

SENATE BILL #1503

Title: Senate Compensation

Introduced: May 2, 1985

Thesis:

Sponsors: Greg Akers, Mike Offe

1. Whereas to broaden the participation in student government regardless
2. of their economic circumstances, and whereas the need exists to attract
3. more students to student government and whereas the timely execution of
4. the duties of an ASUW Senator constrains their outside earning potential,
5. Therefore be it enacted by the Student Senate of the Associated Students
6. of the University of Wyoming that ASUW Senators shall be compensated an
7. amount of \$50 per month. This stipend will be dispensed to those senators
8. who do not miss a senate meeting or any assigned committee meetings for
9. that month unless excused by the Steering Committee. This will be enacted
10. Fall Semester 1985 for the school year (9 months) in the amount of \$13,950
11. which will be budgeted for in the ASUW general budget.

Referred to: Steering

Date of Passage: 14-10-1  
May 7, 1985

Signed: Richard R Jamieson  
ASUW Senate Chairperson

"Being enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, I do hereby sign my name hereto and  
approve this Senate action." \_\_\_\_\_ ASUW President

SCHOOL	SENATORS	SENATE COMPENSATION	AMOUNT/TYPE
COLORADO STATE	25	NONE	
NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY	15	YES	PRESIDENT 325.00 MTH VP 300.00 MTH SENATORS (NON CHAIRMAN) 200.00 MTH (CHAIRMAN) 225.00 MTH
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH	35	YES	45.00 PER QTS/90.00 SEMESTER
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY	25	YES	50.00 PER QTS/100.00 PER SEMEST
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO	15	YES	IN STATE TUITION/500.00 PER QTS
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY	40	YES	35.00 PER QTS/ 9 MONTHS
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO-Boulder	25	YES	125.00 MONTH
UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA LAS VEGAS	20	YES	10% OF PRESIDENTS PAY EXECS 375.00 PER MTH + FULL FEE WAIVER
UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA	15	NO	N/A

PROPOSAL FOR SENATE COMPENSATION COULD TAKE FOUR FORMS THE COSTS ARE BELOW: 31 Senators

PLAN #1	FULL TUITION WAIVER PAID BY UW	.....	22,196 YR
PLAN #2	RESERVE FUND @ 75.00 PER MONTH.....		20,925 YR
PLAN #3	RESERVE FUND @ 50.00 PER MONTH.....		13,950 YR
PLAN #4	PARTIAL FUNDING OF TUITION BY ASUW & UW...		11,098 YR EA

SEVERAL FACTORS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. UNIVERSITY CONTACTED WHICH PAID THEIR SENATORS EXPERIENCED NO TROUBLE WHICH BALLOT FILLING.

COMPENSATION WOULD ALLOW MINORITY MEMBERS AND THOSE PEOPLE WHO WITHOUT COMPENSATION COULD NOT GIVE UP THE TIME FROM JOBS TO SERVE.

ONE UNIVERSITY CONTACTED SUGGESTED THAT IF A SENATOR MISSES A SENATE MEETING OR COMMITTEE MEETING THAT THE COMPENSATION WOULD NOT BE PAID FOR THAT MONTH. THEIR ATTENDANCE HAS BEEN ALMOST 100% SINCE THEY ENACTED THIS CLAUSE.

STUDENT SENATORS WORK ON A AVERAGE 8 HOURS A WEEK WHICH WOULD EQUAL 32 HOURS A MONTH

PLAN #1.....	APPROX 2.48 PER HOUR
PLAN #2.....	APPROX 2.34 PER HOUR
PLAN #3.....	APPROX 1.56 PER HOUR
PLAN #4.....	APPROX 1.24 PER HOUR PAID BY ASUW/UW EA



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May 21, 1985

Dear Senator:

On May 7, 1985, the Senate passed Senate Bill #1503 by a 14-10-1 vote. This bill excluded the statement which requested money to be withdrawn from the reserve for the 1985-86 academic year. After speaking with the business manager, this oversight can be corrected by simply attaching an addendum to the '85-'86 ASUW budget requesting the \$13,950. However, at this meeting with the business manager it was evident that more planning and research must be fulfilled before senate compensation can be implemented. There has been excess placed in the reserve for the past three years; however, there has been no research completed to determine if and how much will be placed in the reserve this year.

Another concern I have is future compensation. Will the compensation limit growth in other areas of ASUW? Sports Club is expanding. Activities is expanding. Will we need to raise fees in a few years?

The last major concern I will mention is responsibility. What responsibility does the current bill propose beside attendance? Attendance is important, but it's not a guarantee of fulfillment of one's obligations as an ASUW senator.

Therefore, I hereby veto Senate Bill #1503. I will be in support of Senate's actions if these concerns are addressed. A substantial plan must be completed before presenting reserve withdrawal to the Trustees and implementing senate compensation. This issue can be addressed at the September 10, 1985 meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robin Kerr".

Robin Kerr  
ASUW President