

SENATE BILL #2052

Title: Proposed Constitutional Amendment-Judicial Council

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Authors: Constitution Committee

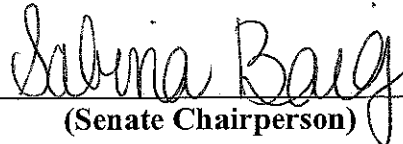
Sponsors: Senators Chollak, Goodson, Hughes, Rising

1. WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)
2. is an elected body charged with representing the students of the university;
3. and
4. WHEREAS, the structure of ASUW is loosely modeled on that of the United
5. States Government; and
6. WHEREAS, the ASUW structure provides for an executive, a legislative, and
7. a judicial branch; and
8. WHEREAS, the current structure of the ASUW Judicial Council consists of 5
9. justices and 3 alternates; and
10. WHEREAS, the current structure does not follow the pattern of representative
11. government as well as it could; and
12. WHEREAS, Article IX of the ASUW Constitution allows for the institution
13. of Constitutional Amendments by the Constitution Committee.
14. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Student Senate of the Associated Students
15. of the University of Wyoming that Article VII of the ASUW Constitution be
16. amended to change the number of Judicial Council justices from 5 to 7 (see
17. Addendum A); and
18. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the provision calling for 3 alternate

19. justices be stricken; and
20. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that each of the 7 seats shall be filled by a
21. student of the University of Wyoming; and
22. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that, pursuant to the ASUW Constitution,
23. this amendment be placed on the ballot of the next ASUW election for its
24. ratification by a majority of the voting student body; and
25. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that upon ratification of the amendment
26. by the student body, enactment of the provisions of this amendment be
27. implemented as outlined in Addendum B.

Referred to: Steering Committee

Date of Passage: December 2, 2003 **Signed:**


(Senate Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 12-5-03, I do hereby sign my name hereto
and approve this Senate action.”


ASUW President

Addendum A

Article VII

ASUW Judicial Council

The Judicial powers of the ASUW and the University of Wyoming student body shall be vested in the ASUW Judicial Council, which shall conduct its business in accordance with the following provisions:

Section 1. The Judicial Council shall be composed of seven (7) Justices, appointed by the ASUW President with the advice and consent of three-fourths (3/4) of the voting ASUW Senate.

- A. The ASUW President should make all possible efforts to appoint a diverse group of students to the Judicial Council, making special efforts to see that the Council represents as many of UW's seven colleges as possible.
- B. The term of office for each Justice shall be two (2) years; however, this is not to be construed to prevent a student from being reappointed to successive terms;
- C. One (1) of the seven (7) Justices shall, with the advice and consent of three-fourths (3/4) of the voting Senate, be appointed by the ASUW President to serve as chairperson of the Judicial Council; for one (1) year of that justice's two (2) year term and shall be eligible to be appointed to successive terms as Chief Justice by successive ASUW Presidents.
- D. There shall be an advisor appointed by the mutual agreement of the ASUW President and the Dean of Students with the advice and consent of a two-thirds (2/3) of the voting Senate.
- E. Three (3) justices shall each be appointed to serve a two (2) year term in each ASUW Senate term beginning in an odd numbered year, and four (4) justices shall be appointed to serve a two (2) year term in each ASUW Senate term beginning in even numbered years, with the advice and consent of three-fourths (3/4) of the voting Senate.

Addendum B

Enactment: Upon passage of this amendment, one (1) of these justices shall be appointed from the current sitting judicial council to serve an additional year on the council, with the advice and consent of three-fourths (3/4) of the ASUW Senate. The remaining four (4) seats shall be filled by appointment by the incoming ASUW President for the term immediately following the approval of this amendment, with the advice and consent of three-fourths (3/4) of the ASUW Senate. After implementation, justices shall be appointed in subsequent years following this pattern, wherein three (3) justices will be appointed for one term and four (4) will be appointed the following term.