

Senate Bill #1624

Title: University Ombudsman

Date: February 21, 1989

Thesis: Create the office of University Ombudsman to represent the interest of students

Sponsors: Jim Willox, Mike Taheri, Jim Jarrard, Dave Miller

1. Whereas there exists an express need for an independent office to pursue
2. student rights issues within the University; and whereas the Students'
3. Attorney Office cannot even consult students on these issues; and whereas
4. a substantial number of students requesting assistance regarding internal
5. matters are turned away from the Students' Attorney Office every
6. semester; and whereas other Land-Grant Universities provide effective
7. Ombudsman services to students; and whereas Agenda 2000 recommends the
8. establishment of an Ombudsman service within the next two to three years;
9. and whereas it is essential in keeping with due process that there be an
10. office present to represent the interests of students without any
11. decision making power over the student; be it enacted by the Student
12. Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming that the
13. Office of University Ombudsman be created. Also be it enacted that the
14. funding of the position be accomplished through a \$1.50 student fee to be
15. assessed of all students at the beginning of each semester. Be it
16. further enacted that if the University of Wyoming administration does not
17. provide 25 percent of the operating budget, the ASUW will remove all
18. support of the office.

Referred to: Students' Attorney Board and Office of Student Life

Date of Passage: April 4, 1989

Signed:

Michael Tahiri  
ASUW Chairperson

"Being enacted on April 10, 1989, I do hereby sign my name hereto  
and <sup>Veto</sup> ~~approve~~ this Senate action."

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ASUW President

*This bill # 1624  
is vetoed*

*Leslie Skiles  
ASUW President*

15 AYE  
10 NAY  
6 ABSTAIN

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April 17, 1989

President Roark  
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Dear President Roark:

As you know, I have vetoed the enclosed ASUW Student Government legislation, Senate Bill #1624, "University Ombudsman." This action was taken for one reason only. I had great reservations about the proposed \$1.50 fee that would have been assessed to all students each semester. I feel as though this is another case of having the students subsidize a program that really should be subsidized by the University.

The idea of an ombudsperson is one that I completely agree with. I hope that when the University is in the position to fund such a program, that it will be developed and put into place. At the time this occurs, I hope that you will recall this legislation and recognize that there is support by the students for this office.

It was evident at the last UW Trustee meeting that the Board of Trustees were somewhat concerned about the idea of students paying increased fees to put programs in place at UW that in different monetary circumstances would be supported by the University.

I commend the 1988-89 ASUW Student Government for recognizing a valid need for the students, faculty and staff at UW. The proposal in legislation form is a quality one, one I could have easily supported if the money aspect had been excluded.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lisa Skiles  
ASUW President, 1988-89

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Enc.

XC: Dr. Karnig  
Dr. Hurst  
Michael Taheri