SENATE BILL #2259

Title:       Vacancy of Office Procedure Revision
Date:       November 5, 2009
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Sponsors:   Senators Brown, Cusack, Simpson and Wallace

1. WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) requires a
2. legitimate procedure for filling vacant offices should the need arise and;
3. WHEREAS, it is vital that the ASUW have a process that is logical and valid for filling
4. executive office vacancies and;
5. WHEREAS, the President and Vice Presidential positions of ASUW are selected by student
6. votes and if vacant, should be filled by students from other elected positions in ASUW and;
7. WHEREAS, the current process as outlined in the ASUW By-Laws needs to be
8. expanded to ensure consistent protocol;
9. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the
10. University of Wyoming that the ASUW By-Laws Article V, section 1 be amended to reflect
11. the language in Addendum A.

Referred to:  Student Interest and Policy Planning Committee

Date of Passage: 12/01/09     Signed:  

"Being enacted on 1-12-2010, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action."  

ASUW President
Addendum A.

ARTICLE V

Vacancy of Office

Section 1. Procedure for filling vacancies of Executive officers between elections:

A. Upon the resignation, permanent absence, or incapacity of the President, the Vice President shall become President.

B. Upon the resignation, permanent absence, or incapacity of the Vice President, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall become Vice President.

C. Upon the resignation, permanent absence, or incapacity of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Senate Parliamentarian shall become the President Pro Tempore.

D. Upon the resignation, permanent absence, or incapacity of the aforementioned members of ASUW, the following order of offices shall assume the executive responsibilities until the special election outlined in clause E is held:
   1. Senate Sergeant at Arms
   2. Senate Marshal
   3. Chief of Staff
   4. Director of Finance
   5. Director of Policy Planning

E. Executive office vacancies must be filled with in five (5) school days from the day which the vacancy occurs. If the vacancy can not be filled by the procedure as outlined in the previous section, due to inability or unwillingness of the successive officers, a special election must be held. At the next senate meeting following the resignation, absence, or incapacity outlined above, a special in-senate election will be held to fill the open position with current senators.

F. The special election is to be organized by the ASUW Elections Committee with a code and timeline approved by the ASUW Senate by a 2/3 vote. The special election must take place no more than ten (10) school days after the vacancy of office procedure can not be followed. The special election is to be held in accordance with established election protocols as outlined in Article IV of the ASUW By-Laws. The special election should be well advertised and as transparent to the student body as possible.