SENATE BILL #1819

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

WHEREAS, a possibility existed that Article IV, Section 1 of
the ASUW Constitution could be interpreted to exclude
graduate students from running for ASUW President, Vice
President, and Judicial Council; and
WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 1, D. provided for the Vice
President to delegate one of the most important functions of
that position by giving the Vice President the option to let
ASUW Standing Committees choose their own chairpersons; and
WHEREAS, the wording of Article VI, Section 3, C. implied
that defeated presidential and vice presidential candidates
would be required to serve as Senators at Large; and
WHEREAS, the previous composition of the ASUW Steering
Committee, as defined in Article VI, Section 6, G., was in
violation of the spirit of Article IV, Section 3; and
WHEREAS, it is possible that losing candidates in a position
to serve as replacement senators might not have garnered the
20% of the vote required by Article VII, Section 1, D.; and
WHEREAS, the Elections Committee was never explicitly
endowed with the power to nominate replacement senators in
the absence of losing candidates.

THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the
University of Wyoming Student Senate that the ASUW
Constitution, as revised by the ASUW Constitution Committee
supercede all previous constitutions and be recognized as
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.