

**SENATE BILL #2095**

**Title: Integration of the ASUW Vice President into the Executive Branch**

**Date: November 8, 2004**

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**Sponsors: Senators Chollak, Cochran, Hernandez, Jordan, Rising, Executive Sporkin-Morrison**

1. WHEREAS, the election code adopted by the ASUW Senate in the Spring of
2. 2004 established a process whereby the ASUW President and Vice President
3. run together as a part of one ticket; and
4. WHEREAS, the ticket system has proven to be a successful method in
5. determining the executive offices for the ASUW; and
6. WHEREAS, the current structure of the ASUW student government places
7. the President in the Executive branch and the Vice President in the Legislative
8. branch; and
9. WHEREAS, the Vice President should more properly be located in the
10. Executive branch; and
11. WHEREAS, a potential for abuse exists when one branch has power of
12. appointment over another without including the affected branch in that
13. process; and
14. WHEREAS, placing the ASUW Vice President in the Executive branch
15. necessitates a change in the procedures for making committee appointments.
16. THEREFORE, be it enacted that Article V of the ASUW Constitution be
17. amended to integrate the Vice President into the Executive branch in
18. accordance with the language included in Addendum A; and

19. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the ASUW Constitution, Article IV  
20. be amended to remove the language which places the Vice President in the  
21. Legislative branch in accordance with the language included in Addendum  
22. B; and  
23. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the ASUW By-Laws be amended to  
24. remove the language written in Article II, Sections 1, 2, and 3, and transfer it  
25. into Article I, Sections 5, 6, and 7, in accordance with Addendum C; and  
26. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the ASUW By-Laws, Article II,  
27. Section 10.A.6.a be amended in accordance with Addendum D.

**Referred to:** Elections Committee

**Date of Passage:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(ASUW Chairperson)

**“Being enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, I do hereby sign my name hereto and  
approve this Senate action.”** \_\_\_\_\_  
ASUW President

*1st reading 11/14/04  
withdrawn by sponsor 1/11/05*

## **Addendum A**

### **New Language in Bold**

#### ARTICLE V

##### ASUW Executive Branch

The ASUW President, **the ASUW Vice President**, and such assistants as may, from time to time, be approved by the Legislative branch to assist the President and such assistants as may, from time to time be appointed by the Vice President to assist the Vice President, will constitute the Executive branch. The ASUW President shall have the duty and accompanying authority to represent, promote, and pursue, in behalf of the ASUW, those programs and objectives of the ASUW as such relate to the welfare of students at the University and as such are approved by the duly elected student representatives of the ASUW Legislative branch. As well, the ASUW President shall, on behalf of the ASUW, exercise such discretion or authority as may be delegated by the ASUW Legislative branch in order to facilitate timely ASUW representation in decision-making and program effectuation.

## **Addendum B**

**Language to be removed is in bold**

Current language:

### ARTICLE VI

#### ASUW Legislative Branch

The Legislative Branch of the ASUW shall consist of the **ASUW Vice President and a student senate, which shall be made up of the** student senators annually elected by the ASUW membership. All legislative powers of the ASUW shall be vested in the ASUW Student Senate.

New language would read:

### ARTICLE VI

#### ASUW Legislative Branch

The Legislative Branch of the ASUW shall consist of the student senators annually elected by the ASUW membership. All legislative powers of the ASUW shall be vested in the ASUW Student Senate.

## **Addendum C**

### **Language to be moved from By-Laws, Article II, sections 1, 2, and 3 to Article I, sections 5, 6, and 7**

Specific authorities and responsibilities of the ASUW Vice President include the following:

- A. Working with the Executive staff and organizing and coordinating ASUW Committees in effecting better legislation and attaining student goals.
- B. The Vice president shall serve as chairperson of the ASUW Senate. He may not participate in debate unless he first relinquishes the chair to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- C. The Vice President may vote on any matter only in the event of a tie.
- D. The Vice President, with the advice of the President and the consent of the ASUW Senate, shall appoint and may remove for cause, all members of the ASUW Standing and Special Committees.
- E. The Vice President may, with the advice of the President and the consent of the ASUW Senate, appoint chairpersons of the ASUW Standing and Special Committees.
- F. With the advice and approval of the ASUW Legislative Branch, the Vice President may appoint one (1) executive assistant to assist with the Vice President's responsibilities.
- G. The Vice President shall be in charge of maintaining a permanent, public record of all formal actions and business of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of ASUW.
- H. Administering the oath of office to all ASUW Senate members.
- I. His presence during the summer for participation in the ASUW vice presidential internship.

The ASUW Vice President shall serve as:

- A. Chairman of the ASUW Steering Committee, without vote except in the case of a tie.
- B. A voting member of the Wyoming Union Board.
- C. Chairperson of the University Board for Student Appeals.
- D. A member of any University Board or Committee as requested by a department head or administrator of the University community.

The ASUW Vice President shall be provided with compensation commensurate with the duties of his office, and not to be increased or decreased during his term of office.

## Addendum D

### Proposed changes to language of ASUW By-Laws, Article II, Section 10.A.6.a – Steering Committee

#### New language in bold

#### Section 10. Senate Committees:

- A. In order to provide continuity in ASUW activities and business along with providing a mechanism for timely participation by the ASUW in University processes, the following permanent ASUW Senate committees are established:
  6. ASUW Steering Committee:
    - a. Purpose. The Committee shall provide coordination for the various issues, legislative activities, and program involvements of the ASUW Executive and Legislative branches, and serve to pursue ASUW recommendations and actions that are referred to, or require action by the University Trustees, the faculty, or administrative units of the University.
    - b. Powers. The Committee shall refer proposed ASUW legislation to ASUW standing or special committees for specified action or recommendation prior to final consideration by the Senate. Further, the Committee may recommend the procedure for implementing consideration of ASUW decision, actions, or legislation after final action by the Senate, and the committee shall provide regular reports to the Senate on the status or final outcome of all matters that require action by officials outside of the ASUW. **The Committee shall assist the Vice president in the appointment of members to all ASUW Standing Committees.**
    - c. Composition. The Committee shall consist of the ASUW Vice President, who shall serve as chairperson; the ASUW President; the ASUW Executive Assistants, who shall serve in an ex-officio capacity; the ASUW President Pro Tempore; the ASUW Parliamentarian; the ASUW Sergeant at Arms; two (2) ASUW Senators; and the ASUW Advisor.