

**SENATE BILL #2188**

**Title:** Allocation of Funding for Emergency Call Boxes

**Date:** November 26, 2007

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**Sponsors:** Senators Averill, J. Berry

1. WHEREAS, campus safety is a growing concern and an issue that affects all
2. students, faculty and staff; and
3. WHEREAS, emergency call boxes are an effective and useful measure to promote
4. campus safety; and
5. WHEREAS, Senate Bill #2184 did not fund the Special Projects request for two
6. emergency call boxes as expressed in a proposal submitted as "Addendum A"; and
7. WHEREAS, the Vice President of Student Affairs has pledged to purchase and
8. install one additional emergency call box if the Associated Students of the University
9. of Wyoming (ASUW) provide funding for two emergency call boxes; and
10. WHEREAS, Senate Bill #2162 states that the ASUW Reserve account must be
11. depleted to the approved maximum of \$300,000 by FY '10; and
12. WHEREAS, the ASUW Reserve account is currently over such a ceiling of

13. \$387,820.17.
14. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of
15. Wyoming (ASUW) that \$14,000 be allocated from the ASUW Reserve account to
16. fund two emergency call boxes; and
17. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the first emergency call box to be placed
18. near the south exit of the day lot; and
19. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the second emergency call box to be placed
20. at the convergence of the Health Sciences, Geology, and Physical Science buildings;
21. and
22. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that ASUW recommends the additional call
23. box funded by the Vice President for Student Affairs to be placed on the west side of
24. the crosswalk at 11<sup>th</sup> and Ivinson as shown in Addendum B; and
25. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that should there be any remaining funds
26. following the purchase and installation of the two ASUW funded emergency call
27. boxes that the funds be returned to the ASUW Reserve account.

Referred to: Budget and Planning Committee

Date of Passage: January 22, 2008 Signed: Zach Giv

(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on January 23, 2008, I do hereby sign my name hereto and

approve this Senate action."

David D. K.

ASUW President

## ADDENDUM A

### ASUW Special Projects Fund Application

**REQUESTING GROUP:** Student Affairs in conjunction with Facilities Planning and UWPD

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#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Funding is requested for the purchase and installation of two free-standing emergency call boxes on the western half of the UW campus. With the added attention being given to campus safety by students and their families, the availability of highly visible emergency call boxes has been re-examined by a committee comprised of representatives from ASUW, Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council, UW Police, Facilities Planning, and Student Affairs.

Two additional call boxes will be installed on Fraternity Mall in October. Another call box will be available near the southeast corner of the new Information Technology facility when it is completed. The committee identified other sites, on the west campus, where call boxes would be desirable. These include the three plazas still to be developed on Prexy's Pasture, near the

Day Parking lot east of Half Acre Gymnasium, and at the confluence of sidewalks leading from Health Sciences, Pharmacy, Geology, and Physical Sciences buildings.

In a recent survey of students living and working on the east campus, the stand alone, blue light call boxes were preferred. This is the type purchased for Fraternity Mall and proposed for purchase with this funding. They require only the touching of a button to be directly connected by two-way voice communication to the UW Police department. The boxes would be identifiable by signage and by the blue light visible during evenings and nights.

The locations suggested for the installation of the two emergency call boxes for which funding is requested are (1) in the northwest part of campus at the confluence of sidewalks from Health Sciences, Geology, etc. and (2) in or near the Day Parking lot. Recommendations from specific locations would be welcomed from ASUW and would ultimately be dependent on the location of electrical and telephone infrastructure access.

A significant number of students, as well as visitors to various programs, lectures, and concerts, walk along routes which traverse these locations. Safety is a concern for most members of the university community. While call boxes are primarily available for requesting emergency assistance (be it for safety, accidents, crime reporting, or sudden illness), they also can be used to request directions. They are available to all students and members of the UW community.

This is a request for a one-time expenditure to benefit nearly all students on the campus. Any on-going costs will be absorbed by university departments charged with maintenance of the various elements of the emergency call box system.

As a means of demonstrating support for this request, the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs has pledged to provide funding for one additional emergency call box if this request is funded in full.

This project is endorsed by members of the Crisis Management Team that met this summer to assess UW's campus safety efforts and to make recommendations to President Buchanan for further enhancements.

### **IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE**

The estimated implementation time is three months. While ordering and receiving the equipment can occur in a matter of a few weeks, weather can impact installation scheduling. It is reasonable to expect installation of new call boxes will occur as quickly as is practical given

weather conditions and other priority assignments for Information Technology and Physical Plant installers. Barring a major problem, the installation will occur this fiscal year.

