

SENATE RESOLUTION #2104

Title: **Establishing a Tuition Philosophy at the University of Wyoming**

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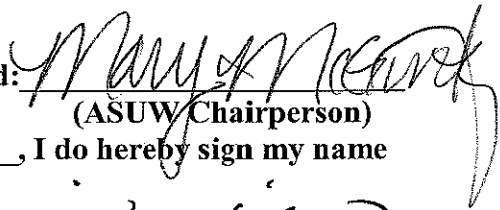
1. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming currently has no established
2. institutional philosophy guiding the cost of tuition; and
3. WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)
4. recognizes that tuition benchmarks are crucial to providing students with a
5. justification for future tuition adjustments; and
6. WHEREAS, Section 97-7-016 of the Wyoming State Constitution calls for
7. tuition at the University of Wyoming to be “nearly free as possible”; and
8. WHEREAS, a tuition philosophy as established by the Board of Trustees will
9. assist University officials in establishing reasonable tuition adjustments in the
10. future; and
11. WHEREAS, a tuition philosophy including components that take into account
12. the cost of tuition, the percentage median family income, the cost of
13. educational and general expenses and the relative proportion of unmet
14. financial needs of students at comparator institutions will guarantee that
15. University officials maintain the affordability of tuition at the University of
16. Wyoming.
17. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Associated Students of the University of
18. Wyoming that ASUW encourages the Trustees of the University of Wyoming

19. to enact an institutional tuition philosophy that focuses on maintaining the
20. affordability of tuition at the University of Wyoming; and
21. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Senate endorses the
22. tuition philosophy proposal being presented at the March 2005 Board of
23. Trustees meeting; and
24. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that ASUW encourages the Trustees of
25. the University of Wyoming to accept a tuition philosophy that includes in
26. writing Section 97-7-016 of the Wyoming State Constitution (as shown in
27. Addendum A) in the current tuition proposal as a reminder to University
28. officials that there already exists a tuition philosophy established by the
29. State of Wyoming; and
30. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Issues
31. Committee continue to be involved in any evaluations on the established
32. tuition philosophy conducted by the University of Wyoming Administration.

Referred to: no referral

Date of Passage: March 1, 2005

Signed:


(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on March 2, 2005, I do hereby sign my name

hereto and approve this Senate action.”


ASUW President

ADDENDUM A

Section 97-7-016 of the Wyoming State Constitution

97-7-016. Tuition free.

The university shall be equally open to students of both sexes, irrespective of race or color; and, in order that the instruction furnished may be as nearly free as possible, any amount in addition to the income from its grants of lands and other sources above mentioned, necessary to its support and maintenance in a condition of full efficiency shall be raised by taxation or otherwise, under provisions of the legislature.