

THE CONSTITUTION ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

Wherever used in this Constitution, the term University refers to the University of Wyoming.

PREAMBLE

In the belief that students have the right, as well as the obligation, to play a significant role in guiding their University, we, the student body of the University of Wyoming, seeking to provide an effective organization to promote the general welfare of all students at the University, to represent the concerns for the student body, and to provide for and regulate such other matters as are hereinafter set forth, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming, hereinafter referred to as the ASUW.

ARTICLE II

Delegation of Authority and Responsibility

As an inseparable part of the University of Wyoming, the ASUW derives all power and authority from the Trustees of the University. The authority conferred upon the ASUW shall, along with the accompanying responsibilities, be vested exclusively in the ASUW Student Government established by this Constitution. Further, through the elected representatives to this body, the ASUW shall be responsible to the authority of the President of the University and shall serve as the means by which the governing and administrative authorities of the University may be apprised of representative concerns of the ASUW. The ASUW business, in addition to the services and programs of ASUW, shall, in accordance with the procedures and delegation of responsibility provided herein, be conducted through its Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. A student enrolled in the University of Wyoming shall be a member of the ASUW during each regular semester of registration when payment or remission of registration fees is made in the amount specified by the University to be recognized as and accorded the privileges of a full-time student.

Section 2. Members of the ASUW shall, in accordance with specific provisions contained in this Constitution, be eligible to hold elected or appointed office in the ASUW; shall be entitled to take part in matters of issue or consideration before ASUW; and shall be entitled to participate in the programs or activities provided by the ASUW to include any special benefits provided as part of these programs and activities.

Section 3. The Student Government of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, political belief, veteran status, resident status, disability, national origin, relationship status or gender identity.

ARTICLE IV
Appointed or Elected Officers

The privilege of holding an elected or appointed position as an ASUW representative shall be in accordance with the following provisions.

Section 1. A member of the ASUW may be removed from office in the ASUW Executive, Legislative, or Judicial branches if he/she has been found to be on conduct probation as assigned by a Student Judicial Affairs Officer in the Dean of Students Office, or if he has been found guilty of other acts which compromise his/her integrity as a student leader and representative of the ASUW. This standard must be maintained throughout the term of office.

No person shall be removed from office under this provision except through the impeachment process established by the ASUW Senate.

Section 2. Except as provided elsewhere in this Constitution, a member of the ASUW shall not, at one time, hold office or fulfill responsibilities in more than one (1) of the Executive, Legislative or Judicial branches; however, an ASUW member may, as is provided or determined to be appropriate, maintain multiple responsibilities or positions within one (1) of the three (3) areas.

Section 3. With the exception of the Judicial Council, the term of office for each elected or appointed ASUW representative and officer shall be limited to one (1) year; however, this is not to be construed to prevent a student from being re-elected to successive terms in the same position or being appointed or elected to different positions in succeeding terms.

Section 4. An Ex-Officio member is a representative chosen by an entity, who shall enjoy all rights of senate membership except the right to vote.

Section 5. A Student-at-Large is any full fee paying member of the student body who is not a member of the ASUW Executive, Legislative, or Judicial branch. Students-at-Large who are appointed to ASUW standing or special committees have all rights and duties of committee membership.

Section 6. Articles of impeachment may be brought against any member of the Executive, Legislative, or Judicial branch of the ASUW.

ARTICLE V
ASUW Executive Branch

The ASUW President, and such assistants as may, from time to time, be approved by the Legislative branch to assist the President, and such assistants as may, from time to time be appointed by the Vice President to assist the Vice President, will constitute the Executive branch. The ASUW President shall have the duty and accompanying authority to represent, promote, and pursue, in behalf of the ASUW, those programs and objectives of the ASUW as such relate to the welfare of students at the University and as such are approved by the duly elected student representatives of the ASUW Legislative branch. As well, the ASUW President shall, on behalf of the ASUW, exercise such discretion or authority as may be

delegated by the ASUW Legislative branch in order to facilitate timely ASUW representation in decision-making and program effectuation.

ARTICLE VI ASUW Legislative Branch

The Legislative Branch of the ASUW shall consist of the ASUW Vice President and a student senate, which shall be made up of the student senators annually elected by the ASUW membership. All legislative powers of the ASUW shall be vested in the ASUW Student Senate.

