SENATE RESOLUTION #2441

TITLE: ASUW Position Regarding On-Campus Concealed Carry

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SPONSORS: Senators De Wett, Dexter, Hernandez, Monaghan

1. WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) to represent the best interests of the student body; and,

2. WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Wyoming (the Legislature) has previously considered legislation that would allow concealed carry permit holders, including administrators, staff, faculty, students, and visitors, the right to concealed carry to any school, college, or professional athletic event conducted on public property; and,

3. WHEREAS, the Legislature may introduce similar legislation in the near future; and,

4. WHEREAS, such legislation preempts University of Wyoming Regulation 2-178 Section 6(g) regarding firearms on the University of Wyoming campus; and,

5. WHEREAS, while such legislation aligns with the tenets of self-protection respected in the State of Wyoming, there are many aspects of a university setting that could be negatively impacted by students, faculty, staff, or visitors carrying firearms; and,

6. WHEREAS, firearms in the classroom may be perceived as a threat of violence by students and educators; and,

7. WHEREAS, the negative dynamics of college life can have potentially disastrous consequences when firearms are readily present; and,

8. WHEREAS, the presence of firearms on the university campus means there is a chance of accidental discharge or misuse by the carrier or another student, employee or visitor; and,
19. WHEREAS the risks of allowing firearms on campus outweigh the potential benefits.

20. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) that the ASUW strongly discourage the contravention of University of Wyoming Regulation 2-178 Section 6(g); and,

24. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW support the position of the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming as described in Faculty Senate Resolution 325.

Referred to: Student Outreach and Policy

Date of Passage: ______________________ Signed: ___________________________(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on ______________________, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this Senate action."

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ASUW President