

SENATE BILL #1673

Title: Community Service Funding

Date: January 29, 1990

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Sponsors: Senators Baunach, Callahan and Candalaria

1. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming is an integral part of the Laramie
2. community and the surrounding area;
3. WHEREAS, community service and volunteerism is an essential part of
4. personal growth and development in an individual's college career and
5. professional life;
6. WHEREAS, student support and interest in community service is evident
7. through the participation in present community service projects, which
8. include, "Realizing Everyone's Abilities, Care for the Handicapped"
9. (REACH) and PALS;
10. WHEREAS, according to petitions collected by the ASUW Activities'
11. volunteers, students believe "community service benefits both the
12. community and the students;" and they are in favor of funding
13. community service, provided student fees are not increased;
14. WHEREAS, this program is available to the entire student body, and
15. ASUW shall seek to allocate funds for student programs and activities
16. that will be available to the majority of the student body, for
17. the specific purpose of supporting programs of benefit to the student
18. community;
19. WHEREAS, the ASUW Judicial Council has ruled that ASUW monies may be
20. used to support a Community Service Program.
21. THEREFORE, be it enacted that a Community Services Committee be

22. supported and funded by ASUW and that the Community Services budget be
23. included in the ASUW Activities' budget request.

Referred to: Judicial Branch, then Committee of the Whole

Date of Passage: March 19, 1991

Signed: *Carolyn R. Heen*

ASUW Chairperson

"Being enacted on 3/26/91, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action."

David R. Miller
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March 19, 1991

TO: ASUW Senate
FROM: David R. Miller *DRM*
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SUBJECT: DAVE'S COMMUNITY SERVICES/ACTIVITIES PACKAGE

After a year of experimenting, some constructive meetings between my Executive staff and our ASUW Activities staff, and a Judicial Council Opinion, I am ready to make my recommendations to you regarding Community Services.

The first question that had to be resolved was whether or not funding a program such as this was legal under ASUW Constitution and Finance Policy. I am of the belief that it is appropriate to spend ASUW monies on this program if a substantial number of student volunteers are benefitting from the Program. Judicial Opinion No. 91-01 supports this stance. (See page 2 of attached Opinion).

The remaining questions about the creation of the program surround the reporting and budgetary structure of Community Services. I feel the rest of ASUW Activities committees and similar programs should be addressed at the same time in an effort to clear up any misconceptions surrounding the budgetting and supervision/advising of ASUW Activities' Committees.

In an attempt to do this I feel the Senate should address three areas. These include increasing the role of SAAB, adding to the ex-officio membership of SAAB, and cleaning up the appointment procedure of ASUW Activities Committee Chairs and Commissioners.

First, I feel that SAAB should increase its role in advising ASUW Activities. I believe that SAAB should be involved in the formulation, development and presentation of the ASUW Activities budget request. If SAAB is specifically directed to perform this function, the communication and liaison link between Activities and Senate will be strengthened. This additional responsibility is in line with SAAB's role as described in the Constitution.

Second, in an effort to eliminate current communication problems I am recommending the addition of three ex-officio, non-voting members to SAAB. I believe the ASUW Business Manager, the University Activities Coordinator, and one member of the Executive Branch should serve on SAAB. This does not change the voting membership of SAAB.

Third, I believe we need to clean up the appointment procedure. The Senate did not approve appointments of either the Committee Chairs or the Commissioners. In accordance with ASUW Constitution and Judicial Opinion No. 91-01 the Senate must approve any appointment that is charged with implementing anything. While I informed you three times in writing of my commissioner appointments, I can't find any record of a Senate vote of approval. I can find no record of approval of current Committee Chairs either. My recommendation to you is to implement a procedure such as this.

- 1) SAAB and the Activities Committees develop a list of Committee Chairs and/or Commissioners (titles may vary).
- 2) SAAB then sends list to ASUW President for review.
- 3) ASUW President presents the list of appointments to the Senate for approval.

I believe this procedure to be sound in that it includes all parties involved. The Activities Committees, the ASUW Program Specialists (by virtue of sitting on SAAB), Senate and Vice President (by V.P. appointments to SAAB and ultimate approval), and the Executive Branch (by reviewing and recommending the appointments to the Senate).

In addition to all of this, I think it would be constructive if the President and Vice President dedicate part of their Summer internship this Summer to working with Gregg Heinselmann and our Activities staff in developing job descriptions for Committee Chairs and Commissioners, and specific charges for Activities Committees.

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