



SENATE BILL #2671

TITLE: Defining Parliamentary Rights for the ASUW Executive Branch

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SPONSORS: Senators Mulhall, Trent, Titus, and Woodward; Chief of Legislative Affairs Hoversland

1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) Student Government is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,
3. WHEREAS, the passage of Senate Bill 2659 (SB 2659) established a clear definition of
4. parliamentary rights for Students-At-Large (SALs) in the ASUW By-Laws; and,
5. WHEREAS, the purpose of this bill was to make the Senate environment more accessible
6. and efficient for authors of legislation who are not members of the ASUW Senate; and,
7. WHEREAS, the 107th Administration strongly advocates for the Legislative Branch to
8. be the main conduit for legislative action through the ASUW Senate, but recognizes that
9. Executives will have various initiatives and projects that may include legislative action; and,
10. WHEREAS, past administrations have only given the ASUW Executive Branch speaking
11. rights; and,
12. WHEREAS, speaking rights do not always create the most efficient process for members
13. of the ASUW Executive Branch to participate in discussion of legislation they authored; and,
14. WHEREAS, it is important for authors of legislation to provide their insight on their
15. legislation; and,
16. WHEREAS, granting the parliamentary rights afforded to SALs to Executives would create
17. a more smooth and efficient environment on the floor; and,
18. WHEREAS, the limits in Addendum A will keep Executives from abusing these rights when

19. they are speaking on legislation they did not author; and,
20. WHEREAS, the Vice President and members of the Senate have the ability to keep debate
21. germane and the Vice President can take measures to keep Executives from abusing these
22. rights; such as revoking rights or removing a speaker from the Chambers; and,
23. WHEREAS, this process would not allow for members of the ASUW Executive Branch
24. to have these parliamentary rights outside of their designated time.
25. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
26. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW By-Laws be amended to reflect the changes
27. in Addendum A; and,
28. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes take effect immediately upon passage.

Referred to: Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Steering

Date of Passage: 10/08/2019 **Signed:** 

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 10/09/2019 **, I do hereby sign my name hereto and**
approve this Senate action.” 

ASUW President

Addendum A

Article 1. Legislative Branch

7. Ex-Officio Membership

A. Representatives' Rights and Responsibilities

- a. The ex-officio position cannot be represented by current senators, executives or other ex-officio representatives.
- b. The ex-officio shall serve on committees at the request of the ASUW Vice President and/or committee chairs.
- c. Ex-officio members who shall enjoy all rights of Senate membership, except the right to vote include:
 1. Representatives from organizations approved by the ASUW Senate.
- d. Ex-officio members who shall enjoy all rights of Senate membership, including the right to vote include:
 1. First-Year Senate.
- e. Those who shall have speaking rights only, excluding parliamentary rights, include members of the ASUW Executive Branch, unless they are listed as an author on currently debated legislation on the Senate Floor. Any member of the ASUW Executive Branch listed as an author on a piece of legislation will be granted parliamentary rights, except for the right to vote and to make motions, for the duration of the time their legislation is being debated on the Senate Floor. These parliamentary rights will be revoked upon conclusion of debate.
 1. Speaking rights include the ability to take the floor if yielded to and the ability to make points of clarification and order.
 2. Parliamentary rights include the right to vote, make motions, the ability to take the floor with recognition from the Chairperson via speaking lists, and all other speaking rights.