

**SENATE BILL #1892**

**Title: Establishment of Concert and Convocation Committee**

**Date: April 24, 1998**

**Authors: President Rios, Vice President Olson, Senators Gasson and Tufts,  
Lead Student Programmer Sherlock, and Student-at-Large Neu**

**Sponsors: Senators Gasson and Tufts**

1. WHEREAS, there is currently a lack of an established program to support the
2. introduction of "big name" events at the University of Wyoming; and
3. WHEREAS, only twenty-three percent (23%) of students surveyed are satisfied
4. with the number of "big name" entertainers visiting the University of Wyoming;
5. (see Addendum A) and,
6. WHEREAS, numerous universities incorporate a concert and convocation
7. program into their student activities, including those that are comparable to the
8. University of Wyoming; (see Addendum B),
9. WHEREAS, the introduction of such a program would be a highly effective
10. mechanism for purposes of recruitment and retention; and
11. WHEREAS, the Student Activities Council (SAC) of the Associated Students of
12. the University of Wyoming (ASUW) does not currently have the necessary
13. means to provide for an established committee with appropriate funds for "big
14. name" events; and,
15. WHEREAS, potential funds currently exist for the establishment and maintenance
16. of such a program (see Addendum C); and,
17. WHEREAS, the Judicial Council of the ASUW Student Government was

18. convened and brought forth concerns and recommendations that should be  
19. addressed regarding the guidelines of the Concert & Convocation(C & C)  
20. Committee.

21. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Student Senate of the Associated Students of  
22. the University of Wyoming that a Concert and Convocation (C & C) Committee  
23. be created as an entity of the ASUW Student Government; and,

24. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that this committee is responsible for the  
25. facilitation of a program for "big name" events, including the provision of  
26. spending authority with the allotted funds; and,

27. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the C & C Committee follow the  
28. established and appropriate guidelines given; (see Addendum D); and

29. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the ASUW create a new fund for the  
30. purpose of funding the activities of the C & C Committee by transferring  
31. \$100,000 from the Student Loan Account to the C & C Fund; and

32. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the C & C Committee will not incur a  
33. financial loss of more than \$35,000 per fiscal year below the allotted \$100,000;  
34. and,

35. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the ASUW Budget and Planning  
36. Committee shall, through the budget process, subsidize the C & C Fund up to  
37. \$35,000 each year, but not more than the amount needed to replenish the fund to  
38. \$100,000; and

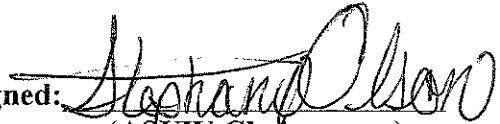
39. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the subsidized amount be taken from  
40. the ASUW Reserve for the next five fiscal years upon which an evaluation will

41. be conducted by the ASUW Budget and Planning Committee.

Referred to: Committee of the Whole

Date of Passage: April 28, 1998

Signed:

  
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on May 1, 1998

, I do hereby sign my name hereto and

approve this Senate action.”

  
ASUW President

**ADDENDUM A:**

1997 ASUW Student Needs Assessment: (505 respondents)

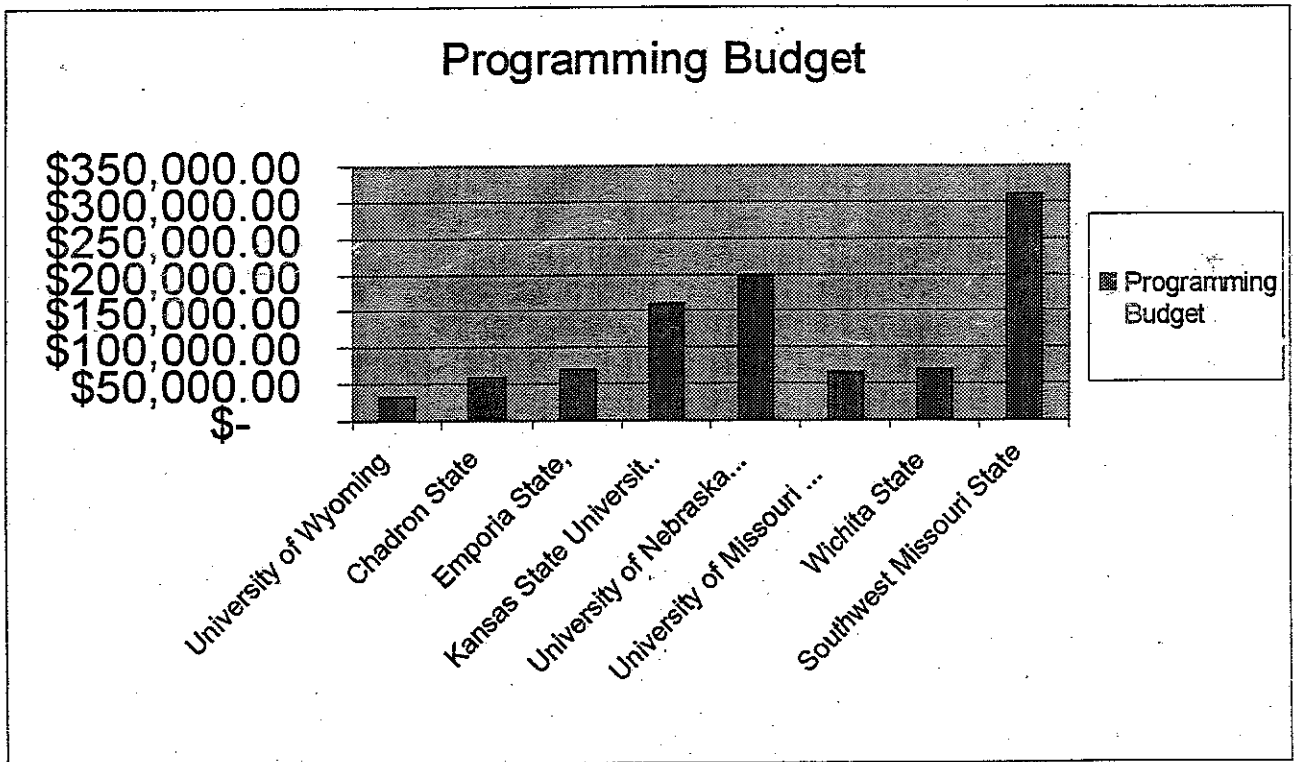
"I am satisfied with the number of "big name" entertainers visiting UW."

