

## SENATE RESOLUTION #2033

**Title:** Fairness in Student Loans Policy

**Date:** February 18, 2003

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**Sponsors:** Senators Chollak and Edwards

1. WHEREAS, recently enacted Federal laws affecting student loan
2. disbursements have caused certain types of student loan payments to be split
3. into two separate payments; and
4. WHEREAS, many students who take out student loans rely on them to help
5. pay not only university fees and tuition, but also day to day living expenses;
6. and
7. WHEREAS, the rigors and time commitment associated with being a student
8. directly affect the opportunities available for outside employment to make up
9. these costs; and
10. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming currently withdraws all costs,
11. including fees and tuition on many of the students' accounts before any
12. financial aid or student loan check ever reaches the student; and
13. WHEREAS, this policy has left some students with less than enough money
14. to pay their University of Wyoming accounts in full before the semester starts,
15. often leaving them with outstanding balances on their student accounts; and
16. WHEREAS, the University charges a late payment charge on these accounts;
17. and
18. WHEREAS, this policy unfairly penalizes students who, through no fault of

19. their own, are prevented from receiving the money awarded to them by the  
20. federal government.

21. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Student Senate of the Associated  
22. Students of the University of Wyoming that the University of Wyoming  
23. Office of Accounts Receivable devise a system whereby they can identify  
24. students in such a situation; and

25. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that for these students the deadline for  
26. full payment of all tuition and fees be delayed to two weeks past the date of  
27. the expected second disbursement of their federal loan payments; and

28. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that all late fees for students in such  
29. a situation, be delayed to 30 days past the date of the expected second  
30. disbursement of their federal loan payments; and

31. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that any student found to have willfully  
32. attempted to supply false information relating to the disbursement of their  
33. federal student loans face reinstatement of all late fees and charges that are  
34. duly owed the University of Wyoming, including potential prosecution as  
35. provided for under Wyoming law.

**Referred to:** Budget and Planning Committee

**Date of Passage:** March 11, 2003

**Signed:**



(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 3.14.03, I do hereby sign my name hereto and  
approve this Senate action.”

  
ASUW President