SENATE RESOLUTION #2533

TITLE: ASUW Recommendation on Concealed Carry Policy

DATE INTRODUCED: January 24, 2017

AUTHOR: President Rotellini; Senator Wetzel

SPONSORS: Senators Kerbs and Welsh

1. WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)

2. Student Government to represent our fellow students accurately; and,

3. WHEREAS, it is currently illegal to carry concealed firearms on the campus of the

4. University of Wyoming (UW) and is prohibited by University Regulation 2-178, Section 6D;

5. and,

6. WHEREAS, it is currently legal to openly carry firearms on the UW campus in a non-

7. threatening manner; and,

8. WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Wyoming has previously considered, and is

9. currently considering, legislation regarding the concealed carry of firearms on the UW

10. campus by permitted individuals; and,

11. WHEREAS, the right of constituents to defend themselves is a highly valued matter of

12. Wyoming lifestyle; and,

13. WHEREAS, UW-owned residence facilities are the homes of the students who occupy them;

14. and,

15. WHEREAS, students should have the right to choose whether or not firearms are permitted

16. within their homes; and,

17. WHEREAS, unrestricted concealed firearms could be detrimental to the open educational

18. environment at the UW; and,

19. WHEREAS, when students do not feel comfortable on campus, there is an overall
20. reduction in the quality of education; and,

21. WHEREAS, sporting events create a unique atmosphere where volatile attitudes can exist;

22. and,

23. WHEREAS, alcoholic beverages will be served at UW sporting events beginning in the Fall
24. of 2017; and,

25. WHEREAS, law enforcement has an active presence at all UW Sporting events; and,

26. WHEREAS, firearms at sporting events could affect the safety and welcoming environment
27. created at UW sporting events; and,

28. WHEREAS, there are many laboratory environments in which a firearm in close proximity
29. would drastically increase the associated danger, both with the firearm and the laboratory
30. environment; and,

31. WHEREAS, concealed firearms within the UW Lab School could affect its accreditation;
32. and,

33. WHEREAS, other institutions that allow concealed carry have noted multi-million dollar
34. costs for directly related infrastructure possibly including metal detectors, storage lockers,
35. additional training, counseling, and personnel; and,

36. WHEREAS, the increased presence of unrestricted firearms on campus increases the
37. possibility of accidental firing, misuse, or acts of violence involving firearms.

38. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
39. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW Student Government does not support any
40. change of policy that would allow for unrestricted concealed carry of firearms on the campus
41. of the University of Wyoming (UW); and,

42. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government does not support
43. any policy which would allow concealed firearms into any University-owned residence
44. facility, including but not limited to residence halls, UW apartments, and Fraternity and Sorority chapter facilities; and

46. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government will only support allowing concealed firearms into University-owned living facilities if that power is granted to the UW Board of Trustees on a facility-by-facility basis; and,

49. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government does not support any policy which would allow concealed firearms at any school, college or professional athletic event not related to firearms on the UW Campus; and,

52. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government does not support any change in policy which would allow members of the public to carry concealed firearms within the UW Lab School or that would impact its accreditation; and,

55. THEREFORE, be it further resolved by the ASUW Student Government that the UW Board of Trustees should have additional authority to prohibit firearms with any or all laboratories; and,

58. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government does not support House Bill No. 0136, as it was introduced to the Legislature of the State of Wyoming, and would only support it if amended to meet every specification above.

Referred to: SOP

Date of Passage: 01/31/17 Signed: [Signature]

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 02/01/2017, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this Senate action.” [Signature]

ASUW President