

SENATE BILL #2163

**Title:** Absence Policy Revisions Pertaining to ASUW Senators

**Date:** February 8, 2007

**Authors:** Vice President Freeburn

**Sponsors:** Senators Berry, Clay, Harris, Lawson, and Spicer

1. WHEREAS, the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the University of
2. Wyoming (ASUW) is elected to serve students in the best manner possible; and
3. WHEREAS, Senators are unable to represent the voice of the students when they
4. are absent from ASUW Senate and Committee meetings; and
5. WHEREAS, the current absence policy outline in ASUW Rules and Procedures is
6. vague and ineffective; and
7. WHEREAS, the Steering Committee and the Judicial Council has difficulty
8. interpreting and enforcing the current absence policy.
9. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Student Senate of the Associated Students of
10. the University of Wyoming (ASUW) that Rules and Procedures, Article III,
11. Section 1, be replaced with the language in Addendum A; and
12. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that this new policy take effect in April,
13. 2007 at the first meeting of the 2007-2008 ASUW Senate.

**Referred to:** Constitution Committee

**Date of Passage:** February 20, 2007

**Signed:**



(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on February 22, 2007, I do hereby sign my name hereto  
and approve this Senate action.”



ASUW President

## ADDENDUM A

### Article III Absenteeism

#### Section 1.

- A. An unexcused absence shall be when a Senator is not present at a regularly scheduled Senate meeting in its entirety or other mandatory event as deemed necessary by the Vice President (i.e. annual retreat).
- B. Unexcused absences may be appealed to the Senate.
- C. An excused absence shall be when a Senator gives a written explanation for an absence to the Vice President prior to the beginning of the meeting from which the Senator will be absent; the Vice President shall disseminate the absence notification to the Steering Committee at their next regularly schedule meeting. The Steering Committee must approve with a majority vote of members present that the excuse is legitimate for a Senator to receive an excused absence. If the Steering Committee does not approve the excuse, the Senator will be counted for an unexcused absence.
- D. The chair of the Steering Committee shall notify the senator in question regarding the Steering Committee's decision immediately following the Steering Committee meeting.
- E. Articles of impeachment will be brought forward against any senator who has three (3) unexcused or six (6) total absences in a given year.
- F. Committee chairs shall be responsible for taking attendance at their respective committee's meetings. A Senator who misses two (2) or more committee meetings may be referred by the committee chair to the Steering Committee to add one (1) absence to his or her total number of absences.