Title: ASUN Political Advocacy Funding Moratorium

Introduced: September 14, 1984

Thesis: Maintaining the neutrality of the ASUN Senate

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1. Whereas the ASUN Senate, as the students they are elected to represent,
2. is a body that does not subscribe to any one particular political
3. philosophy, ideology, party or cause; Whereas the President, Vice
4. President, and the Senators of the ASUN campaign in a non-partisan manner,
5. are elected to non-partisan offices, and are expected to perform their
6. duties in a non-partisan fashion, and Whereas, Section 10, Paragraph A
7. of the ASUN by-laws states that fees should be distributed "according to
8. the ASUN Finance Policy, to promote the educational, professional, cultural,
9. social and athletic activities of its members" - not to promote the
10. political views of any one student organization or those of the majority
11. of Senators. Whereas, currently, in the judicial system of the United
12. States, there is litigation that questions the practice of many universities
13. with regard to the distributing of student funds to organizations
14. representing any political philosophy, ideology, party or cause because
15. this practice may be in conflict with the students constitutional rights
16. to freedom of association guaranteed by the First Amendment. Whereas,
17. it should be the policy of the ASUN Senate to remain neutral and "apolitical"
18. when it exercises its power to endorse an organization or its activities
19. through financial means or when the Senate considers legislation that
20. directly benefits a student organization, so that the ASUW Senate will
21. not be forcing students to support a political philosophy, ideology,
22. party or cause which he or she may not agree with simply because the
23. student paid their fees. Therefore, Be it resolved by the Student
24. Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming that in
25. no instance shall ASUW administered funds be granted, loaned, or otherwise
26. applied to any recognized or unrecognised organization whose existence
27. or motivation is in the interest of, either partially or fully, any
28. political philosophy, ideology, party or cause nor should the ASUW
29. Senate give any such organization its approval to use the UW fees
30. collection procedure to finance the organization or its activities.
31. Be it also resolved by the Student Senate of the Associated Students
32. of the University of Wyoming that the Senate shall monitor its [redacted] activities as well as those of the Activities Council to ensure that
33. student fees are not used to aid any political philosophy, ideology,
34. party, or cause.

Referred to: Committee of the Whole, Constitution, Student Organization

Date of Passage: ______________________  Signed: ______________________

ASUW Senate Chairperson

"Being enacted on ______________________" I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action. ______________________  ASUW President

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