

**SENATE BILL # 2255**



**TITLE: 2009 Elections Reform Act**

**DATE: October 30, 2009**

**AUTHOR: Senators Barrett, Dugas, Fuentes, Mullen, Speiser, White, & Wiebers, Walters**

**SPONSORS: Senators Reese and Ssekajja**

1. WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) to continue to provide robust support for its annual elections; and
3. WHEREAS, clear, concise, and unambiguous elections by-laws are necessary to ensure a
4. free, fair, and public election; and
5. WHEREAS, the elections by-laws, as outlined in Article IV require revision;
6. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the ASUW that Article IV, Section 1, Subsection A be
7. amended as proscribed by language contained in Addendum A; and
8. THEREFORE, be if further enacted that Article IV, Section 6, Subsection A, Clause 4 be
9. amended as proscribed by language contained in Addendum B; and
10. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that Article IV, Section 6, Subsection D, be amended as
11. proscribed by language contained in Addendum C; and
12. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that Article IV, Section 7, Subsection D, be stricken; and
13. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that Article IV, Section 7, Subsection E, along with its
14. attending clauses one (1), two (2), and three (3), be stricken; and
15. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that Article IV, Section 7, Subsection L, be amended as
16. proscribed by language contained in Addendum D; and
17. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that Article IV, Section 10, Subsection C, be amended as

18. proscribed by language contained in Addendum E; and
19. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that Article IV, Section 11, Subsection A, Clause 2, be
20. amended as proscribed by language contained in Addendum F; and
21. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that Article IV, Section 1, be amended as proscribed by
22. language contained in Addendum G; and
23. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that Article IV, Section 9, be amended as proscribed by
24. language contained in Addendum H.

**Referred to:** Constitution Committee

**Date of Passage:** 11/10/09

**Signed:**

*Damee Hunzje*

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 11-11-09, I do hereby sign my name hereto and

approve this Senate action.”

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ASUW President

## ADDENDUM A

- A. There shall be a an annual general election with a ~~an optional~~ primary election under provisions provided in Section 3, Subsection A, Clause 1 of this Article. ~~at the discretion of the Committee with the approval of the ASUW Senate.~~

## **ADDENDUM B**

4. He/she must have completed not less than twelve (12) of those hours at the University of Wyoming unless he/she has completed an undergraduate degree at the University of Wyoming.

### **ADDENDUM C**

D. Financial statements itemizing expenditures and accompanied by receipts shall be returned submitted to the ASUW Office by 4:30 p.m. the first Monday in April and by 4:30 p.m. of the day following the general election.

## ADDENDUM D

- L. An itemized statement of expenses incurred during the election must be submitted to the ASUW Office by ~~4:00 p.m.~~ 4:30 p.m. the first Monday in April and by 4:30 p.m. of the first business day following the general election. All expenditures and expense statements must conform to the following criteria:
1. Items or services that are donated to the candidate must be included in the expense statement at retail value. All copying and printing costs (including those made in University labs or on personal printers) must be included.
  2. Attached to the expense statement must be receipts for all expenditures. If, for any reason, a receipt is unavailable, the candidate must note the lack of receipt on the expense statement. If the exact amount for expenditures is not known, candidates are expected to accurately estimate the cost involved.
  3. All candidates must submit a signed expense statement, even if no costs were incurred. Separate signed expense statements must be submitted for each campaign if a candidate is running for a senate position, as well as a president/vice presidential position. Expense statements must be submitted to the ASUW Secretary no later than 4:00 p.m. on the business day following the general election.

## ADDENDUM E

- A. ~~At large seats on the Senate will also be given to any unsuccessful general election candidate for president and vice president.~~ If any person is elected to more than one position in the election, that person must resign from all but one position.

## **ADDENDUM F**

2. The question to be considered shall be accompanied by student signatures representing at least ~~5%~~ 10% of the currently enrolled, fee paying students of the University of Wyoming.



## **ADDENDUM G**

G. The Elections Committee shall annually proscribe and disseminate to all official candidates for ASUW elective office the Elections Code, which shall summarize the manner in which student elections shall be administered, the consequences for the failure of candidates to abide by such rules, and all other rules and regulations seen as prudent and necessary by the Elections Committee in accordance with Article II, Section 10, Subsection A, Clause 3 and Article IV of the ASUW By-Laws and with the consent of two-thirds of the ASUW Senate.

## ADDENDUM H

### Section 9. Sanctions

- A. No sanctions reached by the Judicial Council or the ASUW Elections Committee will be final unless approved by the University of Wyoming Vice President for Student Affairs (as stipulated in Article III, Section 3, Letter B of the ASUW By-Laws).
- B. Any candidate who fails to abide by the verdict and sanctions approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs may be disqualified from the election or from the position won in the election if the Vice President so decides.
- C. No candidate shall be disqualified from a previously elected or appointed office for a campaign violation for the most recent election; nor shall a candidate be disqualified from running for or serving in another ASUW position.
- D. If sanctions were imposed by the Judicial Council or the ASUW Elections Committee, appeals may be made by the sanctioned student to the UW Board of Student Appeals.
- E. Sanctions may include but are not limited to placing that candidate's/ticket's name at the bottom of the ballot, removal from the ballot, or disqualification from office.