



TITLE: ASUW By-laws Revisions

DATE: November 13, 2012

AUTHOR: Senator Messer

SPONSORS: Senators Garcia, Krempels, McKay, Messer, Powell & Reinicke; SAL Cave

1. WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Student Government of the Associated Students of the
2. University of Wyoming (ASUW) to effectively serve the interests of the student body; and,
3. WHEREAS, to this end, the working documents of the ASUW must be precise and kept
4. current with the goals of the ASUW; and,
5. WHEREAS, the ASUW By-laws are inconsistent with these purposes in some places.
6. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Student Government of the Associated Students of the
7. University of Wyoming (ASUW) that the ASUW By-laws be amended to reflect the changes
8. contained in Addendums A, B, C and D.

Referred to: Student Outreach and Policy Committee

Date of Passage: 12/04/12 **Signed:** Brett Kahler
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on _____, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action.” _____
ASUW President

Addendum A

**THE BY-LAWS
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING**

**ARTICLE II
Legislative Branch**

Section 1. Specific authorities and responsibilities of the ASUW Vice President include the following:

- A. Working with the Executive staff and organizing and coordinating ASUW committees in effecting better legislation and attaining student goals.
- B. The Vice president shall serve as chairperson of the ASUW Senate. He/she may not participate in debate unless he/she first relinquishes the chair to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- C. The Vice President may vote on any matter only in the event of a tie.
- D. The Vice President, with the advice of the President and the consent of the ASUW Senate, shall appoint and may remove for cause, all members of the ASUW Standing and Special Committees. Except in extenuating circumstances, all senatorial positions on ASUW Standing committees shall be presented for approval to the ASUW Senate for no later than ~~thirteen (13) days~~ (30) days after the first day of class of the Fall semester of the term. Other positions shall be filled as time permits.
- E. The Vice President may, with the advice of the President and the consent of the ASUW Senate, appoint chairpersons of ASUW Standing and Special Committees.
- F. With the advice and approval of the ASUW Legislative Branch, the Vice President may appoint one (1) executive assistant to assist with the Vice President's responsibilities.
- G. The Vice President shall be in charge of maintaining a permanent, public record of all formal actions and business of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of ASUW.
- H. Administering the oath of office to all ASUW Senate members.
- I. His/her presence during the summer for participation in the ASUW vice presidential internship.

Addendum B

ARTICLE II
Legislative Branch

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:

- K. ASUW Senators shall have the following standardized physical responsibilities:
- i. 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.
 - ii. Senators shall serve on a minimum of two (2) ASUW Standing Committees.
 - ~~iii. Once per academic semester, ASUW Senators will present the ASUW Student Outreach Presentation.~~
 - iv-iii. 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:
 - a. Documented office hour in the ASUW office.
 - b. Documented participation in an ASUW student outreach event.
 - c. Documented attendance or participation in an ASUW funded event.
 - d. Documented volunteering with an ASUW program.
 - e. 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.
 - v-iv. 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.
 - vi-v. 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.

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Addendum C

ARTICLE II
Legislative Branch

Section 6. Membership in the ASUW Senate shall consist of:

- B. All University organizations seeking an ex-officio position on the ASUW Student Senate must have that position approved by the Constitution Committee and further approved by the ASUW Student Senate by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

~~ii.~~ Any organization seeking an ex-officio position shall submit a written request to the Chair of the Constitution Committee

~~iii.~~ The Constitution Committee will review the request. Upon approval, the Chair will draft and submit legislation granting the organization an ex-officio position.

~~iii.~~ The organization will be granted the position upon the 2/3 majority approval of the legislation.

~~i-iv.~~ Organizations seeking an ex-officio position must exhibit all of the following qualifications:

- a. The organization must provide a diverse array of co-curricular activities including cultural, international, athletic, and/or student life programs.
- b. The organization must utilize educational opportunities, which promote growth and involvement enriching daily life.
- c. The organization must be a University Recognized Student Organization, but special exemptions may be granted for the representative bodies of University faculty and staff.
- d. The organization must demonstrate inadequate representation by the existing ex-officio's.
- e. Any organization that has lost its ex-officio position on the student senate will enter a period of probation and may not reapply for said position until a period of one semester has passed. Upon reapplication, the organization must provide a detailed account of activities conducted during this period of probation.

~~ii-v.~~ The ex-officio position cannot be represented by current senators, executives or other ex-officio representatives.

