

SENATE BILL #2358

TITLE: Reestablishment of ASUW Sustainability Program – ECO

DATE: March 29, 2012

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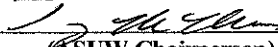
SPONSORS: Senators Defebaugh, Kaul, Kolf, and Unangst

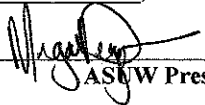
1. WHEREAS, sustainability is a rapidly growing global issue and a source of regular student
2. activities and efforts throughout the University of Wyoming (UW) campus; and,
3. WHEREAS, student-led, sustainability-oriented organizations have expressed their desire for
4. and enthusiasm to be involved in a student-led, campus-wide sustainability program; and,
5. WHEREAS, to best represent the entire UW student body and care for our environment,
6. the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) should strive to serve as a
7. source of sustainability programming, education, and resources to the members of the
8. ASUW, the University of Wyoming, and the Laramie community; and,
9. WHEREAS, the ASUW Student Sustainability Council (SSC) was
10. hastily eliminated as an ASUW program in the Fall of 2010; and,
11. WHEREAS, the elimination of SSC has reduced the likelihood and proficiency of student-
12. led, campus-wide sustainability programming, education, events, and overall success; and,
13. WHEREAS, the motives behind the aforementioned elimination were a lack of concrete,
14. consistent leadership and lack of involvement from non-ASUW entities; and,
15. WHEREAS, ECO will utilize a coalition-based leadership structure, comprised of
16. student representatives from the ASUW, Environment and Natural Resources, Residence
17. Life and Dining Services, the Residence Hall Association, and Student Leadership and

18. Community Engagement to ensure the leadership, longevity and campus-wide representation
19. of the program; and,
20. WHEREAS, any viable ASUW program must be supplemented financially; and,
21. WHEREAS, the ASUW Reserve has a balance of \$343,046.44; \$143,046.44 in expendable
22. funds as of February 27, 2012 and will increase from annual interest and rollover of surplus
23. student fee dollars at the end of fiscal year 2012.
24. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the
25. University of Wyoming (ASUW) that Article II, Section 10, Subsection A, Clause viii
26. be amended to reflect the changes contained in Addendum A; and,
27. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that Article VIII, Section 1, Subsection C be amended to
28. reflect the changes contained in Addendum B; and,
29. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the working document contained in Addendum C
30. be adopted as the official operating guidelines for ECO; and,
31. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that \$2,500 be allocated from the ASUW Reserve to
32. provide funding for ECO during the 2012-2013 academic year as outlined in Addendum D;
33. and,
34. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the ECO Executive Council be required to
35. submit a formal budget application for FY 14 in the spring 2013 academic
36. semester in accordance with the standard procedures of the ASUW and the ASUW Budget
37. and Planning Committee; and,
38. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the ASUW present a Memorandum of
39. Understanding, that has been approved by senate as outlined in Addendum E, to the entities
responsible for overseeing the student members of the ECO

40. Executive Council for approval and verification of commitment by the conclusion of the
41. spring 2012 semester.

Referred to: Students' Program Advisory and Academics, Technology & Sustainability

Date of Passage: 04/10/12 Signed: 
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 4/11/12, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action.” 
ASUW President

Addendum A

ARTICLE II Legislative Branch

Section 10. Senate Committees:

- A. In order to provide continuity in ASUW activities and business along with providing a mechanism for timely participation by the ASUW in University processes, the following permanent ASUW Senate committees are established:
- viii. The ASUW Students' Program Advisory Committee:
- a. **Purpose.** The Students' Program Advisory Committee shall serve as a means by which the ASUW Student Senate shall advise and assist will all ASUW programs.
 - b. **Powers.** The Committee shall advise and assist all programs of the ASUW and shall formally and informally evaluate aspects of the program which include but are not limited to the budget, student fee allocation, and staffing of all the current programs of the ASUW. The Committee shall also provide recommendations to all programs of the ASUW and the ASUW Senate and Executive Branch on staff, budget, etc. The Committee will maintain regular contact with all programs of the ASUW and will regularly provide institutional and programmatic support to all programs of the ASUW.
 - c. **Composition.** The Committee shall consist of a minimum of five (5) Senators of the ASUW, one (1) of whom shall serve as chairperson, three (3) ASUW Students-at-Large, one (1) being a Freshman Senator, and a unique student representative of each ASUW program or service shall have the opportunity to serve as a voting member.
 - a. These program and service representatives may be from, but not limited to:
 - i. Associated Students Technical Services (ASTEC)
 - ii. United Multicultural Council
 - iii. ASUW Student Radio Program
 - iv. A.L. Lupton Financial Literacy Program
 - v. Freshman Senate
 - vi. Students' Attorney Program
 - vii. Non-Traditional Student Council
 - viii. Panhellenic Council
 - ix. Interfraternity Council
 - x. SafeRide
 - xi. ECO
 - b. All these program and service representatives are subject to the final approval of the ASUW Vice President. All program and service representatives will have the right to vote in this Committee. The ASUW Vice President shall appoint one (1) Executive Assistant to serve as an ex-officio on the committee.

