



**SENATE BILL #2692**

**TITLE:** Revisions and Updates to the Senatorial Scholarship  
**DATE INTRODUCED:** February 18, 2020  
**AUTHOR:** Senator Vetter  
**SPONSORS:** Senators Doran, Titus, and Trent; Vice President Houghton

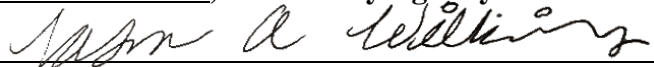
1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)
2. Student Government is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,
3. WHEREAS, the position of Senator within ASUW has seen a decrease in both the number of
4. students running for office and in the number of Senators who serve their whole term; and,
5. WHEREAS, students are best served and represented when Senators serve full terms and are
6. able to invest in projects and legislation; and,
7. WHEREAS, Senators are not currently compensated for meeting the basic requirements of
8. their position and are only compensated upon completion of almost double their basic
9. requirements; and,
10. WHEREAS, the legislative branch's budget for Fiscal Year 2021 did not include funding for
11. the continuation of the Senatorial Scholarship as outlined in the ASUW By-Laws which
12. inherently places the responsibility on the legislative branch to determine how Senators
13. should be compensated; and,
14. WHEREAS, the tiered compensation system as described in Addendums A and B would
15. provide enough incentive for Senators to both meet the basic requirements of their position
16. and at the same time be incentivized to do more outreach to their constituents; and,
17. WHEREAS, Student Government Senators at peer institutions and at all levels of
18. Government in the United States are vested with the power to change their own
19. compensation at any time; and,

20. WHEREAS, no current member of the ASUW Senate will directly benefit from the passage  
21. of this bill as no Senator is guaranteed their seat next year.  
22. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming  
23. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW By-Laws be amended as shown in Addendum  
24. A with the changes going into effect at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2021.

**Referred to:** Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Steering

**Date of Passage:** 02/25/2020 **Signed:** 

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 03/04/2020, I do hereby sign my name hereto and  
approve this Senate action.” 

**ASUW President**

## Addendum A

### 4. ASUW Senator Responsibilities

- A. Senators shall attend regularly scheduled meetings of the ASUW Senate, and any special meetings of the ASUW Senate as scheduled by the ASUW Vice President.
- B. Senators shall be allotted a set amount of unexcused absences, as determined by the ASUW Steering Committee.
- C. Senators shall serve on a minimum of two (2) ASUW Standing Committees, or one (1) ASUW Standing Committee and one (1) University Committee.
- D. ASUW Senators shall be required to attend a diversity workshop. This workshop should focus, but is not limited to, the diversity as it pertains to the University of Wyoming to increase awareness and decrease insensitivity towards underrepresented populations throughout campus. This diversity training will be developed by UMC in coordination with the ASUW Vice President. This training will count as one (1) service hours for the period in which it is held.
- E. ASUW Senators shall be required to attend a sexual misconduct prevention and awareness training. This training should focus on, but is not limited to, raising awareness of sexual assault at the University of Wyoming, how to prevent it, and how to support victims of sexual assault. This sexual assault prevention and awareness training will be developed by STOP Violence, or the equivalent program within Student Affairs in coordination with the ASUW Vice President. This training will count as one (1) service hour for the period in which it is held.
- F. Senators will be required to accumulate a total of two (2) service hours per service period.
- G. **Service periods are defined in the following table:**

**Service Periods**

August/September	January/February
October	March/April
November/December	

**Service hours can be accumulated through the following means:**

- a. Documented office hour in the ASUW office.
- b. Documented participation in an ASUW student outreach event.
- c. Documented attendance or participation in an ASUW funded event.
- d. Documented volunteering with an ASUW program.
- e. Documented community service hour as a member of ASUW.
- f. Documented outreach to RSOs that Senators are not already affiliated with by attending an RSO meeting and sharing the resources ASUW can provide to RSOs to encourage stronger ties between ASUW and RSOs.
- g. Any other form of service hour, as pre-approved in writing by the ASUW Vice President, with the subsequent approval of the ASUW Steering Committee.

