Strock moved to amend line 19 to read “(ASUW) Student Government that Article 2, Section 2.02, Subsection 10D of the ASUW”

Senator Leyshon seconded.

Motion passed.

Motion passed (26-0-0).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Senate Bill #2638: Creation of the ASUW Homecoming Committee

First Reading.

Steered to Student Outreach and Programming; Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy

Senate Bill #2639: Revision of the ASUW Senator Responsibilities

First Reading.

Steered to Steering; Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy

Senate Bill #2640: Revision of RSO Conference Registration Guidelines and Addition of RSO Competition Registration Guidelines

First Reading.

Steered to RSO Funding Board; Budget and Planning

Senate Bill #2641: Special Projects Allocations for Fiscal Year 2019

First Reading.

Steered to Budget and Planning

Senate Resolution #2642: ASUW Recommendation on Proposed Mandatory Student Fee Increases for FY20

First Reading.

Steered to Budget and Planning; Programs and Institutional Development

Senate Bill #2643: Extending Parliamentary Rights to the ASUW Executives

First Reading.

Steered to Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Steering

Senate Bill #2644: Revision of ASUW Guidelines for Ex-Officio Membership

First Reading.

Steered to Steering.

Senator of the Month

Senator Anselmi-Stith nominated Senator Conard.

Senator Conard was chosen as Senator of the Month.

Student-At-Large of the Month

Senator Conard nominated Lucy Ward.

Lucy Ward was chosen as Student-At-Large of the Month.

Election of President Pro Tempore

Senator Trent nominated Senator Wilkins.

Senator Applegate nominated Senator Conard.

Senator Wilkins was elected as President Pro Tempore.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Regnell reminded the Senators to support the football team in their Bowl game.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 P.M. The next regular meeting will be December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Senate Chambers Union Room 221.

Nicole Sanders

