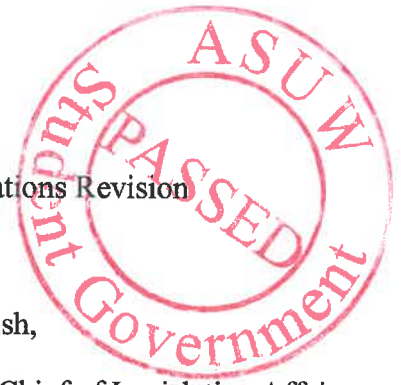


SENATE BILL #2624

TITLE: ASUW Senator Requirements & Obligations Revision
DATE INTRODUCED: April 10, 2018
AUTHOR: Senator Defebaugh, Vice President Welsh,
SPONSORS: Senator Blazovich, Fried, and Mueller; Chief of Legislative Affairs Jones



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
3. through accurate representation; and,
4. WHEREAS, the ASUW Senate operates optimally when it maintains representation from all
5. of the colleges and degree granting programs on campus; and,
6. WHEREAS, the ASUW Senate has not had a full membership at any point during the 105th
7. administration; and,
8. WHEREAS, ASUW Student Government has taken action to affect change through Senate
9. Bill #2582, #2586, and #2614 to change policies regarding Senator obligations and duties, as
10. well, as processes to fill ASUW Senate vacancies; and,
11. WHEREAS, ASUW Senators are often involved in other organizations on campus and
12. involved in their respective academic course work, increasing time requirements placed upon
13. them; and,
14. WHEREAS, ASUW Senators often have to resign senate due to the high volume of
15. obligations; and,
16. WHEREAS, the Senatorial Scholarship Program was created to incentivize ASUW Senators
17. to complete their senator requirements; and,
18. WHEREAS, meetings of the ASUW Senate can last 1-5 hours, and committee meetings last

- 19. an hour on average Senators spend 3-9 hours per week in meetings alone; and,
- 20. WHEREAS, making baseline requirements available to ASUW Senators will ensure
- 21. adequate representation of their constituents while alleviating undue time burdens; and,
- 22. WHEREAS, the proposed change might encourage a broader array of students to consider
- 23. becoming an ASUW Senator.
- 24. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
- 25. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW By-Laws be amended to reflect the changes in
- 26. Addendum A; and,
- 27. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that upon passage of this bill take effect at the
- 28. beginning of the 106th Administration of the ASUW Student Government.

Referred to: Committee of the Whole

Date of Passage: 4/10/2018 **Signed:** Jaymie Webb
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on March 11th, 2018, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action.” Benjamin P. Holt
ASUW President

Addendum A

ARTICLE II Legislative Branch

Section 5. ASUW Senators shall have the following standardized individual responsibilities to remain a voting member of the ASUW Student Government:

- A. Senators shall attend regularly scheduled meetings of the ASUW Student Senate, and any special meetings of the ASUW Student Senate as scheduled by the ASUW Vice President.
- B. Senators shall serve on a minimum of two (2) ASUW Standing Committees, or one (1) ASUW Standing Committee and one (1) University Committee.
- ~~C. Each service period of the academic semester, Senators will be required to accumulate one (1) office hour. Office hours will be held as follows:~~
- ~~D. They will be held one hour per service period.~~
- ~~E. The office hour may be held in the ASUW Office. It may be held in an alternative location with prior approval from the ASUW Steering Committee.~~
- ~~F. Hours will be used for committee work beyond regularly scheduled meetings, student outreach, and Legislative duties.~~
- ~~G. Senators will have an open door for any constituent.~~
- ~~H. Senators will document office hours in the ASUW Office upon completion of each hour.~~
- ~~I. The monthly time, date, and location of office hours shall be posted on the ASUW website Representative's page under the Senator's profile.~~
- ~~J. Any change to time, date, or location of office hours must be submitted to the ASUW Vice President at least twelve (12) hours in advance.~~
- ~~K.—~~
- ~~L. Each academic semester, Senators will be required to accumulate a total of 12 service hours in the Fall Semester and 8 service hours in the Spring Semester.~~
- ~~M. Senators will be required to accumulate a minimum of 2 service hours within each period of time (“service period”) defined in the following table.~~

~~N.—~~

~~O. Service Periods~~

P. Fall Semester	Q. Spring Semester
R. August/September	S. January/February
T. October	U. March/April
V. November/December	W.—

- ~~X.—~~
- ~~Y. Senators filling a vacancy will only be required to accumulate a semester total of 4 hours for each full service period (defined above) they are in office in a given semester. The equation for determining total number of hours is:~~
- ~~Z. $4 * (\# \text{ of full service periods}) = \text{total required hours for a given semester}$~~
- ~~AA.— Each full month of the academic semester, Senators will be required to accumulate four (4) service hours. Service hours can be accumulated through the following means:~~
- ~~BB. Documented office hour in the ASUW office.~~
- ~~CC. Documented participation in an ASUW student outreach event.~~
- ~~DD.— Documented attendance or participation in an ASUW funded event.~~
- ~~EE. Documented volunteering with an ASUW program.~~

