

SENATE RESOLUTION #1593

Title: University-wide Cooperative Education Program

Introduced: March 1, 1988

Thesis: This establishes that the ASUW is in favor of a university-wide cooperative education program.

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1. Whereas the Co-op Program offers professional experience before
2. graduation, an alternative to classroom learning, career exploration, and
3. earnings to defray college expenses; whereas co-op students will alternate
4. periods of paid employment with periods of classroom education; whereas
5. jobs are directly related to academic majors, and the program is
6. structured to be an integral part of the educational process; because of
7. the high cost of recruiting the number of companies interviewing on campus
8. at UW has gone down by 65% over the last three years and 45% over the last
9. year alone, thereby making the co-op opportunity even more important
10. for future permanent placement; whereas national college expenses are
11. raising at an average of 6% per year and the amount of financial aid
12. is decreasing, many students who are otherwise qualified, drop out of
13. college due to economic reasons could rely on the co-op income for
14. continuation towards the completion of their degrees; whereas the almost
15. total lack of professional job opportunities in Laramie and the
16. surrounding area coupled with the overwhelming rural nature of the
17. state it is even more important than most campuses in the US; whereas the
18. trial period like a co-op placement can also help tremendously in the
19. cultural transition of our undergraduates coming from rural backgrounds
20. to the professional jobs in the large metropolitan areas; be it resolved
21. that ASUW supports and desires a campus-wide co-op program.

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Signed:

Lisa Skiles
ASUW Chairperson

"Being enacted on April 5, 1988, I do hereby sign my name hereto
and approve this Senate action."

Gregory M. Skurs
ASUW President

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