



**SENATE BILL #2637**

**TITLE:** Creation of the ASUW Mandatory Student Fee and Tuition Allocation Review Committee

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**SPONSORS:** Senators Hungerford, Pierson, and Vetos; President Jones; Vice President Mulhall; Chief of Legislative Affairs Sanders

1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible through accurate
3. representation, professional interaction with campus programs and organizations, and
4. responsible, effective leadership; and,
5. WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees voted to change the Tuition Policy as outlined in
6. Addendum B to create Student Success Priorities with ASUW recommendations;
7. and,
8. WHEREAS, Senate Resolution #2636 showed support for the creation of Student Success
9. Priorities in the new tuition policy; and,
10. WHEREAS, the ASUW Mandatory Student Fee Committee currently hears
11. requests for fee increases from university fee units and makes recommendations to the Board
12. of Trustees on fee increases; and,
13. WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees would like students to have a greater voice in where their
14. tuition increases go, and the ASUW Mandatory Student Fee and Tuition Allocation Review
15. Committee would be responsible for providing recommendations to the Board of Trustees
16. where half of the 4% tuition increase should be allocated to further student success on
17. campus, thus giving students a greater voice.

18. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming  
19. (ASUW) Student Government that Article 2, Section 2.02, Subsection 10D of ASUW By  
20. Laws be updated to reflect the language in Addendum A.

**Referred to:** Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Steering

**Date of Passage:** 11/27/18 **Signed:** *Alexander Mulhall*  
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 12/3/18, I do hereby sign my name hereto and  
approve this Senate action.” *Seth Jones*  
ASUW President

## Addendum A

### D. The ASUW Mandatory Student Fee and Tuition Allocation Review Committee

a. Purpose: The Committee shall serve as a means by which the ASUW Senate shall formulate recommendations on mandatory student fee requests from university fee units. The committee shall meet every fee year to hear and review the mandatory fee units' proposals with recommendations being made to the ASUW Senate. During the years in which fees are not adjusted, the committee shall meet to review the mandatory fee units' programs, budget, and use of fees to evaluate and prepare for the next year's mandatory student fee recommendations. Additionally, the committee will be charged with exploring any entity's requests and possible merits for new fees. The Committee shall meet to hear and review the university fee unit proposals/requests with a recommendation to be made to the ASUW Senate and Board of Trustees. It shall allocate half of the 4 percent ~~2%~~ of annual tuition increases to university fee units that it deems will make the most impact on student success.

b. Powers: The Committee shall hear mandatory fee requests from campus fee units and may recommend adjusting the requested fee, give a vote of nonsupport for the request, or endorse the requested amount for each fee unit. The Committee shall follow the same process for the allocation of tuition gathered for Student Success Priorities. It shall recommend the allocation of the funds to any university fee units that are is determined to meet the requirement of improving student success. The Committee shall draft legislation supporting a recommendation on a mandatory student fee package, or individual fees, and tuition allocation to the ASUW Senate for a vote.

c. Composition: The ASUW Mandatory Student Fee and Tuition Allocation Review Committee shall be composed of four (4) ASUW Senators, two (2) of which should be returning senators, and three (3) Students-at-Large appointed by the ASUW Vice President. The ASUW Vice President shall serve as chairperson of the committee.

## Addendum B

### 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 201620 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.