



**SENATE BILL #2659**

**TITLE:** Defining Parliamentary Rights for Students-at-Large in the ASUW By-Laws

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**SPONSORS:** Senators Mueller, Welsh

1. WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) Student Government to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,
3. WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 2.02, Subsection 7, Supersection B of the ASUW By-Laws
4. outlines the rights and responsibilities of representatives; and,
5. WHEREAS, speaking rights are clearly defined in the ASUW By-Laws, but there is no
6. clear definition of parliamentary rights even though this term appears in the By-Laws; and,
7. WHEREAS, a clear definition of parliamentary rights creates clarity and consistency
8. within the ASUW By-Laws; and,
9. WHEREAS, the ASUW Student-at-Large (SAL) is an integral and treasured component
10. of the ASUW Student Government; and,
11. WHEREAS, SALs are encouraged to interact with the ASUW Student Government through
12. serving on committees, attending ASUW Senate meetings, or otherwise engaging with
13. members of the ASUW Student Government; and,
14. WHEREAS, providing a section within the ASUW By-Laws regarding SALs could provide
15. a more comprehensive definition of SAL rights; and,
16. WHEREAS, the inclusion of said section could encourage SALs to become more involved
17. with the ASUW Student Government; and,

18. WHEREAS, this involvement could overall increase SAL knowledge of ASUW and
19. further build the relationship between the ASUW Student Government and the
20. members of the ASUW; and.
21. WHEREAS, allowing SALs to debate legislation by granting them parliamentary rights
22. when they are listed as authors would encourage SALs to become more
23. involved in the legislative process; and,
24. WHEREAS, Ex-Officios are able to author legislation, join the speaking list, and participate
25. in debate.
26. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of
27. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW By-Laws be amended to reflect
28. the changes in Addendum A; and,
29. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes take effect immediately upon passage.

Referred to: Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Steering

Date of Passage: 4/16/19 Signed: *Jason A. Williams*  
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 4/19/19, I do hereby sign my name hereto and

approve this Senate action.” *Alexander Mulhall*  
ASUW President

## Addendum A

### Article 1. Legislative Branch

7. Ex-Officio Membership
  - A. Addition of New Ex-Officios to the ASUW Senate
    - a. All University organizations seeking an ex-officio position on the ASUW Senate must have that position approved by the Steering Committee and further approved by the ASUW Senate by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.
      1. The organization seeking an ex-officio position will submit a written letter of intent to the Steering Committee.
      2. The Steering Committee will review the request. Upon approval, the Chairperson will submit the letter of intent to the ASUW Senate for approval.
    - b. Organizations seeking an ex-officio position must exhibit the following qualifications:
      1. The organization must utilize educational opportunities, which promote growth and involvement enriching daily life.
      2. The organization must demonstrate a need for representation in their area of focus that is not being adequately represented by the existing speaking members of the ASUW Senate.
  - B. Representatives' Rights and Responsibilities
    - a. The ex-officio position cannot be represented by current senators, executives or other ex-officio representatives.
    - b. The ex-officio shall serve on committees at the request of the ASUW Vice President and/or committee chairs.
    - c. Ex-officio members who shall enjoy all rights of Senate membership, except the right to vote include:
      1. Representatives from organizations approved by the ASUW Senate.
    - d. Ex-officio members who shall enjoy all rights of Senate membership, including the right to vote include:
      1. First-Year Senate.
    - e. Those who shall have speaking rights only, excluding parliamentary rights, include members of the ASUW Executive Branch.
      1. Speaking rights include the ability to take the floor if yielded to and the ability to make points of clarification and order.
      2. Parliamentary rights include the right to vote, make motions, the ability to take the floor with recognition from the Chairperson via speaking lists, and all other speaking rights.

## **Addendum B**

### Section 2.02 The ASUW Senate

#### 8. ASUW Students-at-Large

##### A. Definition

- a. A Student-at-Large is defined as outlined in Section 6 of the ASUW Constitution.

##### B. Rights and Duties

- a. Students-at-Large have membership on various ASUW committees as outlined in Sections 11 and 12 of the ASUW By-Laws. Their rights and duties on these committees follow as outlined in Section 6 of the ASUW Constitution.
- b. Students-at-Large have the right to attend regularly scheduled ASUW Senate Meetings and are granted speaking rights at said meetings.
- c. Students-at-Large have the right to author and/or sponsor legislation through ASUW. Any Student-at-Large listed as an author on a piece of legislation will be granted parliamentary rights, except for the right to vote, for the duration of the time their legislation is being debated on the Senate Floor. These parliamentary rights will be revoked upon conclusion of debate.