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As an integral branch of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming, the Judicial Council has been delegated the honor and responsibility of interpreting ASUW working documents. This includes, but is not limited to ASUW Financial Policies, Rules and Procedures, By-Laws, and most importantly, Constitution. The Judicial Council has been given jurisdiction and authority by the student government and subsequently the students themselves. Service to the students of the University of Wyoming highlights the purpose of Council and the judiciary powers vested therein.

The Judicial Council has had the privilege of assisting the maintenance of ASUW and upholding the integrity of the organization. In the modern era of student government, the council has listened of cases centering on the breach of rules and procedures, policy violations, procedural errors, and complaints concerning student conduct and questions of constitutionality. These are all beneficial and necessary functions of any judiciary committee, but do not outline the only possibilities for the judicial council. With the permission of the executive branch from which I was appointed and my dedicated associate justices, I hope to expand the role of the Judicial Council, endowing the council with more responsibility to ASUW and the students to which it serves.

Mission Statement

The Judicial Council of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming is an independent branch of the student government, appointed to serve the student community with constitutionally granted power to be fair, objective, and impartial in the preservation of working documents and integrity of ASUW governance.

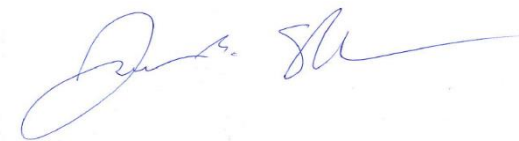
Vision

The Judicial Council, in its duty to ASUW and the students, must maintain acceptable relationships with the student government, faculty and staff, and students at the University of Wyoming. This requires a philosophy and culture within the council of objectivity and impartiality that must be fostered in all interaction on campus. Judiciary ethics and common visions require the Judicial Council to embody the best examples of honor, duty, justice, responsibility, and service. This can only happen through defined roles and guarded interactions inside and out judicial meetings. This, however, does not segregate the justices from the student government by which they were confirmed nor alienate the council from the student body. The Council should strive to be visible and positive members of the UW community.

Goals

- The Judicial Council will act in accordance with the current Rules and Procedures, abiding by the Constitution, which guarantees and limits judicial power.
- The Judicial Council will streamline the process by which complaints are received, upholding due process and the rights of all parties.
- The format of all Judicial Council opinions, decisions, and interactions will be uniform, with this format incorporated into the rules and procedures of the council.
- The Judicial Council will continue to increase their presence at ASUW functions and increase visibility as an important branch of student government.
- The Judicial Council will increase transparency where viable, among the justices themselves, the student government, and student body by promoting the digitization of all working documents, opinions, and any notes taken at business meetings deemed necessary.
- The Judicial Council will, in the effort to establish a culture of objectivity, work to understand the own biases and develop impartiality in all cases.

With dedication and service to ASUW,
Students, Faculty, and the University
Community,

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