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SENATE BILL #2606



TITLE: Revisions to the Senate Vacancy Procedures
DATE INTRODUCED: March 6, 2018
AUTHOR: Executive Harris
SPONSORS: Senator Mulhall, Conard, Delany, and Herold

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, Senate Bill #2582 revised the senate vacancy procedure to run elections in
5. colleges as the positions become available; and,
6. WHEREAS, Senate Bill #2582 did not take into account the general election and the
7. potential it creates to have multiple elections happening simultaneously as well as
8. simultaneous campaigning, which can confuse constituents;
9. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
10. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW By-Laws be amended to reflect the changes in
11. Addendum A.

Referred to: Student Outreach and Programming

Date of Passage: 3/20/2018 Signed: [Signature]
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on March 22nd, 2018, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action.” [Signature]
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. 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 begin an application and 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, the ASUW Adviser, will review the applications for a candidates eligibility as stipulated by the ASUW Election Policy.
 - iii. All those meeting initial eligibility requirements will be contacted and given the official guidelines and timeline of the vacancy election.

- iv. 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.
- 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.
- vi. The ASUW Vice President will notify the chosen candidate as soon as possible after an election concludes. Upon acceptance, the candidate will be sworn in at the next ASUW Senate Meeting.
- vii. This system will not be used once applications for the general election open.
- viii. 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.

