SENATE BILL #2103

Title: The Integrity in Governance Act of 2005

Date: January 29, 2005

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Author: Senator Jordan

Sponsors: Senators Case, Chollak, Christoffersen, Driver, Delong, Kudolla and Student-at-Large Hernandez

- 1. WHEREAS, The passage of the Fairness in Representation Act of 2004 by the
- 2. Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) removed
- 3. established disciplinary requirements for all ASUW officers; and
- 4. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees in May of 2004
- 5. accepted the changes made by Senate Bill #2069 with reservations and gave
- 6. ASUW one year to make revisions regarding suggested changes to the ASUW
- 7. Constitution; and
- 8. WHEREAS, it is recognized that ASUW ought to hold its officers to a higher
- 9. disciplinary standard; and
- 10. WHEREAS, in order to uphold the intent of the Fairness in Representation
- 11. Act of 2004, a restriction ought to be placed on student government officials
- 12. who are on conduct probation, as designated by the Assistant Dean of
- 13. Students for Judicial Affairs or designee in the Dean of Students Office,
- 14. during their term or campaign; and
- 15. WHEREAS, a probationary requirement on student government officials who
- 16. wish to serve helps to maintain the integrity of student governance; and
- 17. WHEREAS, a probationary restriction on student government officials does
- 18. not exclude students for their entire college career wishing to serve because

- 19. they committed a youthful indiscretion; and
- 20. WHEREAS, as indicated by the summary of the January 2005 Report on
- 21. Student Government Eligibility Requirements at Comparator Institutions in
- 22. Addendum A, those few universities who do have disciplinary restrictions on
- 23. student government officials have in place a similar requirement.
- 24. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Student Senate of the Associated Students
- 25. of the University of Wyoming that Article IV, Section 1 of the ASUW
- 26. Constitution be amended to read as stated in Addendum B; and
- 27. THEREFORE, be it further enacted by the Student Senate of the Associated
- 28. Students of the University of Wyoming that Article IV, Section 7 of the
- 29. ASUW By-Laws be amended to read as stated in Addendum C; and
- 30. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that pursuant to the ASUW Constitution,
- 31. this amendment be placed on the ballot in the Spring 2005 election for its
- 32. ratification by a majority of the voting student body; and
- 33. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that upon the ratification of this
- 34. amendment by the student body and approval of this amendment by the
- 35. University of Wyoming Board of Trustees, this change shall become part of
- 36. the official Constitution of the Associated Students of the University of
- 37. Wyoming.

Referred to: Constitution Committee	
Date of Passage: February 15, 2005 Signed: Washington	
"Being enacted on bruary 16,2005 (ASUW Chairperson) , I do bereby sign my name)
hereto and approve this Senate action." David Juliano	
ASUW President	

ADDENDUM A

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Summarization of the January 2005 Report on Student Government Eligibility Requirements at Comparator Institutions

Comparator Institution	Academic Eligibility	Disciplinary Eligibility
University of Colorado-Boulder	n/a	n/a
Washington State University-Pullman	2.5 GPA/Must not be on Academic Probation	13/a
University of Montana	2.0 GPA/Must be in Good Academic Standing	11/a
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	2.0 GPA/Must not be on Academic Probation	Cannot be on Disciplinary Propation
Rice University	n/a	n/a
University of Arizona	2.0 GPA/ Must be in Good Academic Standing	n/a
University of Idaho	2.35 GPA/No Academic Probation for 2 Semesters	11/a
University of Utah	2.0 GPA/Must be in Good Standing	n/a
Utah State University	Must be in Good Academic Standing	Cannot be on Social Probation
Oregon State University	2.0 GPA for undergrad/3.0 GPA for graduate students	
University of Oregon	n/a	n/a
Colorado State University	2.0 GPA minimum	11/a
University of Nevada-Las Vegas	Must be in Good Standing	n/a
Arizona State University	Must be in Good Academic Standing	n/a
Idaho State University	2.0 GPA minimum	n/a
Montana State University-Bozeman	n/a	n/a

ADDENDUM B

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Addition to the ASUW Constitution:

ARTICLE IV

Appointed or Elected Officers

The privilege of holding an elected or appointed position as an ASUW representative shall be in accordance with the following provisions.

<u>Section 1.</u> A member of the ASUW shall be removed from office in the ASUW Executive, Legislative, or Judicial branches if he has been found to be on Conduct Probation as sanctioned by the Assistant Dean of Students for Judicial Affairs or designee in the Dean of Students Office, or if he has been found guilty of other acts which compromise his integrity as a student leader and representative of the ASUW. This standard must be maintained throughout the term of office.

ADDENDUM C

Addition to ASUW By-laws, Article IV, Elections:

Section 11: Any person who is a candidate or official for ASUW shall have to file a disclosure form granting the ASUW Advisor permission to verify that a candidate or student government officer is not on Conduct Probation as assigned by the Assistant Dean of Students for Judicial Affairs or designee in the Dean of Students Office while running for office or while serving in office.

No person shall be required to submit this form for any reason. However, if a candidate fails to submit the required disclosure form than that candidates name will be removed from the ballot.