SENATE BILL #1762

Title: Executive Assistant to the Vice President

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- 1. WHEREAS, the Vice President of ASUW has many duties; and
- 2. WHEREAS, an assistant would aid in the expeditious completion
- 3. of such tasks as required of the Vice President; and
- 4. WHEREAS, the ASUW President can appoint as many executive
- 5. assistants as he deems necessary;
- 6. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Student Senate of the
- 7. Associated Students of the University of Wyoming that the
- 8. following changes be made to the ASUW By-Laws:
- 9. Article II, Section One, Subsection G shall read "... The
- 10. appointment of one executive assistant to aid in the
- 11. fulfillment of the objective of the ASUW. He shall be
- 12. directly responsible to the Vice President and this
- 13. executive's actions shall be subject to review by the ASUW
- 14. Senate at any time..."
- 15. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT the ASUW Constitution be changed
- 16. to read:
- 17. Article V "The ASUW President and such...President, and
- 18. such assistants may, from time to time be appointed by the
- 19. Vice President to assist the Vice President,..."
- 20. Article VI, Section One, Subsection F add "With the advice and
- 21. approval of the ASUW Legislative Branch, the Vice President
- 22. may appoint one executive assistant to assist with the

23. Vice President's responsibilities."

Referred To:	Research and Infor	mation Committee	
Date of Passa	age: FEBDUARY 1, 1994		Mathes To
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Mid-Term Grade Evaluations

Mid-term grade evaluations have a significant impact on students' education at the University of Wyoming. The evaluations confirm course enrollment, eligibility, and class standing. Furthermore, grade reports have a substantial effect on retention efforts.

The Issue

- A. Currently, a mandatory mid-term grade policy does not exist. Although reporting is encouraged by the university, it is interpreted as optional and its use is minimal.
 - 1. Registration and Records sends a class roster and letter to each faculty member explaining the reporting process of grades.
 - 2. The Academic Advising Center, through the Office of Student Life, sends information regarding advising and mid-term deficiencies to faculty members.
 - 3. The administration encourages faculty to submit midterm grades to Registration and Records.

The Problem

- B. Many professors choose not to provide grade information for students in the university mid-term grade report.
 - 1. As it is now, the absence of a grade in a university course is interpreted by students as a passing grade.
 - 2. Blanks on grade reports are misleading and problematic.
 - 3. In truth, a blank means the professor has not submitted a grade for the student to Registration and Records.

The Solution

- C. A mandatory mid-term grade evaluation will eliminate confusion regarding class verification and progress.
 - 1. The goal of the University of Wyoming is to create a healthy academic environment.
 - 2. To maintain the quality of education that UW strives for and uphold a tradition of academic excellence, UW's main priority should be to ensure academic success for all students.
 - 3. A mandatory mid-term grade evaluation will be a valuable and critical approach to increasing retention.
 - 4. A mandatory mid-term grade evaluation will provide a tangible guide for students to determine class standing.
 - 5. A mandatory mid-term grade evaluation will instigate more communication between the student and professor, as well as the student and the academic advisor.

Responsibility

- D. A mandatory mid-term grade evaluation will promote availability, willingness, and communication between the professor and the student, as well as the academic advisor and the student.
 - 1. A mandatory mid-term grade evaluation will emphasize that it is the students' responsibility to read, verify, and understand the grade evaluation.
 - 2. A mandatory mid-term grade evaluation will instill a greater responsibility upon the professor to create a more concise report of his students' standing and verification in class.
 - 3. A mandatory mid-term grade evaluation will encourage students to seek help from professors and academic advisors.

The Grade Report

- E. The grade evaluation will report grades as follows:
 - 1. Students will continue to receive a mid-term grade report.
 - 2. The grade report will verify course enrollment.
 - 3. The grade report will inform students' of their progress and standing.
 - 4. All grades earned will be reported in the grade evaluation. This includes: A, B, C, D, or F grades.