

SENATE BILL #1996

Title: Establishment of the Minority Student Leadership Initiative as a Program and Service of ASUW

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Sponsors: Senators Molina, Simental, Waheed, and Woodard

1. WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming recognize
2. that there is a need for further diversity on campus; and
3. WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming recognize
4. the importance of encouraging minority students to take on leadership roles;
5. and
6. WHEREAS, Minority Student Leadership Initiative (MSLI) is a program that
7. was developed to promote minority student leadership and involvement; and
8. WHEREAS, MSLI participation has nearly tripled since its foundation in
9. 1997; and
10. WHEREAS, members of the Associated Students of the University of
11. Wyoming have strongly supported MSLI by becoming student mentors in
12. MSLI; and
13. WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming have
14. further supported MSLI through the establishment of the James C. Hurst
15. Scholarship for an outstanding MSLI mentee; and
16. WHEREAS, MSLI has greatly contributed to the increase in the number of
17. ethnic minority student leaders on campus, which is evident by former and
18. present elected officials in the areas of honoraries, fraternities, sororities, and

19. ASUW Student Government; and

20. WHEREAS, MSLI program efforts have demonstrated success in retention of

21. minorities at UW as evidenced by a 3.1% higher retention rate for MSLI

22. students compared to the general UW student population in 1999-2000. For

23. Fall 2001, the estimated retention rate is 6% higher for MSLI mentees

24. compared to the general UW student population; and

25. WHEREAS, MSLI triads, including student mentees, student mentors, and

26. faculty mentors, have participated in many programs, such as “Minority

27. Higher Education Day” and “I’m Going to College”, thus contributing to

28. advancements in minority student recruitment, with minority student admits

29. increasing 26% from Fall 2000 to Fall 2001; and

30. WHEREAS, MSLI has been proven to be a very successful program for

31. students of the University of Wyoming; and

32. WHEREAS, while it is in the best interest of MSLI to become a program and

33. service of ASUW.

34. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of

35. Wyoming that Minority Student Leadership Initiative become a service and

36. program of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming Student

37. Senate under the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming Student

38. Senate By-Laws, Article IV, Section 1B, Category 2; and

39. THEREFORE, be it further enacted by the Associated Students of the

40. University of Wyoming Student Senate that an MSLI ex-officio position be

41. created to serve as an advisory liaison to the Associated Students of the

42. University of Wyoming Student Senate.

Referred to: Constitution Committee

Date of Passage: February 19, 2002

Signed:

Sara C. Poy

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on February 20, 2002, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action.”

Harmell Brinks

ASUW President