

**SENATE RESOLUTION #2066**

**Title: ASUW Support of the UW Athletics Plan**

**Date: February 9, 2004**

**Authors: President Edwards; Executive Nuspl**

**Sponsors: Senators Rising and Thoman**

1. WHEREAS, the University's Athletics Plan has been unanimously supported
2. by the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees; and
3. WHEREAS, strong athletic programs contribute greatly to an institution of
4. higher education's reputation; and
5. WHEREAS, a positive athletic reputation will bring more name recognition to
6. the University of Wyoming; and
7. WHEREAS, the Athletics Plan recommends a capital facilities program under
8. which \$10 million in state funds will be matched by \$10 million in private
9. funds to be raised by the University; and
10. WHEREAS, these proposed facilities will provide a more enjoyable
11. experience for all fans, including students, enhance competitiveness of
12. University athletics programs, and serve as a tool to generate additional
13. revenue for athletics operations; and
14. WHEREAS, strategies to generate additional private support will help keep
15. student fees affordable and minimize the need for increases which are
16. burdensome to students.
17. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Associated Students of the University of

18. Wyoming that the Student Senate fully supports the UW Athletics Plan, in so
19. far as it does not require an increase in student fees; and
20. THEREFORE, be it further resolved by the Associated Students of the
21. University of Wyoming that the Student Senate respectfully calls upon the
22. Wyoming State Legislature to fully fund all parts of the Athletics Plan that
23. call for state funding.

**Referred to:** Committee of the Whole

**Date of Passage:** February 17, 2004

**Signed:** Kayn K. Thoman  
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 2/18/04, I do hereby sign my name hereto  
and approve this Senate action.”

[Signature]  
ASUW President

## *Students Support UW Athletics Plan*

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The Associated Students of the University of Wyoming passed Senate Resolution #2066 on Tuesday, February 17. The resolution, entitled *ASUW Support of the UW Athletics Plan*, affirms Student Senate support of the UW Athletics Plan “in so far as it does not require an increase in student fees.”

In the resolution, the Student Senate supports the Athletics Plan because the plan recommends a capital facilities program comprised of state-matched donor funding and is not reliant upon student fee increases.

During debate, Senators clearly identified their approval of the plan. College of Law Senator Adam Christian remarked, “I was a student athlete at my undergraduate institution and I know how athletics can improve the reputation of a university; this plan will do just that.”

Further debates of the resolution centered on the importance of student input on UW athletic programs and the value of student voices to the Wyoming State Legislature.

Additionally, the Senate recognized the value of improved facilities to athletes and fans alike. Through stronger athletic programs, the Senate foresees an improved institutional reputation as well as increased University of Wyoming name recognition.

Janae Nuspl, ASUW Chief of Staff and co-author of the legislation, explained “Because all students at UW are stakeholders in our athletic teams, this is an important issue; especially as it relates to ultimately keeping student fees low. It affords students an opportunity to attend athletic events without paying for entrance and an enhanced fan experience.”

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UW STUDENTS SUPPORT ATHLETICS PLAN

Feb. 18, 2004 -- The Associated Students of the University of Wyoming Senate on Tuesday (Feb. 17) passed a resolution affirming support for the UW Athletics Plan.

Senate Resolution #2066, "ASUW Support of the UW Athletics Plan," affirms student senate support of the UW Athletics Plan "in so far as it does not require an increase in student fees."

In the resolution, the student senate supports the Athletics Plan because the plan recommends a capital facilities program comprised of state-matched donor funding and is not reliant upon student fee increases, said Mary McGinty of Newcastle, ASUW director of public relations. She said senators clearly identified their approval of the plan during debate.

College of Law Senator Adam Christian of Honolulu, Hawaii, said, "I was a student athlete at my undergraduate institution and I know how athletics can improve the reputation of a university; this plan will do just that."

Further debates of the resolution centered on the importance of student input on UW athletic programs and the value of student voices to the Wyoming State Legislature, McGinty said. Additionally, the senate recognized the value of improved facilities to athletes and fans alike. "Through stronger athletic programs, the senate foresees an improved institutional reputation as well as increased University of Wyoming name recognition," she said.

Janae Nuspl of Eaton, Colo., ASUW chief of staff and co-author of the legislation, said, "Because all students at UW are stakeholders in our athletics teams, this is an important issue; especially as it relates to ultimately keeping student fees low. It affords students an opportunity to attend athletic events without paying for entrance, and enhances fan experience."

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