

SENATE RESOLUTION #2408

TITLE: ASUW Support for Increased Access to College Credit for Military Veterans

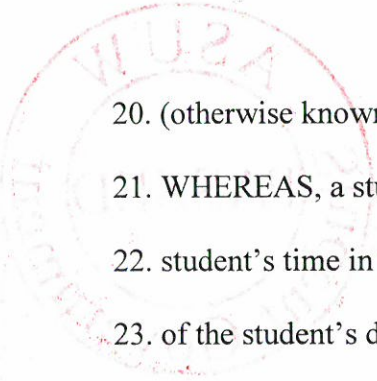
DATE: November 5, 2013

AUTHOR: Senator Messer

SPONSORS: Senators Dinneen, Haukaas, Powell, True, and Yang



1. WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Student Government of the Associated Students of the
2. University of Wyoming (ASUW) to represent the needs of every student; and,
3. WHEREAS, a significant portion of the student body has previously served in the armed
4. forces of the United States of America; and,
5. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming owes a great debt to those students who have served
6. in the armed forces; and,
7. WHEREAS, these students receive specialized training in order to fulfill their duties while
8. serving in the armed forces; and,
9. WHEREAS, this training can often times be equated to college-level classes; and,
10. WHEREAS, the American Council on Education (ACE) provides transcripts that
11. recommends the various credits an individual who has served in the military could be eligible
12. to receive; and,
13. WHEREAS, there has been a growing movement to increase the amount of academic credit
14. available for military veterans; and,
15. WHEREAS, current practice at many institutions, including the University of Wyoming
16. generally awards general elective credit, and not course-specific credit; and,
17. WHEREAS, beyond potentially fulfilling a requirement for elective credit, such credit does
18. not advance the standing of a veteran in his or her given degree program; and,
19. WHEREAS, higher education benefits provided by the Servicemen's Readjustment Act



- 20. (otherwise known as the G. I. Bill) currently last for only 36 months; and,
- 21. WHEREAS, a student using G. I. Bill benefits to fulfill credit that was covered during that
- 22. student's time in the armed services could exhaust G. I. Bill benefits prior to the completion
- 23. of the student's degree program; and,
- 24. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming Veterans' Task Force is currently pursuing greater
- 25. access to college credit for students who have served in the armed services; and,
- 26. WHEREAS, this is an admirable pursuit; and,
- 27. WHEREAS, such a pursuit would require the efforts of several campus entities to ensure that
- 28. any changes and improvements are made in a manner that is academically focused.
- 29. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the
- 30. University of Wyoming (ASUW) that the ASUW Student Government strongly support the
- 31. Veterans' Task Force in its effort to increase the access to college credit to those students
- 32. who have served in the armed services; and,
- 33. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government encourages
- 34. top-tier University of
- 35. Wyoming leadership, the Office of the Registrar, all academic departments, and all other
- 36. entities involved in this endeavor, to be receptive toward and cooperative in the Veterans'
- 37. Task Force's efforts.

Referred to: Academics, Technology, and Sustainability Committee & Student Outreach and Policy Committee

Date of Passage: 11/19/13

Signed: *Kian Murdoch*
(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on 11/20/13, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this Senate action."

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ASUW President