



FRESHMAN SENATE BILL #48

TITLE: Revisions to the Freshman Senate Textbook Scholarship

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SPONSORS: Senators Ditty-Suggs, Jones, McKinley, Mulhall, Six, and Stromberg

1. WHEREAS, the Freshman Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) was established for the purpose of advocating for and benefitting the Freshman
3. Class, and;
4. WHEREAS, the Freshman Senate had previously established a Freshman Senate Textbook
5. Scholarship to positively promote Freshman Senate of ASUW and serve fellow freshmen, and;
6. WHEREAS, the Freshman Senate previously gave scholarships to five (5) full-time freshmen at the
7. University of Wyoming, and;
8. WHEREAS, with current funding issues, the award amounts outlined in the original Scholarship
9. legislation are no longer accurate, and;
10. WHEREAS, a freshman is not defined as a traditional, first-year student, making it difficult
11. for the Scholarship Committee to compare traditional versus non-traditional student résumés, and;
12. WHEREAS, the punctuation in the Addenda of Freshman Senate Bill #29 is inconsistent, and
13. the legislation should be modified to be more consistent and thus more professional, and;
14. WHEREAS, the Freshman Senate Advisor should help the Scholarship Committee complete the due
15. process to award the scholarship, and it is unclear what the Freshman Senate Advisor position will
16. look like in the upcoming ASUW administrations, so the language within the scholarship should be
17. flexible to have a designee oversee the Scholarship Committee, and;
18. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Freshman Senate of the Associated Students of the University of

- 19. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government that Freshmen Senate Bill #29, be amended to reflect
- 20. the changes as outlined in Addenda A and B; and,
- 21. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the Freshman Senate Bill #48 changes, be taken
- 22. into effect immediately.

Referred to: Procedures

Date of Passage: 4/11/17 Signed: [Signature]
(Freshmen Senate Presiding Officer)

"Being enacted on 4/11/17, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action." [Signature]
Freshmen Senate Presiding Officer

Addendum A

Composition of the scholarship:

There shall be two (2) \$250 scholarships allotted each fiscal year from the Freshmen Senate Budget. If the \$500 is matched by the office of Students Affairs, then two (2) additional scholarship of \$250 will be created. If the scholarship funding is matched by the office of Students Affairs then four (4) total scholarships for \$250 will be allotted for that fiscal year.

Paying for the Scholarship:

In order to implement the scholarship for FY'14, the current budget realignment will be requested from the ASUW Budget and planning Committee as follows:

- \$500 will be requested from the "Special Services Contracts" Budget, which contains *Programming* with \$2000, and moved internally into *Awards*.

For all subsequent years, to keep the scholarship sustained the Budget Proposal for FY'15 (and subsequent fiscal years) shall contain an additional \$500 be added to the annual allowance to Freshman Senate from the Associate Students of the University of Wyoming budget. This additional allowance would give Freshman Senate not only the resources to continue to award the scholarship year to year, but give the following senates the same Programming power that the current Senate enjoys.

The \$500 contributed by the Freshman Senate may be matched by the office of the Student Affairs office, though cooperation with the Vice President of Student Affairs, thus allowing for two (2) additional scholarships when the funding is matched.

Awarding of Payment:

The \$250 shall be moved into the recipient student's Wyo-One card account, which only allows the funds to be spent at University locations.

Addendum B:

Scholarship Committee:

A committee for the selection of recipients of the Freshman Senate Textbook Scholarship shall be established consisting of the Freshman Senate Presiding Officer, who shall serve as the chair of the committee, The Parliamentarian, and all Freshman Senate committee chairs with guidance by the ASUW Senate Staff Advisor or designee.

The Committee shall meet before the winter recess to discuss the variable terms of the Scholarship. All subsequent meeting dates are up to the discretion of the Presiding Officer.

For FY '14, the committee would meet as close to the date of the bill's passing and proceed from there normally.

All members of the selection Committee shall have equal say in the decision.

Application Requirements of the scholarship:

1. Applicants and recipients must be traditional, first-time, and full time students at The University of Wyoming and of Freshman Standing (Fewer than 30 credits)
2. The recipients must have a Minimum Cumulative UW GPA of 3.0.
3. The recipients must be a full-time fee paying student in the academic year following their award.
4. Applicants must not be members of the ASUW Freshman Senate.

Application Process:

1. The window for applying shall open on the first academic day of the Spring Semester. The application window shall be open for twenty (20) business days unless otherwise designated by the selection committee.
2. The application is open to all students who meet the requirements, and the scholarship must be advertised in a form deemed acceptable by the committee.
3. The recipients shall be judged, in part, by the qualifications they provide in a written résumé of community and campus involvement, awards, employment, etc.
4. The recipients shall also be judged, in part, by a 300-500 word essay written on a topic, chosen by the Scholarship Committee and Freshman Senate Staff advisor, that applies to the applicant's experience and involvement at UW.
5. The recipients shall also be judged, in part by, and submit an official college transcript used as confirmation of enrollment status, and demonstration of rigor of involvement through course work.

Presentation:

1. The scholarships shall be awarded through payment to the recipients in their Wyo-One card account. (See Addendum A).

2. The scholarships shall be presented at a time and place as selected by the selection Committee.