

SENATE RESOLUTION #1191  
as amended

Title: UW Athletic Bonuses

Codification Number:

Introduced: January 18, 1977

Thesis: Student concern regarding payment of bonuses to members of the football coaching staff

Sponsors: Rick Thamer, Bill Mattison

1. Be it resolved by the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the
2. University of Wyoming that whereas:
3. Athletic Director George McCarty, Head Football Coach Fred Akers and his
4. staff were paid a total of \$62,000 in bonuses for producing and coaching
5. the U. W. Fiesta Bowl team; and whereas this money was reported to have
6. come from an "unrestricted gift fund"; and whereas the Attorney General
7. is investigating the legality of granting bonuses from the source of
8. this fund; and whereas U. W. salaries for full professors rank in the
9. bottom 20% nationally; and whereas these bonuses will likely affect the
10. perspective with which state legislators view both athletic and academic
11. financial requests by U. W.; be it resolved that the Associated Students
12. join with the University Faculty Association in voicing strong objection
13. to these bonuses.
14. While the ASUW recognizes that excellence in any field should be rewarded,
15. it also realizes that excessive athletic bonuses of this sort can and do
16. lead to public and legislative resentment, disappointment, and disillusionment
17. in the University and its athletic program.
18. Be it further resolved that ASUW request its president to send a statement

19. of our philosophy to the President of the Wyoming Senate, the Speaker  
20. of the Wyoming House, the chairmen of the Appropriations Committee,  
21. and the Governor of Wyoming.  
22. We hope these actions will not affect further budgeting for what we  
23. consider to be a fine academic institution.

Referred to: Steering

Date of Passage: January 18, 1977

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Stephanie Wood  
ASUW Senate Chairperson

"Being enacted on 1/24/76, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve  
this Senate action. Bruce J. Lawton ASUW President."