
ASUW SENATE MINUTES

The September 25th, 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 Conard, Cox, Garcia, Leyshon, Rahman, Vetos, and Woodward were absent.

SWEARING IN OF NEW SENATORS

The new Senators were sworn in.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Ex-Officio from First-Year Senate made a friendly amendment to change the spelling of Zetter to Vetter.

The amendment was accepted as friendly.

The minutes were approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated

OPEN FORUM

There was no one in the gallery.

SPECIAL EVENT

The Sustainability Coalition gave a presentation on the UW Waste Audit. They explained that they performed a waste audit to analyze the amount and composition of UW waste to identify potential resolutions and diversions. The process for this audit began in a Haub School class and gained ASUW funding and support through SB 2588. The Sustainability Coalition was formed and came up with the idea of the Waste Audit. They sorted through waste in 15 different trash cans located at the Classroom Building, Union, Washakie Dining Center, and Ross Hall. They then hosted a waste buffet with Washakie and an Earth Day Celebration that included Mt. Trashmore. The Waste Audit showed that 60% of UW's waste can actually be composted in institutional composting. From there, a logistics business class analyzed the different options for composting at UW; they examined an anaerobic digester, the Windrow option, an in-vessel system, and a partnership with the City of Laramie and found that the in-vessel system would be the most feasible option. Due to the large start-up cost of \$300,000, however, the Sustainability

Coalition decided to pursue the partnership with the City of Laramie. This plan is also a good choice because there is already the infrastructure for composting. They reported that Mayor Summerville has already reached out to them about this partnership. The Sustainability Coalition will continue their composting campaign and plans to continue their relationship with ASUW through the Haub School Senator and a potential executive position. They also explained that the Haub School is focused on environment and natural resources and is made up of three parts: academic programs, research and creative activities, and the Ruckelshaus Institute.

Senator Gunter 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 he has begun the discussion on the new Tuition Policy and is planning to start working on the Elections Code. He updated the Senate on what the Board of Trustees has been discussing; the 4% tuition increase for 2019-2020 has been approved, and they would like to see in-state students paying only 9% out of pocket and 75% for out-of-state students. He will be meeting with President Nichols to discuss the new policy. He also provided a BOT update on the Residence Halls. VP Blackburn is working on student surveys and focus groups, and he gave a presentation about the subject to First-Year Senate at their meeting. VP Blackburn is specifically look for input on food services, parking, location of halls, and “Living Learning Communities” for the future Residence Halls. A report is due October 15th, but they will continue to welcome student input.

Chief of Staff Harris reported that all of the Executives were happy to attend the Senate Retreat and are excited to work the Senators. She encouraged the Senators to keep working with the Executives on projects they discussed at the Retreat. She also reiterated that the Senators should reach out to her if they have any projects, and she will point them to an Executive that could best help them. Additionally, she reported that the interviews for the Director of Wellness will be conducted this week, so the Executive Board should be filled by next week.

Director of Marketing Hu is working on updating the website with photos and office hours.

Director of Programming and Events Dia met with the Strategic Partners this week. She has confirmed that there will be two Student Development workshops in October. They will be focused on how to brand yourself.

Chief of Legislative Affairs Sanders reported that she has been working with Senators on setting up office hours. She asked the Senators who have already signed up to email her back about information regarding location and times. She reminded the Senators that they must fill out a service hour form for office hours. She attended the Senate Retreat and announced that she uploaded her legislation presentation and template to Trello. She reported that she is still working on getting more space for the website, so all of the documents can be found on the WyoCourses in the meantime.

Vice President Mulhall reminded the Senators that Thursday at 5:30 pm in the Senate Chambers is the Event Planning Session led by former ASUW Accountant Kristy Issak. All committee chairs and anyone else who will be planning events is required to complete this training; make-up trainings can be scheduled through Vice President Mulhall. First-Year Senate Advisor Ward set up an ASUW group for the Big Event, so you can join by entering in the code 1052E. Vice President Mulhall reminded the Senators to be respectful and professional in their interactions with each other. She asked that the Senators email her at least 24 hours in advance if they will not be attending a meeting and to give a reason for not attending. Informing her of an absence, however, does not guarantee that it will be excused. She reminded the Senators that if they did not attend the Senate Retreat, they will need to make up the Diversity Training. She emphasized that Senators should honor their commitments and expressed her disappointment that so few Senators attended the Retreat.

Advisor Lozano thanked the Sustainability Coalition for an excellent presentation. He urged the senior Senators to act as mentors for the younger ones and encourage them to honor their commitments. He explained that the Oath of Office is made up of all of the Senator requirements, including their duty to uphold their commitments to their constituents. He reported that the Account position will be officially opened tomorrow, and any Senators interested in serving on that search committee should email him.

Ex Officio Communications

College Panhellenic Council reported that they are looking forward to Extension; three chapters will be visiting in October. Kappa Kappa Gamma's philanthropy event is the Kappa Karnival on October 6th.

