



**SENATE RESOLUTION #2636**

**TITLE:** ASUW Support for the Establishment of Student Success Priorities  
**DATE INTRODUCED:** November 6, 2018  
**AUTHOR:** President Jones  
**SPONSORS:** Senators Lyle, Vetos, and Woodward

1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)
2. Student Government is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,
3. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming (UW) serves as a source of high-quality, affordable
4. higher education; and,
5. WHEREAS, in the Fall of 2015, the UW Board of Trustees (Board) adopted a tuition policy
6. calling for ongoing tuition increases of 4% annually, subject to modification by the Board
7. each year through Fiscal Year 2019; and,
8. WHEREAS, half of these funds are allocated for staff and faculty pay raises, including
9. mandatory pay raises for promoted faculty as well as non-mandatory faculty and staff pay
10. raises; and,
11. WHEREAS, a quarter of these funds have been allocated to academic unit support
12. budgets, with the other quarter allocated to UW Libraries and Information Technology (IT);
13. and,
14. WHEREAS, the funds currently allocated to academic unit support budgets, UW Libraries,
15. and IT could be utilized to fund and develop additional student resources; and,
16. WHEREAS, university fee units that provide student resources that are in need of funding
17. could be designated as Student Success Priorities for designated two (2) year tuition cycles;
18. and,
19. WHEREAS, incorporating Student Success Priorities into the allocation process would

20. establish a process to designate priorities as they arise between tuition cycles; and,
21. WHEREAS, the current proposed tuition policy, as outlined in Addendum A, outlines
22. changes which would incorporate Student Success Priorities into the allocation process; and,
23. WHEREAS, students should have input in how their tuition is being allocated; and,
24. WHEREAS, having a new review process would allow students to have more of a voice on
25. the tuition review process.
26. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
27. (ASUW) Student Government supports the incorporation of Student Success Priorities into
28. future tuition policies; and,
29. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government is in support of
30. the currently proposed tuition policy only if the University of Wyoming (UW) Board of
31. Trustees and UW Administration supports the creation of an ASUW committee that will
32. provide recommendations for Student Success Priorities within each tuition cycle.

**Referred to:** Steering

**Date of Passage:** 11/13/18 **Signed:** Alexandra Mulhall  
(ASUW Chairperson)

**“Being enacted on** 11/13/18 **, I do hereby sign my name hereto and**  
**approve this Senate action.”** Seth Jones

**ASUW President**

## Addendum A

### TUITION POLICY

In order to give advance notice to all those affected by prospective tuition increases, the Board of Trustees ([Board](#)) adopts the following policy for tuition increases for Academic Years 2016~~20~~ and later:

- A. Unless modified under D or F below, annual tuition, other than programs with differential tuition, the Administration will recommend that tuition be increased by 4% for each academic year.
- B. Annually, the Administration will submit recommendations regarding adjustments to differential tuition rates.
- C. Revenue generated by the annual tuition increases will be distributed as follows:

#### Proposed Revisions

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2% – Salaries (~~approx. \$1M~~) – To be applied first to the cost of mandatory salary increases for promoted faculty, and then second to the University's (~~approximately \$425,000~~). ~~The balance to be used for faculty and staff salary increases policy.~~

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2% - Student Success Priorities – the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) and the Administration will establish priorities that are deemed most impactful or needed to enhance student success at the University of Wyoming, and will make recommendations to the Board to allocate funding accordingly. ~~1% – Academic unit support budgets (approximately \$500K) – To be distributed as determined by the Vice President for Academic Affairs.~~

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~~1% – Libraries and IT (approximately \$500K divided equally)~~

~~The Administration shall provide information regarding the estimated effects of these increases on the budgets of units receiving such funds.~~

Each year when the President submits her/his proposed annual operating budget for the University to the Board, the President shall also provide information to the Board regarding the allocation of the tuition increase funds and the specific unit budgets impacted.

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- D. The Administration may recommend modifications to the policy specified in Section A or the distribution thereof specified in Section C, but shall consult with students, faculty, and staff prior to submitting such recommendations, and shall make any such recommendations on or before the November meeting of the Board.
- E. On or before the November meeting of the Board, the Administration shall provide information regarding the cost of attendance, and how UW's tuition and fee rates compare with ~~other~~peer universities.
- F. The Board of Trustees may accept, reject, or modify any recommendation under Sections A and B and may take any action it determines regarding tuition rates and the distribution of revenue generated from modifications to tuition.

