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SENATE RESOLUTION #2379

TITLE: ASUW Support for the Preservation of a Censorship Free Environment

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SPONSORS: Senators Kolf and Powell; SAL Scherlin

1. WHEREAS, the Student Government of the Associated Students of the University of

2. Wyoming (ASUW) is committed to the intellectual, diverse, and creative expression of

3. speech as part of promoting the general welfare of all students at the University of Wyoming

4. (UW); and,

5. WHEREAS, reports from numerous sources claim that the administration of the

6. University of Wyoming was pressured by the energy industry and state legislators to

7. remove the “Carbon Sink” artwork from the UW campus; and,

8. WHEREAS, the UW Administration relented to this alleged pressure resulting in the removal

9. of “Carbon Sink”, and in doing so failed to effectively convey the basis for this decision; and,

10. WHEREAS, the preservation of an academic and unbiased environment is essential to

11. exposing students to the “frontiers of scholarship” and the “complexities of an interdependent

12. world”; and,

13. WHEREAS, the student body has expressed disapproval at the censorship of

14. expression on the campus of an institution of “higher education”; and,

15. WHEREAS, while donor funding is vital, such outside interests should not have authority

16. over matters of intellectual freedom on a university campus.

17. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the

18. University of Wyoming (ASUW) express its disapproval of the University of Wyoming’s
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19. Administration having failed to preserve an academic environment allowing for dissenting
20. opinions and intellectual creativity; and,
21. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW call upon the Board of Trustees to
22. consider willingness to protect freedom and expression of opposing viewpoints as a top
23. priority in the selection of the next University President.

Referred to: _______________________________

Date of Passage: ________________________ Signed: ________________________________

(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on______________________, I do hereby sign my name hereto and

approve this Senate action." ________________________________

ASUW President