

SENATE RESOLUTION #1990

Title: Minority Student Leadership Initiative Funding

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**Sponsors: Senators LeBrun, Lynn, Molina, Planks-Anderson, Shah, Simental,
 Stos, Vigil, 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; and
5. WHEREAS, the Minority Student Leadership Initiative is a program that was
6. developed to promote minority student leadership and involvement; and
7. WHEREAS, Minority Student Leadership Initiative participation has nearly
8. tripled since its foundation in 1997; and
9. WHEREAS, members of the Associated Students of the University of
10. Wyoming have strongly supported the Minority Student Leadership Initiative
11. by becoming student mentors in the Minority Student Leadership Initiative;
12. and
13. WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming have
14. further supported the Minority Student Leadership Initiative through the
15. establishment of the James C. Hurst Scholarship for an outstanding MSLI
16. mentee; and
17. WHEREAS, the Minority Student Leadership Initiative has greatly

18. contributed to the increase in the number of ethnic minority student leaders on
19. campus, which is evident by former and present elected officials in the areas
20. of honoraries, fraternities, sororities, and ASUW Student Government; and
21. WHEREAS, Minority Student Leadership Initiative program efforts have
22. demonstrated success in retention of minorities at UW, as evidenced by a
23. 3.1% higher retention rate for MSLI students compared to the general UW
24. student population in 1999-2000. For Fall 2001, the estimated retention rate is
25. 6% higher for MSLI mentees compared to the general UW student population;
26. and
27. WHEREAS, Minority Student Leadership Initiative triads including student
28. mentees, student mentors, and faculty mentors, have participated in many
29. programs, such as "Minority Higher Education Day" and "I'm Going to
30. College," thus contributing to advancements in minority student recruitment,
31. with minority student admits increasing 26% from Fall 2000 to Fall 2001; and
32. WHEREAS, the growth of Minority Student Leadership Initiative member-
33. ship has rendered the amount of funding (\$1,100) insufficient for the 75 plus
34. student, staff, faculty and administrative members to organize quality
35. programming.
36. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Associated Students of the University of
37. Wyoming take the initiative to preserve the existence and further success of
38. the Minority Student Leadership Initiative; and
39. THEREFORE, be it further resolved by the Associated Students of the
40. University of Wyoming that we seek funding through Finance Appropriations

41. in the amount of \$3,000 for the remainder of the 2001-2002 school year for
42. Minority Student Leadership Initiative programming; and
43. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the Associated Students of the
44. University of Wyoming support the Minority Student Leadership Initiative as
45. an entity of ASUW during the budget process in the spring.

Referred to: Budget and Planning Committee

Date of Passage: _____ Signed: _____

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on _____, I do hereby sign my name hereto

and approve this Senate action.” _____

ASUW President

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