SENATE BILL #2213

Title:

Clarifying the "Roll Call Vote" Requirement: Answering the Great Question

of Our Time

Date:

March 31, 2008

Authors:

Vice President Guier and Executive Kuhlmann

Sponsors:

Senators Carroll, Knapp, Rader, Diana Wilson and Wold

- 1. WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 1, Sub-section E of the Rules and Procedures of the
- 2. Student Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)
- 3. requires "The final vote on all ASUW bills and resolutions shall be a roll call vote:" and
- 4. WHEREAS, the roll call vote is an essential tool to make ASUW senators accountable
- 5. for their legislative actions; and
- 6. WHEREAS, page fifty-three (53) of the Tenth Edition of "Robert's Rules of Order
- 7. Newly Revised" states that passage of a unanimous consent motion may satisfy a
- 8. requirement for a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote imposed by Robert's Rules; and
- 9. WHEREAS, this Robert's Rules passage does not clearly address the requirement
- 10. imposed by the ASUW Student Senate Rules and Procedures for a "roll call vote:" and
- 11. WHEREAS, an open question remains whether the passage of a unanimous consent
- 12. motion on the final reading of legislation shall satisfy the roll call vote requirement in
- 13. the Student Senate Rules and Procedures; and
- 14. WHEREAS, clear language answering this question could avoid any future ASUW
- 15. Judicial Council interpretation that might overturn legislation for violating the roll call
- 16. yote requirement with a unanimous consent motion.
- 17. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the ASUW Student Senate that the text of Article VI,
- 18. Section 1, Sub-section E of the Rules and Procedures of the ASUW Student Senate be

Referred to: Constitution Committee
Date of Passage: April 15, 2008 Signed:
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approve this Senate action." ASUW President

changed to reflect the clarifying language contained in Addendum A.

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Addendum A

RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE STUDENT SENATE

OF THE ASSOCIATED

STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

Article VI

Legislative Action

Section 1. E. At the end of debate, the bill shall be read a third time by the Secretary and shall be voted upon at the end of this reading. No debate or amendment shall be permitted after the chair has put forth the question to the voting membership. The final vote on all ASUW bills and resolutions shall be a roll call vote. The passage of a motion for unanimous consent on the final vote for any ASUW bill or resolution shall qualify as a roll call vote under this section and shall be recorded by the Secretary as a roll call vote with all senators present at the meeting voting, "aye."