

SENATE BILL #1819

Title: Constitution Revisions
Date: March 26, 1996
Authors: Constitution Committee
Sponsors: Senators Krug, Lehman, Lucero, Plemmons, and Zeller

1 WHEREAS, a possibility existed that Article IV, Section 1 of
2 the ASUW Constitution could be interpreted to exclude
3 graduate students from running for ASUW President, Vice
4 President, and Judicial Council; and
5 WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 1, D. provided for the Vice
6 President to delegate one of the most important functions of
7 that position by giving the Vice President the option to let
8 ASUW Standing Committees choose their own chairpersons; and
9 WHEREAS, the wording of Article VI, Section 3, C. implied
10 that defeated presidential and vice presidential candidates
11 would be required to serve as Senators at Large; and
12 WHEREAS, the previous composition of the ASUW Steering
13 Committee, as defined in Article VI, Section 6, G., was in
14 violation of the spirit of Article IV, Section 3; and
15 WHEREAS, it is possible that losing candidates in a position
16 to serve as replacement senators might not have garnered the
17 20% of the vote required by Article VII, Section 1, D.; and
18 WHEREAS, the Elections Committee was never explicitly
19 endowed with the power to nominate replacement senators in
20 the absence of losing candidates.
21 THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the
22 University of Wyoming Student Senate that the ASUW

23 Constitution, as revised by the ASUW Constitution Committee
24 supercede all previous constitutions and be recognized as
25 the official ASUW Constitution. (See Addendum).

Referred to: Committee of the Whole

Date of Passage: _____ Signed: _____

ASUW Chairperson

"Being enacted on _____, I do hereby sign my name

hereto and approve this Senate action." _____
ASUW President

CONSTITUTION CHANGES

(Overview)

Article IV, Section 1

Clarified the eligibility of graduate students to run for ASUW President, Vice President, and Judicial Council. Graduate students must have completed 18 hours of University of Wyoming credit at the beginning of their terms of office.

If a question exists about the qualifications of a candidate, that person shall be suspended following action taken by the ASUW Judicial Branch, until any appropriate appeals have been exhausted.

Article VI, Section 1, D.

Chairpersons of ASUW Committees will only be chosen by the ASUW Vice President. The option for the Vice President to delegate that responsibility to the individual committees will no longer exist.

Article VI, Section 3, C.

Defeated candidates for ASUW President and Vice President shall have the option (rather than be required) to hold a Senator at Large Position.

Article VI, Section 6, G.

The composition of the ASUW Steering Committee shall be:
Chair: ASUW Vice President (Rather than ASUW President)
Members: President Pro Tempore, Parliamentarian, Sergeant at Arms, and two ASUW Senators (adding Parliamentarian & Sergeant at Arms to Committee Membership)
Ex-Officios: The ASUW President, the ASUW Executive Assistants, and the ASUW Advisor (Changing ASUW President & Executive Assistants to Ex-Officios)

Article VII, Section 1, D.

The "20% rule" (in which replacement senators had to have garnered at least 20% of the vote to assume the vacant position) is stricken. Now, the selection will be based solely on descending vote totals.

Article VII, Section 2

The Elections Committee is endowed with the power to nominate replacement senators if no other candidates from the general election exist.