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SENATE BILL #2582

TITLE: ASUW Senate Vacancy Procedures Revision
DATE INTRODUCED: November 14, 2017
AUTHOR: Senator Defebaugh
SPONSORS: Senator Kennedy and Rubino



1. WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) Student Government to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible
3. through accurate representation; and,
4. WHEREAS, recent changes to the ASUW By-laws and ASUW Standing Committees
5. nullified the current procedures in place to fill college vacancies on the ASUW Senate; and,
6. WHEREAS, the ASUW Senate functions at its best when it maintains maximum
7. representation from the colleges; and,
8. WHEREAS, year-round ASUW maintains the same election software used in the general
9. election every year in the spring that allows colleges to vote on their representation in a fair
10. and equally accessible manner; and,
11. WHEREAS, vacancies that arise throughout the year should be handled in a manner
12. consistent with the general election to promote democratic values;
13. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
14. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW By-Laws be amended to reflect the changes in
15. Addendum A; and,
16. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that upon passage of this Senate Bill, the changed
17. reflected in Addenda A and B take effect on January 1, 2018.

Referred to: Senate Vacancy

Date of Passage: 12/5/17 Signed: Mupie Ween
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on December 8th, 2017, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action.”

Benjamin P. Ween
ASUW President

Addendum A

ARTICLE IV Vacancy of Office

Section 1. Procedure for filling vacancies of Executive officers between elections:

- A. Upon the resignation, permanent absence, or incapacity of the President, the Vice President shall become president.
- B. Upon the resignation, permanent absence, or incapacity of the Vice President, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall become Vice President.
- C. Upon the resignation, permanent absence, or incapacity of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Senate Parliamentarian shall become the President Pro Tempore.
- D. Upon the resignation, permanent absence, or incapacity of the aforementioned members of ASUW, the following order of offices shall assume the executive responsibilities until a special election within the senate will be held to fill the open position with current senators;
 - i. Senate Sergeant at Arms
 - ii. Senate Marshal
 - iii. Chief of Staff
- E. Any further line of succession may be outlined by the President and approved by the ASUW Senate within the first four (4) senate meetings of that ASUW Administration.

Section 2. Procedure for filling Senate vacancies between elections:

- A. Upon the resignation, permanent absence or incapacity of any Senator, the senatorial candidate from the college who was eliminated last according to the instant-runoff in the preceding election shall fill the vacancy.
 - i. In accordance with the ASUW Elections Policy, senators terminated from their senate seats due to a change in college shall be placed subsequent to all other candidates from the preceding election of the college to which they change.
- B. The ASUW Vice President will notify the person with the next highest number of votes as soon as a Senator's resignation, permanent absence or incapacity takes place. The person notified will have two school days to accept or refuse the Senate position. Upon acceptance, the person will be sworn in at the next ASUW Senate meeting. In the event of refusal, the same procedure will be followed with the next available candidate. This process will include write-in candidates, if applicable.
- C. ~~In the event that~~If a vacancy occurs and the list of eligible candidates from the preceding Election has been exhausted, Steering Committee will direct an ASUW Executive to will begin an application and interview-election process to fill the vacant seat.
 - i. As soon as possible after the vacancy occurs, a call for applicants will be made to the affected College with the application period lasting two (2) weeks from the time of initial notice.
 - ii. At the close of the application period, ~~Steering Committee, with the aid of the ASUW Adviser,~~ will review the applications for a candidates eligibility ~~(see ASUW Elections Policy.)~~as stipulated by the ASUW Election Policy.

- iii. All those meeting initial eligibility requirements will be contacted ~~with an interview time~~ and given the official guidelines and timeline of the vacancy election.
- iv. ~~Interviews will be conducted no later than two (2) weeks after the close of the application period. Candidates will have one full week to campaign within their respective college. All allocations for campaigning shall not exceed \$50.00 with a expense report being delivered to the ASUW main office the Tuesday following the voting period.~~
- iii.v. Senate Vacancy Elections will be held in a respective college for one day, 8am to 5pm, to all students in a college eligible to vote, in a manner consistent with the ASUW Election Policy.
- iv. ~~After all interviews have been conducted, Steering Committee will debate and vote on which candidate shall be granted the seat. If no candidate receives a majority, then all but the two leading candidates are removed from consideration, and a second vote is taken.~~
- vi. The ~~Steering Chairperson~~ ASUW Vice President will notify the chosen applicant candidate as soon as possible after ~~a decision~~ an election concludes has been made. Upon acceptance, the candidate will be sworn in at the next ASUW Senate Meeting.
- vii. All Senate Vacancy elections shall follow the above outlines procedures, and adhere as closely as possible to the policies outlined in the ASUW Elections Policy.