

SENATE BILL #2388



TITLE: Mandatory Senator Attendance at ASUW Funded RSO Events
DATE: February 8, 2013
AUTHOR: Senators Messer and Sheehan
SPONSORS: President Defebaugh; Vice President Kahler; Executive Andreen; and Senators Christensen, Dinneen, McNamee, Murdoch, Nedved, and Unangst

1. WHEREAS, the Student Government of the Associated Students of the University of
2. Wyoming (ASUW) allocated \$140,000 of student fee monies for use by Recognized Student
3. Organizations (RSOs) in Fiscal Year 2013; and,
4. WHEREAS, the ASUW RSO Funding Board will award monies to over 35 different RSO
5. events throughout the 2012-2013 academic year; and,
6. WHEREAS, the ASUW Senate approves funding for over 75 percent of RSO events; and,
7. WHEREAS, ASUW strives to practice fiscal responsibility through effective distribution
8. and utilization of RSO Funding Board funds; and,
9. WHEREAS, ASUW strives to increase senator's presence and availability on campus; and,
10. WHEREAS, RSO Funding Board has requested formal feedback from ASUW Senators on
11. ASUW funded RSO events.
12. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Student Government of the Associated Students of the
13. University of Wyoming (ASUW) that Article II, Section 4, Sub-section K of the ASUW
14. By-Laws be amended to reflect the changes contained in Addendum A.

Referred to: RSO Funding Board

Date of Passage: 02/26/13 **Signed:** Bart Kahler
(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on 3/11/2013 **I do hereby sign my name hereto and**
approve this Senate action." Justin Defebaugh
ASUW President

Addendum A

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

**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:

- 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:
 - 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. 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. 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. 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.
- vi.vii. ~~Senators shall attend a minimum of two (2) RSO events funded by ASUW per semester, and complete a review to be submitted to the ASUW RSO Funding Board for each event.~~