

SENATE BILL #2091

Title: ASUW Fee Increase FY '06
Introduced: October 6, 2004
Authors: Budget and Planning Committee
Sponsors: Senators Chadwick, Fowler, Jordan, McKinzie, Storey, Teini, and
Trompke

1. WHEREAS, the costs associated with funding ASUW programs and services
2. have significantly increased with every fiscal year; and
3. WHEREAS, an increasing number of funded recognized student organizations
4. (RSOs) has increased the financial demands for available student fees; and
5. WHEREAS, ASUW employees have received a 6% cost of living salary
6. increase; and
7. WHEREAS, the reserve should remain intact for unanticipated special
8. projects; and
9. WHEREAS, student support for a fee increase has been considered (see
10. Addendum A).
11. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of
12. Wyoming that the ASUW fee be raised from \$36.50 per semester to \$40.80
13. per semester beginning Fiscal Year 2006 for the purposes and guidelines as
14. specified in Addendum B.

Referred to: Finance Appropriations Committee

Date of Passage: October 19, 2004 **Signed:** Mary McInty
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on Oct 20, 2004, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action.” Dennis Williams
ASUW President

ADDENDUM A

Student Fee Survey Results

408 total respondents (314 paper, 94 online)

1) Are you a member of a recognized student organization (RSO)?

408 respondents

231	Yes	57%
177	No	43%

2) Did your RSO receive enough ASUW funding for the current academic year?

408 respondents

92	Yes	23%
80	No	20%
77	No Funds	19%
159	NA	39%

3) Would you support an ASUW fee increase to support student services such as Safe Ride and RSO programming?

314 respondents (inadvertently left off the online survey)

243	Yes	77%
71	No	23%

4) Would you support a new student fee to fund the continued operation of the SLSC?

408 respondents

235	Yes	58%
173	No	42%

5) How much of an ASUW fee increase would you support for the following services?

Safe Ride: \$0.53

408 respondents

280	Yes	69%
128	No	31%

4th Van for Safe Ride

408 respondents

254	Yes	62%
154	No	38%

Increased operation

408 respondents

267	Yes	65%
141	No	35%

RSO Programming

408 respondents

137	\$0.34	34%
81	\$0.69	20%
113	\$1.03	28%
77	None	19%

ADDENDUM B

The following table outlines the increase proposed to the ASUW fee, and itemizes the individual costs:

Fee Purpose	Amount
Staff Salaries and Insurance	\$2.10
Student Legal Services Clinic	\$1.32
Safe Ride	\$0.54
RSO Programming	\$0.34
TOTAL	\$4.30

1. Staff salaries and insurance:

The staff has received a 6% pay and benefit increase that was absorbed into the ASUW FY05 budget by drawing on the reserve and decreasing funding for other programs. The total increase was exactly \$36,041 and when divided per student per semester, the increase is \$1.8969 per student per semester, rounded to \$1.90. This increase is virtually mandatory, as these salaries have been, and will continue to be paid.

Also, in December of 2005, the insurance premiums are expected to increase by approximately 10%, according to the UW Budget and Planning. The current cost of ASUW employee insurance is \$31,855 per year, 10% of which would be \$3,185.50. The resulting fee is approximately \$0.20 per student per semester.

2. Student Legal Services Clinic:

This brand new ASUW program is in its trial year, and though it was funded by the Student Loan Account for FY05, that account is near depletion. The total expense of the program is \$25,000 which, when divided comes to \$1.3158 per semester per student, rounded to \$1.32. Please note that, should the 2004-2005 ASUW Senate vote to end this program in the spring of 2005, this \$1.32 fee will be removed from the total fee request before the FY06 Fee Book is approved by the UW Board of Trustees.

3. Safe Ride:

The cost for funding Safe Ride has increased due to a number of factors, including increases in the number of vans. The allocation in FY04 was exactly \$51,000, but that allocation rose to \$61,204 for FY05. As with the staff salaries, this extra cost was absorbed into the ASUW FY05 budget, to the detriment of other programs. The increase of \$10,000 came out to \$0.5371 per semester per student, rounded to \$0.54. Note that this increase is solely to continue funding Safe Ride at its current operation level, and it is the opinion of the committee that any increase beyond the current Safe Ride budget should be funded by outside sources.

4. RSO Programming

During the FY05 budget process, RSOs expressed concerns that not enough money was available for student programming. In response to this and the positive feedback received from student surveys, it is the opinion of this committee that an increase of approximately 5% of FY05's RSO funding, or a total of \$6650 for RSO programming would be appropriate. That increase works out to approximately \$0.34 per student per semester.