

SENATE RESOLUTION #1470

Title: ASUW Political Advocacy Funding Proatorium

Introduced: September 14, 1984

Thesis: Maintaining the neutrality of the ASUW Senate

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1. Whereas the ASUW Senate, as the students they are elected to represent,
2. is a body that does not subscribe to any one particular political
3. philosophy, ideology, party or cause; Whereas the President, Vice
4. President, and the Senators of the ASUW campaign in a non-partisan manner,
5. are elected to non-partisan offices, and are expected to perform their
6. duties in a non-partisan fashion, and Whereas, Section 10, Paragraph A
7. of the ASUW by-laws states that fees should be distributed "according to
8. the ASUW Finance Policy, to promote the educational, professional, cultural,
9. social and athletic activities of its members" - not to promote the
10. political views of any one student organization or those of the majority
11. of Senators. Whereas, currently, in the judicial system of the United
12. States, there is litigation that questions the practice of many universities
13. with regard to the distributing of student funds to organizations
14. representing any political philosophy, ideology, party or cause because
15. this practice may be in conflict with the students constitutional rights
16. to freedom of association guaranteed by the First Amendment. Whereas,
17. it should be the policy of the ASUW Senate to remain neutral and 'apolitical'
18. when it exercises its power to endorse an organization or its activities

19. through financial means or when the Senate considers legislation that
 20. directly benefits a student organization, so that the ASUW Senate will
 21. not be forcing students to support a political philosophy, ideology,
 22. party or cause which he or she may not agree with simply because the
 23. student paid their fees. Therefore, Be it resolved by the Student
 24. Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming that in
 25. no instance shall ASUW administered funds be granted, loaned, or otherwise
 26. ~~expended~~ ^{dispersed} to any recognized or unrecognized organization whose existence
 27. or motivation is in the interest of, either partially or fully, any
 28. political ~~philosophy~~, ~~ideology~~, party or cause nor should the ASUW
 29. Senate give any such organization its approval to use the UW fee
 30. collection procedure to finance the organization or its activities.
 31. Be it also resolved by the Student Senate of the Associated Students
 32. of the University of Wyoming that the Senate shall monitor its ~~own~~
 33. activities [~~as well as those of the Activities Council~~] to ensure that
 34. student fees are not used to aid any political ~~philosophy~~, ideology,
 35. party, or cause.¹

Referred to:

Committee of the Whole 9/18/84 *Steering No Recommendation* 9/25/84
Do not Pass *Student Organization*

Date of Passage:

Signed:

ASUW Senate Chairperson

"Being enacted on _____, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
 approve this Senate action." _____ ASUW President

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