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SENATE BILL #2511

TITLE: ASUW Implementation of a One-Year Senatorial Scholarship Program Trial

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SPONSORS: Senators Drake, Hanson, Krell, Maze, Rotellini, and Thomson-Lichty; SAL
Wetzel



1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Student Government of the Associated Students of the
2. University of Wyoming (ASUW) is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible;
3. and,
4. WHEREAS, both present and past ASUW Steering Committees have had limited means of
5. maintaining accountability within the Senate membership; and,
6. WHEREAS, a higher level of accountability would make the ASUW Student
7. Government more effective at advocating for and serving our fellow students; and,
8. WHEREAS, the addition of an alternative corrective measure would give the Steering
9. Committee more flexibility in response to Senatorial Duties of Office not being met in
10. varying degrees; and,
11. WHEREAS, a low ASUW Senator retention rate has continued to inhibit the ASUW Student
12. Senate from fulfilling its representative duties to the highest possible degree; and,
13. WHEREAS, ASUW Student Senators share the same financial concerns and constraints as
14. any college student; and,
15. WHEREAS, these financial preconditions could prohibit some students from pursuing a
16. position in the ASUW Student Senate; and,
17. WHEREAS, a Student Government is most effective when its elected representatives come

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18. from diverse backgrounds and are able to dedicate a significant amount of time to the service
19. of their constituents; and,
20. WHEREAS, the ASUW Reserve has a current balance of \$267,613.42; and,
21. WHEREAS, the ASUW Budget Act for the 2017 Fiscal Year currently includes \$22,500.00
22. to be spent from the ASUW Reserve; and,
23. WHEREAS, pending the passage of the ASUW Budget Act for the 2017 Fiscal Year, the
24. ASUW Reserve would have an expendable balance of \$245,113.42.
25. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
26. (ASUW) Student Government that an ASUW Senatorial Scholarship program trial be
27. implemented for the 104th Administration of the ASUW Student Government as outlined in
28. Addendum A; and,
29. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that without further legislative action by the ASUW
30. Student Senate, this trial program will end at the conclusion of Fiscal Year 2017; and,
31. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that \$6400.00 be allocated from the ASUW Reserve to
32. fund this trial program in its entirety; and,
33. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the ASUW Steering Committee shall be charged
34. with the review and maintenance of this trial program.

Referred to: B&P

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Signed: 

(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on 4/21/2016

, I do hereby sign my name hereto and

approve this Senate action." 

ASUW President

Addendum A

Guidelines for ASUW Senatorial Scholarship Trial

Preamble

In an effort to increase Senatorial retention and efficacy, investigating possible alternative means of accountability, as well as enhancing access to Senatorial positions to those who might otherwise be unable to participate, a trial program shall be instituted to determine what magnitude a Senatorial scholarship program will serve these goals. This trial shall operate in accordance with the guidelines set forth in this document.

Scholarship Outline

- A. Senators serving in the ASUW Student Senate shall be eligible to receive a total scholarship of \$200.00 for their academic year of service.
- B. Senators serving in the position of chair of one of the Standing Committees of the ASUW Student Senate shall be eligible to receive an additional \$50.00 for their academic year of service.
- C. Half of each Senator's scholarship shall be awarded at the end the Fall Semester, contingent upon the successful and satisfactory completion of the respective Senator's duties of office, as outlined in the ASUW By-Laws and determined by the ASUW Steering Committee.
- D. Half of each Senator's scholarship shall be awarded at the end of the Spring Semester, contingent upon the successful and satisfactory completion of the respective Senator's duties of office, as outlined in the ASUW By-laws and determined by the ASUW Steering Committee.
- E. If a Senator has filled a vacancy, they are eligible to receive a proportion of that semester's half of the scholarship in proportion to the number of ASUW Student Senate meetings in which they were in attendance as a sworn member of the Senate, compared to the number of total Senate meetings in that semester.

Enforcement

- A. Throughout the course of this trial, the ASUW Steering Committee will be charged with reviewing the Senatorial scholarship each semester.
- B. If a Senator has been found to have failed to adequately fulfill his or her duties for that semester, the ASUW Steering Committee shall, with the advice and consent of the Dean of Students or designee, have the authority to withhold part or all of that Senator's scholarship to be awarded for that semester.
 - a. If such a decision is made for the Fall Semester, it would not automatically preclude that Senator from receiving any portion of the half of the scholarship they are eligible for in the Spring Semester.
- C. If a Senator who would receive a scholarship as part of this trial resigns or is removed from office in any way, they will be ineligible to receive any forthcoming scholarship money.

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- a. There will be no expectation that a Senator who resigns or is removed from office in the Spring Semester will be liable for the portion of the scholarship awarded in the preceding Fall Semester.

Duration and Review

- A. This trial shall be in effect until the end of Fiscal Year 2017. This trial shall not continue, in any form, without further legislative action of the ASUW Student Senate.
- B. This trial may be terminated at any time through legislative action of the ASUW Student Senate.
- C. For the duration of the trial, the ASUW Steering Committee shall be responsible for the constant review and assessment of this trial.
 - a. The ASUW Steering Committee shall make regular reports (no less than one per month) to the ASUW Student Senate as to the status of the trial and the ASUW Steering Committee's thoughts on the efficacy and value of the scholarship trial.
 - b. The ASUW Steering Committee shall also be charged with exploring possible methods of funding this program should the ASUW Steering Committee find that this program should be continued after the end of the trial.
 - i. Mandatory student fee dollars shall not be a possible method of funding a full Senatorial Scholarship program.
 - c. The ASUW Steering Committee shall submit an End of the Year Report on the outcomes of the program, whether it assisted in attaining the goals of the trial, and the possible methods of funding a full Senatorial Scholarship program.