- ~~FF. Documented outreach to RSOs that Senators are not already affiliated with by attending an RSO meeting and sharing the resources ASUW can provide to RSOs to encourage stronger ties between ASUW and RSOs.~~
- ~~GG. Any other form of service hour, as pre-approved in writing by the ASUW Vice President, with the subsequent approval of the ASUW Steering Committee.~~
- C. ASUW Senators shall be required to attend a diversity workshop. This workshop should focus, but is not limited to, the diversity as it pertains to the University of Wyoming to increase awareness and decrease insensitivity towards underrepresented populations throughout campus. This diversity training will be developed by UMC in coordination with the ASUW Vice-President. This training will count as one (1) of the aforementioned service hours for the period in which it is held.
- D. Each academic semester, Senators will be required to accumulate a total of six (6) service hours in the Fall Semester and four (4) service hours in the Spring Semester.

<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>
<u>August/September</u>	<u>January/February</u>
<u>October</u>	<u>March/April</u>
<u>November/December</u>	

- E. Service hours can be accumulated through the following means:
- a. Documented office hour in the ASUW office.
 - b. Documented participation in an ASUW student outreach event.
 - c. Documented attendance or participation in an ASUW funded event.
 - d. Documented volunteering with an ASUW program.
 - e. Documented outreach to RSOs that Senators are not already affiliated with by attending an RSO meeting and sharing the resources ASUW can provide to RSOs to encourage stronger ties between ASUW and RSOs.
- F. Any other form of service hour, as pre-approved in writing by the ASUW Vice President, with the subsequent approval of the ASUW Steering Committee.
- ~~HH.G. Appropriate documentation and documentation methods of service hours will be set and managed by the ASUW Vice President, with the subsequent approval of the ASUW Steering Committee.~~
- ~~F. Appropriate documentation and documentation methods of service hours will be set and managed by the ASUW Vice President, with the subsequent approval of the ASUW Steering Committee.~~
- ~~G. The decisions of the Vice President regarding exceptions to the listed service hours can be verbally appealed to the ASUW Steering Committee at the next regular Steering Committee meeting.~~
- ~~H. Senators shall attend a minimum of two (2) RSO events funded by ASUW per semester, and complete a review to be submitted to the ASUW RSO Funding Board for each event.~~
- ~~I. Senators shall attend one (1) meeting of the Freshman Senate per semester. Failure to attend one (1) Freshman Senate meeting per semester will count towards recorded absences.~~
- H. Senators must maintain good academic status in the College or School to which they were elected to represent.
- ~~J. Senators shall maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 for the duration of their service.~~
- ~~K.I. Senators shall pay the ASUW Student fee.~~
- J. Senators must maintain student enrollment at the University of Wyoming for the duration of their service.

Section 6. ASUW Senator Qualifications for Senatorial Scholarship

Scholarship allotments shall be set and outlined to the senate by the steering committee within the first month of the fall semester. In order to obtain the senatorial scholarship, senators must complete the following standardized requirements:

- A. Each academic semester, Senators will be required to accumulate a total of twelve (12) service hours in the Fall Semester and eight (8) service hours in the Spring Semester, including the
 - i. Senators will be required to accumulate a minimum of 2 additional service hours within each period of time (“service period”) defined in the following table:

Service Periods

<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>
<u>August/September</u>	<u>January/February</u>
<u>October</u>	<u>March/April</u>
<u>November/December</u>	

- ii. Senators filling a vacancy will only be required to accumulate a semester total of 4 hours for each full service period (defined above) they are in office in a given semester. The equation for determining total number of hours is:
 - a. $4 * (\# \text{ of full service periods}) = \text{total required hours for a given semester}$
- B. Each service period of the academic semester, Senators will be required to accumulate four (4) service hours. Service hours can be accumulated through the following means:
 - a. Documented office hour in the ASUW office.
 - b. Documented participation in an ASUW student outreach event.
 - c. Documented attendance or participation in an ASUW funded event.
 - d. Documented volunteering with an ASUW program that Senators are not already affiliated with.
 - e. Documented outreach to RSOs that Senators are not already affiliated with by attending an RSO meeting and sharing the resources ASUW can provide to RSOs to encourage stronger ties between ASUW and RSOs.
- C. Any other form of service hour, as pre-approved in writing by the ASUW Vice President, with the subsequent approval of the ASUW Steering Committee.
- D. Appropriate documentation and documentation methods of service hours will be set and managed by the ASUW Vice President, with the subsequent approval of the ASUW Steering Committee.
- E. The decisions of the Vice President regarding exceptions to the listed service hours can be verbally appealed to the ASUW Steering Committee at the next regular Steering Committee meeting.
- F. Senators shall attend a minimum of two (2) RSO events funded by ASUW per semester, and complete a review to be submitted to the ASUW RSO Funding Board for each event.

G. Senators shall attend one (1) public meeting of any ASUW Program, Service, or Strategic Partner per semester.

~~A. Each Senator shall be required to complete an ASUW social media outreach effort, to be decided upon annually by the Steering Committee.~~