SENATE BILL #2643

TITLE: Extending Parliamentary Rights to the ASUW Executives

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SPONSORS: Senators Hungerford and Wilkins

1. WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,

2. WHEREAS, the ASUW Executive Branch serves as a fundamental part of the ASUW Student Government by serving an integral role in implementing the ASUW Mission and Goals; and,

3. WHEREAS, the ASUW Executives work daily in policy areas relating to policies that have direct impact on students including, but not limited to; Wyoming government, community affairs, diversity, student finances, Registered Student Organization relations, student wellness, student programming, and marketing; and,

4. WHEREAS, ASUW Executives’ daily interaction with administration, faculty, staff, and other professionals with regard to these policies and initiatives is valuable knowledge which benefits the decisions of the ASUW Senate; and,

5. WHEREAS, more can be gained by having the Executives contribute in debate as it occurs when the ASUW Senate is in session.

6. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW By-Laws be changed as outlined in Addendum A; and,

7. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes take effect at the beginning of the spring semester.
Refereed to: Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy: Steering

Date of Passage: ____________ Signed: ________________________

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on ________________, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this Senate action.” ________________________________

ASUW President
Addendum A

1. 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 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 all of the following qualifications:
      1. The organization must provide a diverse array of co-curricular activities including cultural, international, athletic, and/or student life programs.
      2. The organization must utilize educational opportunities, which promote growth and involvement enriching daily life.
      3. The organization must be a University Recognized Student Organization, but special exemptions may be granted for the representative bodies of University faculty and staff.
      4. The organization must demonstrate inadequate representation by the existing ex-officios.

B. Representatives’ Rights and Responsibilities
   a. The ex-officio position cannot be represented by current senators, executives or other ex-officio representatives.
   b. If an ex-officio position representing a student organization goes unrepresented for 4 consecutive Senate meetings they will be notified of their absences and potential consequences by the ASUW Vice President in writing; if the organization is absent for another 4 consecutive Senate meetings they will lose their ex-officio position. After the loss of an ex-officio position the organization may petition to gain representation by following ASUW By-Laws Article 2, Section 2.02, Paragraph A, Clause a.
      1. Any organization that has lost its ex-officio position on the student Senate will enter a period of probation and may not reapply for said position until a period of one semester has passed. Upon reapplication, the organization must provide a detailed account of activities conducted during this period of probation.
   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 voting and parliamentary rights, include members of the ASUW Executive Branch. Members of the ASUW Executive Branch shall have parliamentary rights but will not have a vote or be able to make motions on the floor.