

SENATE BILL #2415

TITLE: Creation of the ASUW Elections Commissioner Position

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SPONSORS: Senators Andersen, Ogle, and True

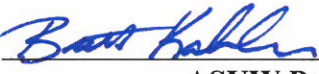


1. WHEREAS, the Student Government of the Associated Students of the University of
2. Wyoming (ASUW) holds annual elections for Senatorial, Presidential and Vice Presidential
3. positions; and,
4. WHEREAS, the success of the elections process is vital to the ASUW and retaining its
5. integrity in fulfilling its mission to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,
6. WHEREAS, the Elections committee of ASUW is historically comprised of Senators who
7. are running in the elections; and,
8. WHEREAS, this can make impartiality difficult; and,
9. WHEREAS, an official position within the ASUW Executive Branch could provide
10. continuity throughout the election season, by employing a single individual to oversee the
11. elections process.
12. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the
13. University of Wyoming (ASUW) that the ASUW Elections Commissioner be created in
14. Article IV, Section 1 of the ASUW By-laws, as outlined in Addendum A; and,
15. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that all the current Section 1 and all subsequent sections
16. in Article IV of the ASUW bylaws be adjusted accordingly; and,
17. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that one week from the time of passage, the ASUW
18. President will present his appointee for the position, to be approved by the ASUW Senate to

- 19. assume the duties of the Commissioner for the 2014 primary and general elections; and,
- 20. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that all subsequent election years will follow the
- 21. procedures as outlined in Addendum A.

Referred to: Elections and Constitution Committees

Date of Passage: 02/11/14 Signed: 
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 2/18/14, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action.” 
ASUW President

Addendum A

ARTICLE IV

Elections

Section 1. In order to preserve an unbiased election, there shall be appointed an ASUW Elections Commissioner.

A. Selection, Compensation, and Removal of the ASUW Elections

Commissioner:

- i. The ASUW President shall appoint the Elections Commissioner, to be approved by the ASUW Senate no later than the last regular ASUW Senate meeting of the fall semester.
 - a. Individuals to be considered for the position of Elections Commissioner may not currently hold a position within ASUW, or be running for a position within ASUW in the next spring election.
- ii. The Elections Commissioner will begin regular work with ASUW during the first week of the spring semester.
- iii. The Elections Commissioner will report to the ASUW President, and may be removed from office, with cause, by the ASUW President.
 - a. The Elections Commissioner shall function as a semi-autonomous member within the Executive Branch. The Commissioner shall report directly to the President, as well as to the Senate upon request.
- iv. The Elections Commissioner shall be provided with a stipend commensurate with the duties of his/her office, to be set annually in the budgeting cycle, and paid half of the stipend at the completion of the primary election, and half of the stipend following the completion of the general elections.
 - a. In the case there is no primary election, the election commission shall be paid half the stipend mid-way through the election cycle.

B. Specific duties of the Elections Commissioner include:

- i. In conjunction with the ASUW Elections Committee, meet weekly to discuss issues pertaining to the ASUW Elections.
- ii. Work with the Elections Committee to prepare the annual Elections Code, to be approved by the ASUW Senate.
- iii. Work with the Elections Committee to create all marketing for the ASUW Elections, with a goal of ensuring the largest voter turnout as reasonably possible.
- iv. The Commissioner shall act as a liaison and primary point of contact between all campaigns and the Elections Committee.
- v. The Commissioner shall hold no fewer than two (2) information sessions for all candidates and possible candidates seeking office within ASUW between the date applications are available and the time applications are due, in conjunction with the Elections Committee.
- vi. The Commissioner shall be in charge of counting all ballots of the primary and general elections in conjunction with the ASUW Advisor.

- vii. The Commissioner shall ensure that no speech, advertisement, or any other related activity pertaining to the current election and its respective races occurs inside the ASUW Office Suite or at official ASUW functions, other than those sponsored and conducted by the ASUW Elections Committee.
- viii. The Commissioner will ensure that all candidates adhere to the Elections Code.
- ix. The Commissioner shall preside over all hearings and inquiries regarding the violations of the ASUW Elections Code.
- x. The Commissioner is authorized to spend funds appropriated for the election, with the approval of the Elections Committee.