~~ii-vi.~~ If an ex-officio position representing a student organization goes unrepresented for 4 consecutive senate meetings they will be notified of their absences and potential consequences by the ASUW Vice President in writing; if the organization is absent for another 4 consecutive senate meetings they will lose their ex-officio position. After the loss of an ex-officio position the organization may petition to gain representation by following ASUW By-Laws Article II, Section 6, Paragraph ~~ii-ii~~ ii-B Clauses i-iii

Addendum D

ARTICLE IV
Elections

Section 6. Candidate Requirements:

A. A candidate for Senator must meet the following requirements:

- i. He/she must be a full-time ASUW fee paying student, ~~and maintain this status.~~
- ii. He/she must have and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average as an undergraduate and a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average as a graduate or professional student or a 2.0 if the program does not require it.
- iii. He/she must have completed no less than thirty (30) hours of University credit at the beginning of the academic year of his term of office.
- iv. He/she must have completed no less than twelve (12) of those hours at the University of Wyoming.
- v. He/she must submit an application by the required deadline (as outlined in Section 1, Subsection C of this Article) provided by the Elections Committee.
- vi. He/she cannot be a currently serving member of the ASUW Judicial Council. In the event that an individual who wishes to declare his/her candidacy for Senator and is currently serving as the ASUW Chief Justice or a Justice, he/she must resign as a member of the ASUW Judicial Council in order to officially declare his/her candidacy when filing closes.
- vii. All candidates for Senator will run individually.

B. Both candidates on a ticket for ASUW President and Vice President must meet the following requirements:

- i. He/she must be a full-time ASUW fee paying student, ~~and maintain this status.~~
- ii. He/she must have and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average as an undergraduate and a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average as a graduate or professional student or a 2.0 if the program does not require it.
- iii. He/she must submit an application by the required deadline (as outlined in Section 1, Subsection C of this Article) provided by the Elections Committee.
- iv. He/she must have completed no less than sixty (60) hours of University credit by June 10 of the calendar year in which he/she was elected as an undergraduate student, or, as a graduate or professional student, he/she must have completed no less than eighteen (18) hours of University credit by June 10 of the calendar year in which he/she was elected.
- v. Candidates for President and Vice President will run jointly, on a combined ticket, through both the primary and general elections. Students will not be able to vote for a President and Vice President individually, but must instead vote for a ticket. All election rules will apply jointly to candidates for President and Vice President running on the same ticket.
- vi. He/she cannot be a currently serving member of the ASUW Judicial Council or the ASUW Elections Committee. In the event that an individual who

wishes to declare his/her candidacy or is currently serving in one of these capacities, he/she must resign as a member of the ASUW Judicial Council or the ASUW Elections Committee in order to officially declare his/her candidacy when filing closes.



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To: ASUW Senate

From: Joel Defebaugh, ASUW President

Date: 12/11/12

Re: Veto on Senate Bill #2377

Per the ASUW By-Laws Section 1, sub-section D, article ii, the ASUW President must supply a written explanation as to why a bill was vetoed. After the Senate meeting on 12/4/12 and the limited discussion and consideration on Senate Bill #2377, specifically Addendum B, I reflected and considered my stance on the legislation. It has been my experience in ASUW that requiring Senators to fulfill more responsibilities is quite difficult to achieve. Many of you will recall the numerous times that legislation regarding Senators volunteering for SafeRide failed. Therefore, I believe it is much more difficult to enact legislation requiring responsibilities rather than to retain and alter already existing language in the working documents. The limited discussion before the Senate regarding the addendum foreshadowed future additions or remedies to existing problems with the policy, which I highly encourage. Discussion regarding this requirement has been a bit off in the past: the language clearly states "Once per semester, ASUW Senators will present the ASUW Student Outreach Presentation." Nothing in the By-Laws requires that the presentation be given to a class, or anything of the sort. The ASUW Steering Committee has interpreted and put stipulations around the requirement as mechanisms to hold Senators accountable, which I consider a notable endeavor. I would recommend that the concept and language be expanded so that it may include outreach events or other presentations pertaining to the mission and purpose of ASUW and the Student Senate.

Additionally, I believe that the Senate should more fully contemplate Addendum D. I do not fully believe that the additional language added to these articles erases the grey area. I think the language should be crystal clear as to what Senators consider full-time student status entails. Does this require that you be a student on campus, a student carrying a full 12 credit hour course load, or just full fee-paying student? While I believe this is an admirable step forward, I believe it needs more work. For these reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill #2377.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel Defebaugh".

Joel Defebaugh