

SENATE BILL #2195

Title: Amendments to Elections Rules and By-Laws

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Sponsors: Senators Harris, Hartford, Martin, Percival; Executive Kroskob

1. WHEREAS, the ASUW Elections Committee is charged with administering all ASUW
2. elections; and
3. WHEREAS, the committee is granted the power to formulate and recommend ASUW
4. election policies and procedures under the governance of the By-Laws of the ASUW; and
5. WHEREAS, changes to the current rules and By-Laws have been deemed necessary to
6. run a more efficient election, campaigning and to improve voter turnout.
7. THEREFORE, be it enacted that the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the
8. University of Wyoming (ASUW) amend the ASUW By-Laws, Article IV, as stipulated
9. in Addendum A; and
10. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes be reflected in the ASUW
11. Elections Code as appropriate; and
12. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes go into effect on July 1, 2008.

Referred to: Constitution Committee

Date of Passage: March 11, 2008 Signed:

UNANIMOUS

(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on March 14, 2008, I do hereby sign my name hereto and

approve this Senate action."

**David F. K.
ASUW President**

ADDENDUM A

Section 7-A

Current:

Campaign materials regulated by these rules shall not include non-broadcast spoken words, e-mails or Internet websites, with the following exceptions: candidates must account for any costs incurred by the use of these campaign materials; non-broadcast spoken words shall be considered campaign materials in the event they are used within an identified polling place during an election; and no candidate may send campaign e-mails to more than 50 UW e-mail accounts within a 24-hour period (list serves shall count only as one account).

Proposed:

Campaign materials regulated by these rules shall not include non-broadcast spoken words, with the following exceptions: non-broadcast spoken words shall be considered campaign materials in the event they are used within an identified polling place during an election.

Section 7-B

Current:

Campaign materials may not be posted until 5 p.m. the first Wednesday of March. All materials displayed must conform to the restrictions placed on them by the administrator of that area.

Proposed:

Campaign materials may not be posted until after the ASUW Secretary has received the candidate's application. Posted material will include: e-mails, internet websites, posters, fliers, hand-outs, and all other formal campaign materials. No candidate may send campaign e-mails to more than 50 UW e-mail accounts within a 24-hour period (list serves shall count only as one account). Candidates must account for any costs incurred by the use of these campaign materials. All materials displayed must conform to the restrictions placed on them by the administrator of that area. It will be at the discretion of the Elections Committee to determine the definitions of some campaign materials, should the issue arise.

Section 7-G&I

Proposed:

Move G and I. to D. and E. respectively, and re-alphabetize as necessary.

Section 7-M (addition)

Proposed:

No campaign material shall be displayed in the ASUW Office. Violations will be subject to removal or some other exclusion. Individuals in violation are subject to referral to the Elections Committee.

Section 8-A

Current:

All complaints must be referred to the Judicial Council following the method prescribed in the ASUW By-Laws, Article III, Section 3, and all alleged violations must be turned in to the ASUW Secretary in the ASUW Office no more than 24 hours after the election in which the alleged violation occurred.

Proposed:

All written complaints must be referred to the Judicial Council following the method prescribed in the ASUW By-Laws, Article III, Section 3. A copy of the written complaint must be submitted to the ASUW Secretary in the ASUW Office no more than 24 hours after the election in which the alleged violation occurred.

Section 8-B (addition)

Proposed:

Complaints needing timely rectification should be verbally or otherwise referred to the Elections Committee for deliberation. Decisions can be appealed to the ASUW Judicial Council.

Section 10-D

Current: If there is a tie in the General election, a run-off election shall be called to resolve the tie and determine the winner.

Proposed: In the case of a tie in the General election for Presidential ticket or last elected Senate seat, a run-off election shall be called to resolve the tie and determine the winner.

Section 10-F (addition)

Proposed: In the case of a tie for those candidates not receiving a Senate seat, the order of replacement seats in the case of a resignation in the Senate shall be determined by lottery with all parties present. The procedure for the lottery shall be determined by the Elections Committee.