

SENATE BILL #2356

TITLE: Elections Committee Reform Act

DATE: March 22, 2012

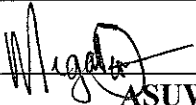
AUTHORS: Senators Defebaugh and Messer

SPONSORS: Senators Kahler and Hasley

1. WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)
2. Elections Committee (the Committee) to administer all ASUW elections; and,
3. WHEREAS, for a fair election, the Committee must maintain neutrality; and,
4. WHEREAS, the Committee Chairman plays a pivotal role in the maintenance of neutrality; and,
5. WHEREAS, the most effective method of maintaining the Chair's neutrality is to ensure that the
6. Chair has no personal investment in the election; and,
7. WHEREAS, this is accomplished if the Chair does not plan or is ineligible to run for re-election;
8. and,
9. WHEREAS, this would more likely position a more experienced ASUW Senator as Chair of the
10. Committee, overall improving the elections process.
11. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Student Government of the Associated Students of the
12. University of Wyoming (ASUW) that the ASUW By-Laws, Article II, Section 10, Sub-Section
13. A, Clause iii, be amended to reflect the changes in Addendum A.

Referred to: Elections

Date of Passage: 04/10/12 Signed: 
(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on 4/11/12, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action." 
ASUW President

Addendum A

ARTICLE II

Legislative Branch

Section 10: Senate Committees

iii. ASUW Election Committee

- a. Purpose. The Committee shall administer all ASUW election policies and superintend all elections conducted under the auspices of the ASUW. Powers.
- b. The Committee shall formulate and recommend ASUW election policies and procedures as well as review and provide recommendation on any proposed changes to such policies or procedures. Additionally, the Committee shall have the responsibility to provide, in accordance with established procedures, the initial hearing and recommendation to the ASUW President in any situation where the fairness of an ASUW election is contested. The Committee shall also have the authority to coordinate with the Student Outreach and Policy Committee for elections public relations and marketing. Composition.
- c. The Committee shall consist of a minimum of seven (7) ASUW Senators, each representing a different College, one (1) of whom shall serve as chairperson, which shall be a Senator not running for re-election in the following election cycle, and a minimum of three (3) ASUW Students- at-Large, with one (1) being a Freshman Senator. The ASUW Vice President shall appoint one (1) Executive Assistant to serve as an ex- officio on the committee.