Faculty Senate's Chair, Donal O'Toole, introduced himself. He reported that Faculty Senate has been working on updating the Uni-Regs per the BOT's request, and they met yesterday to pass a bill in support of the Pilot Hill Purchase. They are hoping that each department will volunteer money to help with that purchase. They have been dealing with some repercussions from the abrupt closing of the Biodiversity Institute over the summer. Chair O'Toole reported that he has personally asked Faculty Senate to discuss improving entrepreneurship at the University and getting a seat at the BOT Executive Sessions. Faculty Senate has also been discussing faulty raises as 80% of faculty salaries were not brought to market value in the recent increases. A survey was conducted among faculty to get their opinions on the University, and it was found that most are happy with their colleagues but not the administration. The results of this survey

will be discussed further at the October 8th Faculty Senate meeting. Chair O'Toole reported that the topics of guns on campus and free speech will be brought up at the next legislative session.

First-Year Senate reported that VP Blackburn attended their weekly meeting to present on the new Residence Halls. The plan is to break ground on the new dorms in the upcoming year. VP Blackburn also informed them that they are looking for student input on housing. First-Year Senate were also informed by President Jones that there will be a parking survey. First-Year Senate is concerned about the cost of the new housing, especially for out-of-state students. Additionally, their committees have met and elected chairs, and they are working with Advisors Ward and Wheeler to develop goals for the year.

Interfraternity Council had no report.

International Students Association met this week to continue planning the Soccer Fiesta and Mid-Semester Costume Party.

Residence Halls reported that they are hosting a cornhole tournament on September 29th from 12:00 pm-2:00 pm.

Staff Senate reported that they had a successful highway clean up last Friday. They will be sending out save-the-dates for the Tri-Senate Social soon, but it will take place on November 2nd with a Game Night theme. They are reviewing Uni-Regs and will be hearing from AVP Durr about the Salary Task Force on October 3rd.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Steering met last Friday and discussed future projects.

Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy met last Wednesday to introduce the First-Year Senators and brainstorm future projects.

Budget and Planning met last week and went over documents Kristy gave them when they met with her. They will continue planning for future projects.

Programs and Institutional Development met last Wednesday to hear a presentation from Jason Mendoza about McGraw-Hill access. They will be meeting in the Big Horn Room 202 from now on.

RSO Funding Board allocated \$500 to SDA, NSBE, ATA, and AICE and \$495 to WSS for conference registration fees. They allocated \$1000 to Friends of Nepal at UW for their event Dashian Celebration and \$361 to Exercise is Medicine on Campus for their event Family Weekend 5k Fun Run.

Student Outreach and Policy reported that they are working on outreach for residence halls, but their main focus is Homecoming.

COLLEGE CONTACT REPORTS

Agriculture and Natural Resources met with their Dean last Friday and have begun planning a Donuts with the Dean event.

Arts and Sciences had no report.

Business reported that their office hours will be the last Monday of every month from 10:00 am-11:00 am in the Business Atrium. They are still working on getting the Donuts with the Dean event planned, and they reported that there will be a job fair in the College of Business tomorrow.

Education reported that they had a good meeting with AD Rush last week and will be attending monthly faculty meetings. They created a Trello board for Phase 3 students to use if they need help with finding housing. Their office hours will be every Friday from 11:00 am-12:00 pm in the Education Annex.

Engineering and Applied Sciences reported that the JDC will be having their first meeting this Thursday at 5 and Senator Leyshon will be attending.

Haub School thanked the Senators for their interest during the Sustainability Coalition presentation and for their continued support. They reported that Solar Fest, a musical festival hosted by the Coalition, will be from 12:20 pm- 5:00 pm on October 13th at the railroad depot.

Health Sciences had no report.

Law reported that they set up office hours in law school library.

School of Energy Resources reported that they had their first office hours. The college hosted a resume workshop to prepare for job fairs, and the pollinator garden went well yesterday.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

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There was no New Business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Mulhall announced that the Equality State Policy Center, in partnership with the Stop Violence Program and the Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, is hosting SHAPE #MeToo on October 6th from 10:00 am-3:00 pm. This even is also registered with SOAR.

Chief of Staff Harris announced that the ASUW Office will be giving away old school supplies in the breezeway all day tomorrow and Thursday.

Advisor Lozano announced that CSIL is working on new policies, and one of them is that Union meeting rooms will always be locked. Senators will need to go to the Information Desk before their meetings to have a Union employee unlock the room.

Senator Strock announced the Library Open Education Symposium will be October 4th. It is focused on providing a resources tool that lets Faculty get all of their course materials digitally and for free. The key note lunch will be from 12:00-1:30 pm, and the student session will be from 3:45-4:15pm in Coe 123. He announced that UMC is grateful for the help they received with the armbands, and the applications for officers and interns are open and posted on the website and Facebook. They are due at 5:00 pm on Friday. UMC is also working with ASUW and the Shepard Memorial Group to host a candlelight vigil on October 12th. The regular officer meetings are Thursdays from 4:00-5:00 pm in Classroom 209; Senators are welcome, but UMC asks that Senators inform UMC if they will be attending.

Senator Mueller reported that JKirk is asking for students to participate in their debate over Hocus Pocus and Halloweentown by voting in their office.

Senator Wilkins announced that the Senators should sign up for the Big Event since it will be a great time to bond with the First-Year Senators.

Senator Hungerford announced that the school facilities ratio change did not pass due to an overall negative response from the state.

After processing, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M. The next regular meeting will be October 2nd, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Senate Chambers Union Room 221.

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