SENATE BILL #1762

Title: Executive Assistant to the Vice President

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Authors: Senators Friedl and Kristan

Sponsors: Senators Friedl and Kristan

1. WHEREAS, the Vice President of ASUW has many duties; and
2. WHEREAS, an assistant would aid in the expeditious completion
3. of such tasks as required of the Vice President; and
4. WHEREAS, the ASUW President can appoint as many executive
5. assistants as he deems necessary;
6. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Student Senate of the
7. Associated Students of the University of Wyoming that the
8. following changes be made to the ASUW By-Laws:
9. Article II, Section One, Subsection G shall read "...The
10. appointment of one executive assistant to aid in the
11. fulfillment of the objective of the ASUW. He shall be
12. directly responsible to the Vice President and this
13. executive's actions shall be subject to review by the ASUW
14. Senate at any time..."
15. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT the ASUW Constitution be changed
16. to read:
17. Article V "The ASUW President and such...President, and
18. such assistants may, from time to time be appointed by the
19. Vice President to assist the Vice President,..."
20. Article VI, Section One, Subsection F add "With the advice and
21. approval of the ASUW Legislative Branch, the Vice President
22. may appoint one executive assistant to assist with the
23. Vice President's responsibilities.

Referred To: Research and Information Committee

Date of Passage: February 1, 1994  Signed: George Stathakis
ASUW Chairperson

"Being enacted on February 1, 1994, I do hereby sign my name
hereto and approve this Senate action."  

ASUW President
Mid-Term Grade Evaluations

Mid-term grade evaluations have a significant impact on students' education at the University of Wyoming. The evaluations confirm course enrollment, eligibility, and class standing. Furthermore, grade reports have a substantial effect on retention efforts.

The Issue

A. Currently, a mandatory mid-term grade policy does not exist. Although reporting is encouraged by the university, it is interpreted as optional and its use is minimal.

1. Registration and Records sends a class roster and letter to each faculty member explaining the reporting process of grades.
2. The Academic Advising Center, through the Office of Student Life, sends information regarding advising and mid-term deficiencies to faculty members.
3. The administration encourages faculty to submit mid-term grades to Registration and Records.

The Problem

B. Many professors choose not to provide grade information for students in the university mid-term grade report.

1. As it is now, the absence of a grade in a university course is interpreted by students as a passing grade.
2. Blanks on grade reports are misleading and problematic.
3. In truth, a blank means the professor has not submitted a grade for the student to Registration and Records.

The Solution

C. A mandatory mid-term grade evaluation will eliminate confusion regarding class verification and progress.

1. The goal of the University of Wyoming is to create a healthy academic environment.
2. To maintain the quality of education that UW strives for and uphold a tradition of academic excellence, UW’s main priority should be to ensure academic success for all students.
3. A mandatory mid-term grade evaluation will be a valuable and critical approach to increasing retention.
4. A mandatory mid-term grade evaluation will provide a tangible guide for students to determine class standing.
5. A mandatory mid-term grade evaluation will instigate more communication between the student and professor, as well as the student and the academic advisor.
Responsibility

D. A mandatory mid-term grade evaluation will promote availability, willingness, and communication between the professor and the student, as well as the academic advisor and the student.

1. A mandatory mid-term grade evaluation will emphasize that it is the students' responsibility to read, verify, and understand the grade evaluation.
2. A mandatory mid-term grade evaluation will instill a greater responsibility upon the professor to create a more concise report of his students' standing and verification in class.
3. A mandatory mid-term grade evaluation will encourage students to seek help from professors and academic advisors.

The Grade Report

E. The grade evaluation will report grades as follows:

1. Students will continue to receive a mid-term grade report.
2. The grade report will verify course enrollment.
3. The grade report will inform students' of their progress and standing.
4. All grades earned will be reported in the grade evaluation. This includes: A, B, C, D, or F grades.