

SENATE BILL #2247



TITLE: Student Interests and Policy Planning Committee (Formerly Student Issues)

DATE: April 2, 2009

AUTHOR: Senator Jones

SPONSORS: Senator Gallegos, Senator Ssekajja, Senator Jones, and SAL Moran

1. WHEREAS, the Student Issues Committee of the Associated Students of the University of
2. Wyoming (ASUW) does not currently function as outlined in the by-laws; and
3. WHEREAS, an accessible forum for students and students groups to voice opinions and
4. concerns regarding student life is an important aspect of the ASUW; and
5. WHEREAS, the current by-laws limit the Student Issues Committee to only addressing
6. "housing, health, and student consumer issues", and thus ignoring many integral aspects of
7. student life; and
8. WHEREAS, there is not currently an ASUW standing committee, which explicitly addresses
9. the policy planning interests of the student body as represented by the ASUW; and
10. WHEREAS, there is currently an Executive of Policy Planning and it is appropriate to include
11. such an important aspect of student representation fully into the agenda of the ASUW,
12. specifically the Student Senate of the ASUW;
13. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the by-laws of the Student Senate of the Associated Students
14. of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) be amended to reflect the language outlined in
15. Addendum A; and
16. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the ASUW encourages the President and Vice President of
17. the ASUW to include in the position description of the Executive of Policy Planning: "close
18. consultation and collaboration with the Student Interest and Policy Planning Committee."

Referred to: Constitution Committee

Date of Passage: 04/14/09

Signed: *Jonathan McNeill*

UNANIMOUSLY

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 4/21/09, I do hereby sign my name hereto and

approve this Senate action.”

Kelsey Day
ASUW President

Addendum A

7. ~~7.~~ ASUW Student Issues Committee:

~~a. Purpose. The Committee shall serve as an open forum for individual students or groups of students whereby they may openly voice opinions on all issues of student interest or concern. These can include, but are not limited to, the student environment, university administration, and academics. Further, the Committee shall actively pursue and investigate said issues, and shall represent students' views to policy-making bodies within and outside of the University.~~

~~b. Powers. Those issues, pertinent to the student, shall be actively pursued, investigated, and acted upon by the committee. The committee shall render recommendations on said issues to the Senate of the ASUW. Further, the committee as necessary shall draft legislation, resolutions, etc in order to address and resolve those issues that may arise.~~

ASUW Student Issues Committee Student Interest and Policy Planning Committee

a. Purpose: The committee shall serve as an open forum a medium for individual students and student groups, ~~and student organizations~~ to voice opinions and concerns regarding ~~university~~ university policy, administration, or other issues associated with student life. The Student Issues Committee shall have the responsibility to investigate student life issues, concerns relating to university policy and administration, or any other matter upon which students have expressed a need for review and will make appropriate recommendations to university officials and/or the ASUW Senate. The Committee shall, ~~at all times,~~ represent the views and concerns of the students to the appropriate university administrators, personnel, or other entities when ASUW involvement in the policymaking process is required.

b. Powers: The committee shall be vested with all necessary and appropriate powers to carry out its purpose under these rules. These powers include, but are not limited to, the ability to investigate student issues, meet with university administrators, officials, and personnel, draft legislation and make appropriate recommendations to the ASUW Senate regarding student issues and concerns, and represent the views of students to outside policymakers.

c. Composition. The Committee shall consist of a minimum of five (5) ASUW Senators, one (1) of whom shall serve as chairperson and at least, but not limited to, one (1) Freshman Senator appointed by Freshman Senate, subject to the approval of the ASUW Vice President. The ASUW Executive of Policy Planning is highly encouraged to consult and collaborate with the committee.