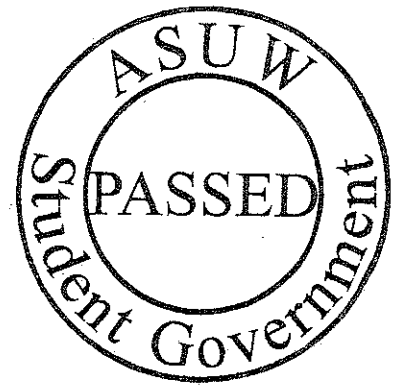


SENATE BILL #2310



Title: ASUW Student Senate Physical Responsibilities
Date: February 18, 2011
Authors: Vice President Brown
Sponsors: Senators Defebaugh, Dugas, Kaul, Lehmitz, McNamee, Oisamoje, and Van Cleave

1. WHEREAS, the senators of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)
2. are a critical component to the overall success of the ASUW; and,
3. WHEREAS, there is a demonstrated need to specify the standardized physical commitments
4. and overall time commitment of an ASUW Senator; and,
5. WHEREAS, there have been many futile legislative acts in the preceding years to increase
6. ASUW involvement in the office, on campus, and through specific ASUW programs; and,
7. WHEREAS, it is of critical importance that ASUW Senators are actively engaged in ASUW
8. through regular meetings, committee involvement, participation in outreach events, ASUW
9. programs, and throughout other avenues; and,
10. WHEREAS, the ASUW Vice President serves as the chairperson of the ASUW Student
11. Senate and manages individual excuses, exceptions, and other issues for ASUW Senators;
12. and,
13. WHEREAS, enforcement through absenteeism and the ASUW Steering Committee is
14. necessary for the adherence to the initiatives in this bill.
15. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the
16. University of Wyoming (ASUW) that the ASUW Constitution, Article 3, Section 6 be
17. created to include the language contained in Addendum A.
18. THEREFORE, be it further enacted by the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the


19. University of Wyoming (ASUW) that the ASUW By-Laws, Article 2, Section 4 be amended
20. to include the language contained in Addendum B.
21. THEREFORE, be it further enacted by the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the
22. University of Wyoming (ASUW) that this bill take full effect beginning with the 2011-2012
23. elected Student Senate of the ASUW.

Referred to: Constitution Committee and Student Outreach and Policy Committee

Date of Passage: 03/01/2011 **Signed:**  _____

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 3/01/2011, I do hereby sign my name hereto and

approve this Senate action.”  _____

ASUW President

Addendum A

Article III Absenteeism

- Section 1. Any senator with three (3) absences shall appear before the ASUW Steering Committee to determine whether they are able to continue serving and what remedial actions, if any, should be taken. After three (3) absences, a senator shall appear before the ASUW Steering Committee after each subsequent absence, unless the ASUW Steering Committee finds extraordinary circumstances exist that would justify a waiver of the attendance policy. In such a case, the Steering Committee must make a recommendation to the Senate and a waiver can only be granted upon a vote of the Senate.
- Section 2. Remedial actions, should they be found necessary by the ASUW Steering Committee, shall be reported to the Senate at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Remedial actions may include, but are not limited to: time spent in additional committee meetings, time spent in student outreach efforts, or in other projects as assigned by the Steering Committee.
- Section 3. The chair of the Steering Committee shall notify the senator in question regarding the Steering Committee's decision immediately following the Steering Committee meeting.
- Section 4. The ASUW Steering Committee shall have the power to bring impeachment charges should the Committee find such action necessary and appropriate under the circumstances. No senator shall be removed from the ASUW Senate for absences except through the impeachment process.
- Section 5. Committee chairs shall be responsible for taking attendance at their respective committee 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.
- Section 6. The ASUW Vice President shall be responsible for compiling attendance for all senator service hours. A senator who misses four (4) or more service hours may be referred by the Vice President to the Steering Committee to add one (1) absence to his or her total number of absences.

Addendum B

Section 4.

The ASUW Senate shall serve as the Legislative Body of the ASUW. The ASUW Student Senate shall have the following authority and responsibilities:

- A. The ASUW Senate shall directly represent the students by the efficient, responsible, and coordinated functioning of student life and ASUW activities at the University, through the enactment of legislation in the form of bills or resolutions.
- B. It shall have the authority to assume whatever responsibilities it deems necessary to fulfill its obligations to the students.
- C. It shall have the authority to recommend to the Trustees the needed amount of ASUW fees to be assessed of all fee paying students for financial support of ASUW sponsored programs and activities.
- D. In accordance with applicable University regulations, the provisions of the Constitution, and the ASUW Finance Policy, the ASUW Senate shall have the authority to annually allocate all ASUW monies received through student registration fees.
- E. It shall have the authority to appoint and direct such special committees to study or investigate any issue of concern to the ASUW Senate in fulfilling its responsibilities for the University students; such committees shall serve only during the Senate term in which they are appointed.
- F. It shall have the authority and responsibility to develop standards of good practice for sponsorship or financial support from ASUW.
- G. It shall approve, or reject by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, any of the ASUW President's appointees or ASUW representatives to fill student held positions on University committees and boards.
- H. It shall approve, or reject by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, any of the ASUW Vice President's appointees to ASUW standing and special committees.
- I. The Senate shall have the responsibility to establish an enduring Finance Policy to include restrictions and procedures for utilization of ASUW monies in the best interest of the ASUW's purposes.
- J. The Senate shall have the power to move into Executive Session regarding matters concerning all paid employees of ASUW with the exception of the ASUW President and Vice President; or concerning matters of legal affairs brought by or against ASUW. When moving into Executive session only voting members of the Senate, the ASUW Secretary, and the ASUW Chair shall be allowed to stay; unless otherwise specifically stated in the motion. The Senate shall reconvene into open session to take any formal action on discussion from Executive Session.
- K. ASUW Senators shall have the following standardized physical responsibilities:
 - a. Senators shall attend regularly scheduled meetings of the ASUW Student Senate, and any special meetings of the ASUW Student Senate as scheduled by the ASUW Vice President.
 - b. Senators shall serve on a minimum of two (2) ASUW Standing Committees.
 - c. Once per academic semester, ASUW Senators will present the ASUW Student Outreach Presentation.
 - d. Each full month of the academic semester, senators will be required to accumulate four (4) service hours. Service hours can be accumulated through the following means:
 - i. Documented office hour in the ASUW office.

- ii. Documented ~~working at, or participating in,~~ an ASUW student outreach event.
- iii. Documented attendance or participation in an ASUW funded event.
- iv. Documented volunteering with an ASUW program.
- v. Any other form of service hour, as pre-approved in writing by the ASUW Vice President, with the subsequent approval of the ASUW Steering Committee.
- e. Appropriate documentation and documentation methods of service hours will be set and managed by the ASUW Vice President, with the subsequent approval of the ASUW Steering Committee.
- f. The decisions of the Vice President regarding exceptions to the listed service hours can be verbally appealed to the ASUW Steering Committee at the next regular Steering Committee meeting.

