SENATE RESOLUTION #2510

TITLE: ASUW Support for Domestic and International Diversity Credits

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SPONSORS: Senators Hernandez and Wolfgang; United Multicultural Council

1. WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government to represent the needs of every student; and,

2. WHEREAS, in order to meet that goal it is vitally important that the ASUW Student Government promote and support a campus-wide environment of acceptance, inclusion, and understanding; and,

3. WHEREAS, the University Studies Program (USP) currently does not require specific credits related to domestic or international diversity issues for undergraduate students; and,

4. WHEREAS, such requirements for undergraduate students would help foster a campus climate of acceptance and understanding; and,

5. WHEREAS, the ASUW Student Government supported the implementation of “ethnic and cultural diversity classes in the University Studies curriculum” through ASUW Senate Resolution #1743; and,

6. WHEREAS, the ASUW Student Government did not support the removal of Diversity and Global Awareness credits from the USP requirements as shown through the nearly unanimous rejection of ASUW Senate Resolution #2371; and,

7. WHEREAS, students at the University of Wyoming have expressed a desire for the implementation of domestic and international diversity credits through the circulation of a recent petition.

19. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
20. (ASUW) Student Government support the implementation of diversity and global awareness credits in the University Studies Program (USP); and,

21. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government strongly encourages that individual colleges at the University of Wyoming (UW), out of their own volition and appreciation of “an environment that values and manifests diversity, free expression, academic freedom, personal integrity, and mutual respect,” as stated in the UW Mission Statement, work to implement domestic and international diversity credits into their degree programs regardless of USP requirements; and,

22. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government strongly encourages the current committee tasked with filling the future Vice President of Academic Affairs position to ensure that they select a candidate that will support an agenda that values a well-rounded education that also includes courses in domestic and international diversity; and,

23. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government encourages the 104th ASUW Administration to continue to pursue this effort through the 2016-17 Fall and Spring Semesters while working with appropriate UW administrative offices and student organizations to do so.

Referred to: __________________________ SOP & AT&S __________________________

Date of Passage: __________________________ Signed: __________________________

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on________________________, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this Senate action.” __________________________

ASUW President