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SENATE BILL #2594

TITLE: Changes to Senator Candidate Requirements
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AUTHORS: Senator Kennedy and Rubino
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Senator Schieffer



1. WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) Student Government to represent the concerns of the student body; and,
3. WHEREAS, senate vacancies are a continual challenge to the mission of the ASUW Student
4. Government; and,
5. WHEREAS, after completing one semester on Freshman Senate, freshman senators at the
6. University of Wyoming (UW) are well connected to the campus and capable of representing
7. the concerns of the student body; and,
8. WHEREAS, Freshman Senators have substantial knowledge of the functions of ASUW
9. Student Government and a better understanding of the administrative workings of the
10. University than other freshman students; and,
11. WHEREAS, ASUW Senate vacancies could be filled by freshmen that have completed at
12. least one full semester involved in Freshman Senate; and,
13. WHEREAS, this would both increase motivation and retention within Freshman Senate and
14. alleviate the ASUW Senate from chronic vacancies;
15. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
16. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW Elections Policy be amended to reflect the
17. changes in Addendum A.

Referred to: Programs and Institutional Development

Date of Passage: 2/6/2018 Signed: 

(ASUW Chairperson)

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

ASUW President

**ELECTIONS POLICY
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING**

Section 6. Candidate Requirements:

- A. A candidate for Senator must meet the following requirements:
- i. They must be student enrolled at the University of Wyoming and an ASUW fee paying student, and maintain this status.
 - ii. They must have and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average as an undergraduate and a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average as a graduate or professional student or a 2.0 if the program does not require it.
 - iii. **At the beginning of their term they must have completed at least twenty-four (24) hours of university credit as an undergraduate student, eighteen (18) hours of university credit as a graduate or professional student, or have served on Freshman Senate for one full academic semester and are serving on Freshman Senate at the time they fill the vacancy.**
 - iv. They must have completed no less than twelve (12) **of those** hours at the University of Wyoming as an undergraduate student, or, as a graduate or professional student nine (9) hours at the University of Wyoming.
 - v. They must submit an application by the required deadline (as outlined in Section 1, Subsection C of this Article) provided by the Elections Commission.
 - vi. They cannot be a currently serving member of the ASUW Judicial Council. In the event that an individual who wishes to declare their candidacy for Senator and is currently serving as the ASUW Chief Justice or a Justice, they must resign as a member of the ASUW Judicial Council in order to officially declare their candidacy when filing closes.
 - vii. All candidates for Senator will run individually.
- B. Both candidates on a ticket for ASUW President and Vice President must meet the following requirements:
- i. They must be a full-time ASUW fee paying student.
 - ii. They must have and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average as an undergraduate and a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average as a graduate or professional student or a 2.0 if the program does not require it.
 - iii. They must submit an application by the required deadline (as outlined in Section 1, Subsection C of this Article) provided by the Elections Commission.
 - iv. They must have completed no less than sixty (60) hours of university credit by June 10 of the calendar year in which they was elected as an undergraduate student, or, as a graduate or professional student, they must have completed no less than eighteen (18) hours of university credit by June 10 of the calendar year in which they was elected.
 - v. They must have completed no less than twenty-four (24) of those hours as an undergraduate student, or, as a graduate or professional student, eighteen (18) hours, at the University of Wyoming.
 - vi. Candidates for President and Vice President will run jointly, on a combined ticket. Students will not be able to vote for a President and Vice President individually, but must instead vote for a ticket. All election rules will apply

jointly to candidates for President and Vice President running on the same ticket.

- vii. They cannot be a currently serving member of the ASUW Judicial Council or the ASUW Elections Commission. In the event that an individual who wishes to declare their candidacy or is currently serving in one of these capacities, they must resign as a member of the ASUW Judicial Council or the ASUW Elections Commission in order to officially declare their candidacy when filing closes.
- C. Candidates for President and Vice President who wish to be eligible as candidates for Senator must submit a separate application (by the required deadline as outlined in Section 1, Subsection C of this Article) to run for Senate.