

SENATE BILL #1540

Title: Establish an Emergency Needs Fund

Introduced: September 19, 1986

Thesis:

Sponsor: Rock Schuler

1. Be it enacted by the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the
2. University of Wyoming that a fund be established according to the following
3. provisions for the free use of University students demonstrating emergency
4. need: I. The services herein listed, as well as the Fund by which they
5. are rendered, shall be known as the Student Living Emergency Needs Fund.
6. II. All students of the University who are studying in any capacity shall
7. be eligible for the services herein described. III. The overall
8. performance and maintenance of these services shall be supervised by the
9. Student Living Committee. IV. Monies for this fund shall be derived from
10. the ASUW Reserve Fund in accordance with UniReg 246, Section 6. No less
11. than \$2,500.00 shall be appropriated in this fashion annually into the
12. general budget, beginning with a \$5,000 appropriation for 1986-87.
13. V. The services of this fund shall be as follows: A. A clearinghouse of
14. information concerning financial aid sources shall be provided students.
15. The committee shall, with any volunteer aid deemed necessary, compile and
16. distribute data that reveals where and how students may obtain aid for
17. school, basic needs, emergencies, etc. The committee shall be thoroughly
18. familiar with such aid sources, and it shall be willing and able to help
19. students make contacts, obtain and complete forms, meet requirements, and
20. receive aid. The need, or the reason for the need, shall not in this case
21. be questioned. Sources of work and employment in the University and

22. community shall also be researched and kept current for the use of
23. students. B. A source of emergency funds for students in need. The
24. committee may supply rent payments, various bills, medical payments, or
25. any other payment deemed essential to the student's well-being and
26. continuing education. All or part of the requested funding may be
27. provided. Funds shall not be paid directly to the student in question,
28. but shall be used for the direct payment of the need in question. Payment
29. shall be made by check by the chairperson to the party in question (i.e.,
30. gas co., landlord, doctor, etc.). Funds shall not be subject to repayment
31. unless the recipient so desires. Funds shall be provided on a first-come,
32. first-serve basis. Applicants shall be affirmed to a notarized statement
33. of need which shall describe the amount of money requested, reason for the
34. request, and unavailability of alternative funding sources (sec V.A).
35. Funds shall be released on a last resort basis only, and only after the
36. statement of application has been notarized and submitted orally to the
37. committee at a fixed meeting time and place. The committee shall approve
38. all such proper requests by majority vote. C. The committee shall
39. undertake, at least once a year, a fundraising project on campus. Funds
40. shall be raised by whatever legitimate means felt appropriate, and the
41. project shall be supervised by the chairperson. Funds raised from on-
42. campus shall be used as donations for whatever organization(s) and/or
43. cause(s) the committee determines appropriate, with local organizations
44. providing services to campus students given priority. D. At the
45. committee's discretion emergency housing may be provided students in dire
46. need from among willing participants of the community. The committee
47. shall make every effort to obtain suitable housing on a permanent basis

48. for the student in need. The student may reside in temporary housing only
 49. as long as he/she is welcome by the participant. For the purpose of
 50. obtaining and using both temporary and permanent housing a roster of
 51. "open" homes and apartments shall be compiled and kept on file by the
 52. committee. This list shall be updated every semester. E. Students
 53. coming to the committee showing possible psychological, physical, or
 54. spiritual needs shall be referred to the proper university and/or
 55. community authorities, including local clergy. All referrals shall be
 56. made in close consultation with the student and the ASUM advisers.
 57. VI. All students desiring the services of the committee and/or fund shall
 58. obtain from and submit to the ASUM Secretary the proper application form.
 59. Upon receiving this form, the secretary shall forward it to the committee
 60. chairperson, who shall then notify the student as to the time and place of
 61. his/her oral presentation. At this presentation the committee shall decide
 62. what action to take pursuant to Section V. VII. No more than 3% and no
 63. less than 2% of the appropriated funding may be used for administrative
 64. purposes and advertising costs. It shall be the committee's responsi-
 65. bility to maintain accounting balances and to provide adequate publicity
 66. for the fund.

Referred to: Student Living; Finance Budget & Planning - Constitution

Date of Passage: _____ Signed: _____
 ASUM Senate Chairperson

"Being enacted on _____, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this Senate action."

ASUM President

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