

SENATE RESOLUTION #2141

Title: **A Call for Long Term Evaluation of Rising On-Campus Living Expenses**

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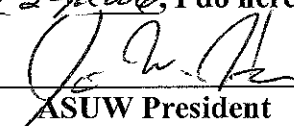
1. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming is an institution which has a well
2. deserved reputation for excellence in academics; and
3. WHEREAS, compared to many other institutions, the University of Wyoming
4. has worked hard to keep tuition and fees low; and
5. WHEREAS, tuition and fees are just a portion of the overall costs of
6. attendance; and
7. WHEREAS, the cost of room and board has increased a total of 24% over
8. the past 5 years; and
9. WHEREAS, federal student loans are limited to annually and are not always
10. sufficient to meet these rising costs; and
11. WHEREAS, rising costs of attendance might have the effect of making UW a
12. less attractive value for out of state students wishing to attend UW as opposed
13. to attending an in-state institution; and
14. WHEREAS, Residence Life and Dining Services (RLADS) is called upon to
15. provide an array of programs and services which require a large support staff,
16. dozens of student employees, programming for students and a range of
17. services not found in other housing complexes; and
18. WHEREAS, such conditions may put the University at a competitive

19. disadvantage and place the University in the position of having to charge more
20. to sustain such services; and
21. WHEREAS, a major portion of the current revenues are dedicated to paying
22. the bond debt from past capital projects; and
23. WHEREAS, an Ira Fink study completed in 2001 identified a total of \$91
24. million in maintenance and improvement costs; and
25. WHEREAS, the ability of RLADS to pay for such costs based upon revenue
26. from students will be increasingly limited; and
27. WHEREAS, rental increases have made the University of Wyoming less
28. affordable for many students; and
29. WHEREAS, this particular issue has the potential to affect the lives of the
30. students who attend UW and may influence the choices students make in
31. their higher education.
32. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the University of Wyoming create a task
33. force consisting of representatives of both on and off campus residents,
34. members of the UW administration and representatives of the city, county
35. and state who can work together to identify needs and problems relevant
36. to housing in the Laramie community; and
37. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that ASUW ask RLAS to engage in long
38. term expansion and efficiency planning, incorporating any findings of the
39. housing task force with the goal of balancing on campus housing needs in
40. relation to increases in rent and/or room and board; and
41. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that RLADS actively work to create an

- 42. advisory committee made up of residents of the University Apartments which
- 43. can address issues and voice concerns of importance to residents of those
- 44. facilities.

Referred to: Student Issues Committee

Date of Passage: March 21, 2006 Signed: 
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on March 23, 2006, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action.” 
ASUW President