- Section 1. The ASUW Student Senate shall include thirty (30) elected Senators. This body shall be constituted in accordance with the following provisions:
- A. Each of the University's seven (7) colleges shall have at least one (1) student senator; and
 - B. The remaining twenty-three (23) senators shall be allocated to those colleges with more than one-thirtieth ($1/30$) of the total full-fee paying University students. This allocation shall be done in exact relation to the percentage of such students who are enrolled in the college; and
 - C. All calculations will be based upon the enrollment in the colleges during the semester prior to the general election.

- Section 2. In order to provide continuity in ASUW activities and business along with providing a mechanism for timely participation by the ASUW in University processes, the ASUW Senate may create Standing and Ad-Hoc committees.

ARTICLE VII ASUW Judicial Council

The Judicial powers of the ASUW and the University of Wyoming student body shall be vested in the ASUW Judicial Council, which shall conduct its business in accordance with the following provisions:

- Section 1. The Judicial Council shall be composed of seven (7) Justices, appointed by the ASUW President with the advice and consent of three-fourths ($3/4$) of the voting ASUW Senate.
- A. The ASUW President should make all possible efforts to appoint a diverse group of students to the Judicial Council.
 - B. The term of office for each Justice shall be two (2) years; however, this is not to be construed to prevent a student from being reappointed to successive terms;
 - C. One (1) of the seven (7) Justices shall, with the advice and consent of three-fourths ($3/4$) of the voting Senate, be appointed by the ASUW President to serve as chairperson of the Judicial Council; for one (1) year of that justice's two (2) year term and shall be eligible to be appointed to successive terms as Chief Justice by successive ASUW Presidents.
 - D. There shall be an advisor appointed by the mutual agreement of the ASUW President and the Dean of Students with the advice and consent of a two-thirds ($2/3$) of the voting Senate.

- E. Three (3) justices shall each be appointed to serve a two (2) year term in each ASUW Senate term beginning in an odd numbered year, and four (4) justices shall be appointed to serve a two (2) year term in each ASUW Senate term beginning in even numbered years, with the advice and consent of three-fourths (3/4) of the voting Senate.
- F. Members of the Judicial Council may not be publicly involved in any decision before the ASUW Senate.

ARTICLE VIII
Meetings and Quorum

Section 1. The business of the ASUW Senate shall be conducted in accordance with procedures set forth in the ASUW By-Laws and which shall include the following:

- A. Regular ASUW Senate meetings shall be held each week during Fall and Spring semester except for University vacations and holidays or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate;
- B. Regular ASUW Senate meetings shall be relocated as determined by the ASUW Senate a minimum of once per semester.
- C. Special meetings of the ASUW may be called by the Chairperson of the ASUW Senate, the ASUW Vice President, or upon written demand of one-third (1/3) of the current ASUW Senate membership;
- D. In order to conduct official business of the ASUW Senate, a quorum of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting membership of the Senate shall be present; and
- E. Each ASUW Senator shall be entitled to one (1) vote on any issue before the Senate, and voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

ARTICLE IX
Executive Session

The Student Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming shall have the power to move into an Executive Session by a 2/3 vote of the ASUW Student Senate voting membership. The procedure for moving into Executive Session is promulgated in the ASUW By-Laws.

ARTICLE X
Amendments

Amendments to this constitution may be initiated by the ASUW Constitution committee or by a majority of the voting ASUW Senate, or by any ASUW member who presents a draft of the proposed amendment to the ASUW Senate along with a student petition, which includes the signatures of at least ten percent (10%) of the current ASUW membership. Two (2) weeks after initiation at the second reading of a proposed amendment before the Senate, the proposal must be passed the Student Senate by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. When this is obtained, the proposed amendment shall be scheduled for a vote in the next ASUW General Election; and, if the proposal receives a majority of the votes cast in this election, it shall be presented to the University Trustees for final approval.

ARTICLE XI
Severability

Section 1. If any section, clause, paragraph, or item of this Constitution is found to be illegal or in conflict with the laws of the State of Wyoming, or the Regulations of the University, the validity of the remaining portions or provisions shall not be affected, and the remainder of this Constitution shall be construed and enforced as if it did not contain the particular, term, or provision held to be invalid.

ARTICLE XII

Enactment

Section 1. This Constitution shall become effective upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASUW Senate, a majority vote of ASUW members voting, and approval of the Trustees of the University of Wyoming.

Section 2. All revisions of or amendments to this Constitution shall be published in an official ASUW publication ten (10) days prior to the General ASUW election at which the student body votes on the revisions and amendments.

Section 3. No revisions of, or amendment to, this Constitution shall become effective until they have been submitted to and approved by the University's Trustees.

Section 4. This ASUW Constitution shall supersede all previous ASUW Constitutions.

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