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Subject: Budget planning for the 2013-2014 biennium

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In response to the request for budget planning for the 2013-2014 biennium, the student leaders of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) base perspectives for increasing efficiency and effectiveness on campus on three principles of University access, excellence, and leadership. The information provided below reflects these principles, beginning with ASUW updates and internal budget reductions, suggestions for University-wide budget reductions, and process recommendations in the event of budget reductions.

Mission statement of the ASUW

The purpose of the Student Government of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible through accurate representation, professional interaction with campus programs and organization, and responsible effective leadership.

Changes in ASUW since 2009

- Realigned and redesigned ASUW executive positions to increase accountability and efficiency
 - Created Director of Student Programming & Sustainability position
 - Expanded responsibilities of Director of Government Affairs position
 - Redefined core mission for Director of Diversity
 - Expanded and redefined core mission for Director of Promotions & Marketing
- Consolidated ASUW Standing Committees
- Initiated ASUW Adopt-the-Campus & a focus on sustainability efforts
- Revitalized the ASUW marketing plan and outreach initiatives
- Began to foster relationships with high school and neighboring college student governments
- Developed plans for large scale campus improvements, particularly for artwork, landscaping and Half Acre renovation
- Student Debt Week initiated with support from endowments housed in the UW Foundation
- Expanded RSO Funding Board funds to increase services provided to UW RSOs
- Initiated CollegiateLink to consolidate RSO Funding board processes with Campus Activities Center
- Restructured Freshman Senate
- Reduced Accounting Associate, Sr. position to part-time
- Transferred Student Activities Council, Concerts & Convocations, & Gallery 234 to the Wyoming Union
- Eliminated Casper Star Tribune & USA Today readership program

- Eliminated the ASUW Radio Station
- Reduced Homecoming spending
- Created a new part-time student position to assist with office duties
- Started the process of transferring SafeRide to Transit & Parking Services

Areas of potential budget reductions: ASUW

- 2% Reduction Scenario
 - Conference Registration & Travel
- 5% Reduction Scenario
 - Conference Registration & Travel
 - Courtesy
 - New & Surplus Programs
- 8% Reduction Scenario
 - Conference Registration & Travel
 - Courtesy
 - New & Surplus Programs
 - RSO Conference Registration Fees
 - Office Assistant: full to ¾ time

Areas of potential budget reductions: University

- Consolidate University Studies Program requirements
- Reevaluate courses with low enrollments and cut unpopular and unnecessary courses
- Consider the employment of more part-time, non-benefited students and graduate assistantship programs rather than full-time staff, primarily in student programming
- Evaluate duplicate job tasks/areas across the University
- Consider reducing the number of 12-month employees and/or reducing summer hours
- Consolidate University-wide scheduling under the realm of Central Scheduling
- Condense after business hours student facilities, such as computer labs and studying/gathering areas
- Transition student media/newspapers to paperless publication
- Reduce travel costs across the University
- Utilize video/audio conferencing for meetings outside Laramie
- Decrease courtesy for celebrations, banquets, etc.

Budgeting process recommendations

It is the opinion of the ASUW that, if cuts are mandated, each department should develop reductions based upon percentages from their programming and staffing budget lines internally. These reductions should reflect adherence to each department's core mission and activities so as to preserve what is most necessary to the student body while reducing spending. It is also in the opinion of the ASUW that transparent and frequent communication throughout the University, both internally and externally, continues through the entirety of the ongoing budgeting process.