Strongly Agree: .8%  
 Agree: 22.2%  
 Disagree: 45.9%  
 Strongly Disagree: 12.9%  
 No Opinion: 16.8%  
 Don't know: 1.4%

**ADDENDUM B:**

<u>School</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Programming Budget</u>
University of Wyoming, WY	10,500	\$ 32,000.00
Chadron State, NE	3,600	\$ 60,000.00
Emporia State, KS	6,000	\$ 70,000.00
Kansas State University, KS	22,000	\$ 160,000.00
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, NE	25,000	\$ 200,000.00
University of Missouri Kansas City, MO	10,000	\$ 65,000.00
Wichita State, KS	16,000	\$ 70,000.00
Southwest Missouri State, MO	16,000	\$ 310,000.00

\*\*Numbers received when SAC attend the National Association of Campus Activities



### Addendum C

ASUW's current financial situation is as indicated below in Table 1. The assets listed below consist of multiple student accounts in combination with interdepartmental loans within the university community.

**Table 1**

Fund Balance	Source	Terms
\$ 245,358.17	ASUW Reserve	
\$ 627,867.58	Student Loan Account	Minimum of \$327,000 must remain for self-sufficiency
\$ 75,592.00	Loan to Student Publications	19 payments of \$4000 outstanding. Payable over 6 years.
\$ 450,000.00	Loan to Information Technology	4 annual payments of \$112,500 beginning FY 98.
\$ 24,000.00	ASUW Equipment Reserve	
<b>\$ 1,422,817.75</b>	<b>Total</b>	

ASUW generally supplements its annual budget with approximately \$15,000. This is primarily due to ASUW subsidizing the campus recycling. The student loan account must continue to have a minimum balance of \$327,000 in order to maintain the account self-sufficient while simultaneously eliminating the student loan fee.

Assuming that ASUW continues to budget at the same level in the next four years, a minimum of \$327,000 is left in the Student Loan Account, and all loans are repaid on time, ASUW will have liquid assets exceeding \$1 million.

## **Addendum D**

### The Concert and Convocation Committee:

- Shall be composed of a student chairperson, voting members as two ASUW senators, and four additional members (students-at-large).
- Shall be composed of ex-officios as assistant director of programs/activities, and a freshman senator.
- In the event of a tie, the chair will make the deciding vote.
- Shall report, through the student chair, to the ASUW Vice President every month regarding the activities and progress of the Committee.
- Shall report, through a senator from the Committee, to the ASUW Senate each week regarding the activities and progress of the Committee.
- Shall report, as a committee, to the ASUW Senate once per semester regarding the accomplishments, how funds were spent, and plans for the coming semester.
- Shall have a representative at the meetings of the Student Activities Council.
- Shall abide by the voting results of the majority.
- Shall follow the following selection process for the chairperson: Applications will be available four weeks prior to the ASUW General Election, and shall be due the day immediately following the ASUW General Election. In the week following the ASUW General Election, an interview process will commence. Interviews will be conducted by the ASUW Student Activities Council Chair of the preceding ASUW term, Lead Student Programmer, newly elected ASUW Vice President, and the C & C Committee advisor. This selection committee shall then with the consent of the ASUW Senate, appoint the C & C chairperson.
- Shall follow the following selection process for the students at large: Applications will be available four weeks prior to the ASUW General Election, and shall be due the day immediately following the ASUW General Election. In the week following the ASUW General Election, an interview process will commence. Interviews will be conducted by the ASUW Student Activities Council Chair of the preceding ASUW term, Lead Student Programmer, newly elected ASUW Vice President, and the C & C Committee advisor. This selection committee shall then with the consent of the ASUW Senate, appoint the C & C students at large.
- Shall follow the following selection process for the senators: The ASUW Vice President shall appoint two senators to be placed on the C & C Committee, with the consent of the ASUW Senate.

- Shall follow the ASUW guidelines given regarding removal of members, with the ASUW Student Government acting with ultimate authority.
- Shall go through the ASUW budgetary process.