SENATE BILL #2143

Title: Clarification of Steering Committee Powers in Relation to Attendance

Date: March 6, 2006

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Sponsors: Senators Chollak, Clay, Cochran

1. WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (AS UW)
2. By-Laws, Article III, Section 1, provides an attendance policy for AS UW
3. Senators at Senate and Committee meetings; and
4. WHEREAS, the said section provides for a referral to the AS UW Steering Committee of any Senator found in violation of the section; and
5. WHEREAS, the AS UW By-Laws, Article II, Section 10. A. 6, prescribes the powers of the AS UW Steering Committee without mention of any powers of discipline in relation to the AS UW Rules and Procedures, Article III, Section 1;
6. and
7. WHEREAS, this reality has created an inconsistency within the AS UW working documents; and
8. WHEREAS, the AS UW Judicial Council in the AS UW By-Laws, Article II, Section 1. A., is given the following jurisdiction, “In situations of disagreement or dispute, it shall provide interpretation of the AS UW Constitution and AS UW By-Laws.”
9. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the AS UW By-Laws and Rules and Procedures be changed to reflect the language included in Addendum A.

Referred to: Constitution Committee
Date of Passage: March 29, 2006  Signed: [Signature]
(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on March 29, 2006, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this Senate action." [Signature]

ASUW President
Addendum A

New Language in Bold

Changes to ASUW By-Laws Article II Section 10.A.6.b – Steering Committee

Powers. The Committee shall refer proposed ASUW legislation to ASUW standing or special committees for specified action or recommendation prior to final consideration by the Senate. Further, the Committee may recommend the procedure for implementing consideration of ASUW decisions, actions, or legislation after final action by the Senate, and the committee shall provide regular reports to the Senate on the status or final outcome of all matters that require action by officials outside of the ASUW. The committee shall have the power to call Senators before its membership to discuss alleged violations of the ASUW Rules and Procedures Article III Section 1 – Absent Voting Members.

Changes to ASUW Rules and Procedures Article III, Section 1 – Absent Voting Members

Attendance shall be required of all voting members of the ASUW Senate at all meetings of the Senate. Any Senator with three or more absences from the regularly scheduled Senate meeting or special events that are deemed mandatory by the Vice President or Executive Branch shall appear before the ASUW Steering Committee. If a Senator leaves three (3) or more meetings early, the Senator may be called to appear before the ASUW Steering Committee at the discretion of the Chair. If a senator needs to leave any mandatory meeting early he must notify the chair in advance. Any Senator who does not attend committee meetings without contacting the respective chairpersons are subject to appear before the ASUW Steering committee at the discretion of the Committee Chairs. If the committee has determined a violation has occurred, it shall refer the matter to the ASUW Judicial Council for its consideration and imposition of potential punishment. If the violation is grievous enough to warrant impeachment, the Committee may draft such articles as prescribed in Article VII of the ASUW By-Laws. In no way shall this language be construed to restrict the ability of any member of ASUW to bring articles of impeachment.