### **PROJECT COSTS**

Acquisition and installation of each emergency call box will cost approximately \$7,000, based on the costs associated with the boxes purchased for Fraternity Mall. While the equipment costs will be standardized, individual site installation costs will vary depending on the nearness of connecting electrical and telephone wiring to the selected site. No proposed site is expected to exceed the projected cost by more than ten percent (\$700).

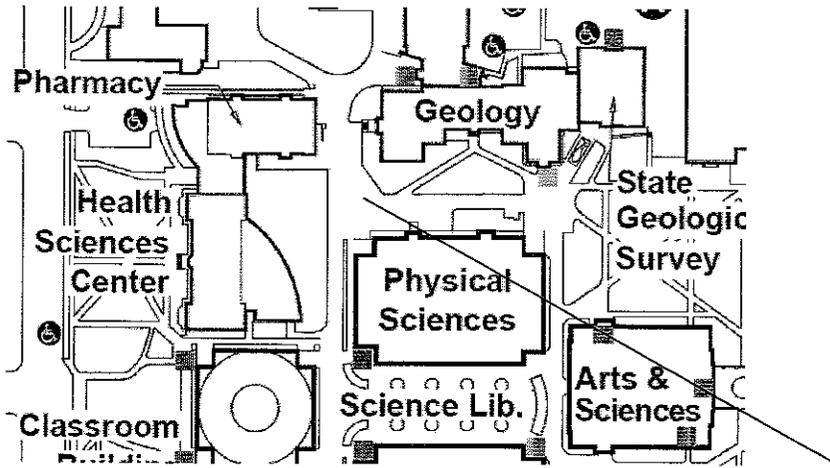
This request is for funding to cover the purchase and installation of two emergency call boxes at a cost of \$7,000 each, bringing the total request to \$14,000.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Map of existing emergency call box locations

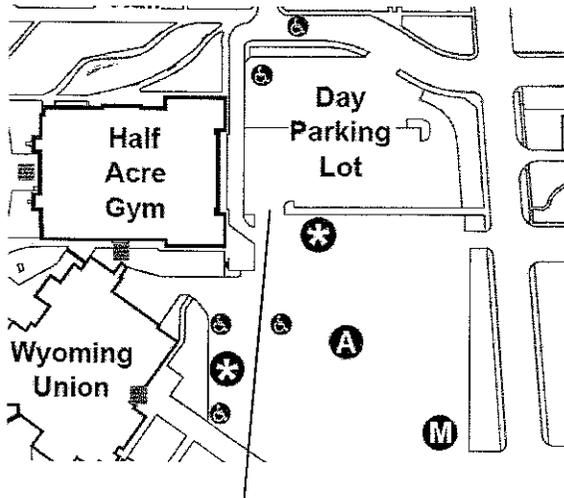
ADDENDUM B

**Location for ASUW funded call box #1**



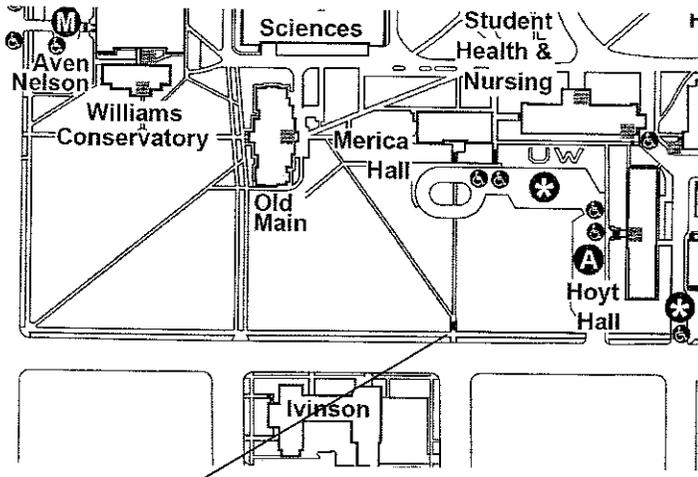
“The convergence of the Health Sciences, Geology, and Physical Science buildings.”

**Location for ASUW funded call box #2**



“near the south exit of the day lot”

## Recommended Location for Student Affairs funded call box



“west side of the crosswalk at 11<sup>th</sup> at Ivinson”