

ASUMW Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2020

Call to order

Roll Call

Present: Brock Doty, Jacob Kunze, Laci Wiggins, Teagan Miller, Maggie Dean, Chloe Hanser, Megan Tews, Jacob Christenson, Sydni Rogers, John Schladweiler, Scott Davies, Breanna Humphrey, McKenna Kindel, Jordan LeCompte, Katelynn Peterson, AbiGaile Randolph, Shelby Smith, Keeley Fitzgerald, Lola Else, Nicole Hazelbaker, Janelle Handlos, Jenny McNulty.

Absent: Jessica Weber

Approval of Minutes:

Senator Roger moved to approve meeting minutes. Seconded by Senator Wiggins.

Amendments and Changes to Agenda:

None

Guest Speakers:

Janelle Handlos

Shared proposals from class project regarding recreation and fitness. Senate agree to assist Handlos with the review of the proposals.

Provost Jenny McNulty

*McNulty introduced herself to senate stating her role on campus as Provost and Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs. Asked for questions or concerns from senate.

*Senator Davies asked about Covid response. McNulty explained the difficult tasks that have been handed to universities during the pandemic.

*Senator Wiggins asked about spring schedule finalizations and changes. Provost McNulty explained the process of creating the spring schedule and the request of BOR to use scheduled spring break as instructional time.

*Senator Smith reported results of a survey of students taken by RA's noting that many students in residence halls have expressed concern and have indicated they will leave or transfer. Provost McNulty noted that the SEA is putting out a survey to students in the upcoming weeks.

*McNulty asked for input on a possible Block 9 to help students catch up or make-up lost class time due to Covid schedule changes or quarantine/isolation. Senators expressed concerns over affordability, class availability, etc.

*Senator Christenson noted that many horse/rodeo students have concerns over fees that will be assessed to stay in the dorms after Thanksgiving as they have horses to care for. Noted that students are concerned about cost of staying in Dillon to care for horses. McNulty noted that there would be no extra fees assessed until December 16, which is customary.

*Provost McNulty asked about ideas for a possible Halloween event. Concerns from senate about late notice as most students already have plans. Students asked if this type of event sends the wrong message about keeping gatherings to less than 10.

New Student Concerns/Comments:

Senator Wiggins noted that several students have noted new fees on their bills. Dean Hazelbaker said students can ask about the fees and administration can look into the fees on a case-by-case basis, as there are not supposed to be any new fees, as they have not been passed through Board of Regents.

Senator Randolph noted that students have complained about the dorms being cold. Noted that she advised students to talk to their RA. VP Kunze also noted he would bring the issue to Mike Piazzola.

Position Reports:

President Doty

Announced Iola Else as the new Faculty Advisor.

Vice-President Kunze

Reported that the X-1 Grant process is open, although there have not been any applications as of yet.

Office Manager

Commended students on their hard work and commitment to UMW during the first few blocks.

Advisor

Iola Else introduced herself to the senate. Noted that she is excited to work with ASUMW and UMW students in this new capacity.

Activities

Senator Wiggins asked for help with the Halloween Costume Contest. Senator Rogers volunteered to help judge the contest.

Intramurals

None

Old Business:

X-1 Grants

ASUMW decided to extend the deadline for another week due to lack of applicants.

Radio Station

President Doty noted that he has received several comments from faculty and staff regarding the station. Stated that the correspondence he has received from students is not in favor of keeping the radio station. Stated that in the end it is up to the students to decide how they want their fees spent. Further added that students continue to advocate for defunding of the station citing lack of use and cost as deciding factors.

New Business:

None

Committee Reports

None

Fulfilling the Promise of X-1

None

Recognition of Accomplishment Across University

None

Announcements

None

Adjournment

Move to adjourn by Senator Wiggins. Seconded by Senator Rogers.