- H. Senators must maintain good academic status in the College or School to which they were elected to represent.
- I. Senators shall pay the ASUW Student fee.
- J. Senators must maintain student enrollment at the University of Wyoming for the duration of their service.
- K. Each Senator shall be required to spend two (2) service hours of their required hours as designated in the Senatorial Responsibilities in the ASUW By-Laws in the spring semester aiding the Elections Committee with outreach efforts that include, but are not limited to, speaking to classes about ASUW, speaking to RSOs about ASUW (preferably with focus in the Senator's college and/or that they are not already affiliated with), volunteering at different election outreach events, and/or formulating different elections materials.
- L. Senators who are filling a vacancy during a Service Period will only be required to accumulate one (1) service hour for that period. If a Senator fills a vacancy within the last five (5) business days of a Service Period, they will not be required to accumulate any service hours for that period.
  - a. Senators filling a vacancy will be required to fulfill requirements for all full service periods for the remainder of their term.
- M. Appropriate documentation of service hours will be set and managed by the ASUW Vice President, with the subsequent approval of the Steering Committee.
  - a. The decisions of the Vice President regarding exceptions to the listed service hours can be verbally appealed to the Steering Committee at the next regular Steering Committee Meeting.

#### 5. ASUW Senatorial Scholarship

- A. This scholarship shall be re-evaluated at least one time before the legislative budget submission deadline.
  - a. The steering committee, in addition to two members from the Budget and Planning Committee, shall be responsible for the yearly evaluation. This group will henceforth be referred to as the Senatorial Scholarship Task Force.
- B. The Budget and Planning Committee (or equivalent) shall be in charge of deciding upon an amount to be allocated toward the senatorial scholarship which will be included as a line item in the legislative budget. This is not to be construed to prevent the Budget and Planning Committee (or an equivalent committee) from changing the dollar amount allocated to each seat, but the committee may not allocate less than \$100 per Senate Seat, unless so decided by the Senatorial Scholarship Task Force. Each senate seat will have an allotted dollar amount available for the scholarship as previously decided by the Budget and Planning Committee
- C. The tiered system for the Senatorial Scholarship shall be as follows:

- a. Senators will receive 60% of the total amount allocated toward their seat upon completion of the basic senator responsibilities as outlined in section 2.0, subsection 4 of the ASUW By-Laws.
  - b. Senators will receive the remaining 40% of the amount allocated to their seat upon completion of the requirements outlined in section
  - c. Senators who are elected during the year due to vacancies will only be eligible for 60% of the scholarship during their first semester in office. This will be earned upon completion of the Senator Requirements as outlined in the ASUW By-Laws. However, during consecutive terms they are eligible for the entirety of the scholarship.
  - d. Senators who begin their term in the second service period of the semester will only be eligible for 40% of the total scholarship allocation for their seat upon completion of the basic senator requirements.
  - e. Senators who begin their term in the third service period of the semester will only be eligible for 20% of the total scholarship allocation for their seat upon completion of the basic senator requirements.
- D. Senators will be required to accumulate an additional service hour per service period as outline in Section 2.02, subsection 4, clause G of the ASUW By-Laws.
  - E. If a Senator fills a vacancy within the last five (5) business days of a Service Period, they will not be required to accumulate any service hours for that period.
  - F. Senators filling a vacancy will be required to fulfill all scholarship requirements for all full service periods for the remainder of their term order to be eligible for the Senatorial Scholarship.
  - G. Appropriate documentation of service hours will be set and managed by the ASUW Vice President, with the subsequent approval of the Steering Committee. The decisions of the Vice President regarding exceptions to the listed service hours can be verbally appealed to the Steering Committee at the next regular Steering Committee meeting.
  - H. Senators shall attend a minimum of one (1) RSO events funded by ASUW per semester and complete a review to be submitted to the ASUW RSO Funding Board for each event.
  - I. Senators shall attend one (1) public meeting of any ASUW Program, Service, or Strategic Partner per semester.

## 12. Special Committees

- A. ASUW Senatorial Scholarship Task Force
  - a. Purpose: The Committee shall serve to reevaluate the senatorial scholarship on a yearly basis. The committee shall meet at least one (1) time before the legislative budget submission deadline to the Budget and Planning Committee.

- b. Powers: The Committee shall evaluate the efficacy of the senatorial scholarship program and work with to recommend the amount allocated toward the senatorial scholarship as outlined in Section 2.02, subsection 5 of the ASUW Bylaws.
- c. Composition: The ASUW Senatorial Scholarship Task Force shall be composed of the members of the ASUW Steering Committee in addition to the Budget and Planning Committee Chair and one additional member of Budget and Planning.

## **Addendum B**

- In the FY 2021 ASUW budget, Senate Bill #2693, there is a \$24,000.00 line item allocated under the legislative branch's budget specified for the continuation of the Senatorial Scholarship.
  - 100% of the scholarship is \$375.00 per Senate seat
  - 60% of the scholarship is \$225.00 per Senate seat
  - 40% of the scholarship is \$150.00 per Senate seat
  - 20% of the scholarship is \$75.00 per Senate seat