Addendum B

ARTICLE VIII
Services and Programs

Section 1. All services and programs funded by the ASUW shall be placed in one (1), and only one (1), of the following categories:

B. Low Interaction Governance Groups

- i. These low interaction governance groups provide governance which is either internal to ASUW, require little interaction with the public or both. Because of this, these groups are not to be considered priorities for scheduling during the first run-week one priority scheduling block in the Wyoming Union. These should be encouraged to make use of the ASUW Senate Office for their weekly meetings whenever possible. Groups which choose not to use the senate office are subject to the availability and scheduling policies of all other student groups of the Union Events Office. These include:
 - a. Academics, and Technology and Sustainability Committee
 - b. Constitution Committee
 - c. Elections Committee
 - d. Safe Ride Advisory Board
 - e. Steering Committee
 - f. Student Outreach and Policy Committee
 - g. Students' Program Advisory Committee

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C. Other Programs and Services

- i. The following groups operate either in an advisory capacity to ASUW, have little need for consistence in meeting times and locations, or have available meeting space which they ought to be encouraged to utilize. These include:
 - a. Associated Students Technical Services (ASTECC)
 - b. United Multicultural Council
 - c. A.L. Lupton Financial Literacy Program
 - d. UW Student Radio Station
 - e. Freshman Senate
 - f. Students' Attorney Program
 - g. Non-Traditional Student Council
 - h. Panhellenic Council
 - i. Interfraternity Council
 - j. SafeRide
 - k. ECO

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Addendum C

Rules and Procedures of ECO

- I. Mission Statement
 - a. The purpose of ECO is to promote and improve student-led sustainability programs, events, and efforts across the University campus and throughout the greater Laramie community through campus and community education and engagement, the encouragement of environmentally-friendly practices, and the facilitation of collaboration between current and prospective student-led, sustainability-oriented organizations.
- II. Definitions
 - a. University of Wyoming shall herein be referred to as UW
 - b. Associated Students of the University of Wyoming will herein be referred to as ASUW
 - c. Environment and Natural Resources shall herein be referred to as ENR
 - d. Residence Hall Association shall herein be referred to as RHA
 - e. Residence Life and Dining Services shall herein be referred to as ResLife
 - f. Student Leadership and Community Engagement shall herein be referred to as SLCE
- III. Physical Structure/Composition
 - a. Executive Council
 - i. The ECO Executive Council shall consist of five student representatives:
 1. ASUW Executive; to be appointed by the ASUW President, or designee
 2. ENR ~~Student Representative Graduate Assistant~~; to be appointed by the Haub School of ENR Assistant Director, or designee
 3. RHA Director of Sustainability; to be elected by the RHA, or designee
 4. ResLife Graduate Assistant for Sustainability; to be appointed by the ResLife Associate Director of Resident Life, or designee
 5. SLCE Student Leadership Coordinator; to be appointed by the Wyoming Union Senior Project Coordinator, or designee
 - ii. The aforementioned ECO Executive Council representatives shall be appointed no later than September 15th
 - b. Voting Membership
 - i. ~~A~~Students representing any of university organizations with student membership Recognized Student Organization (RSO) shall be contacted by the Executive Council and invited to join ECO
 - c. General Membership
 - i. All UW students not affiliated with a voting membership position and interested in promoting student-led, campus-wide sustainability are encouraged to attend
 - d. Non-Student Guest Membership
 - i. All UW administration, faculty and staff in attendance
- IV. Meetings
 - a. ECO shall meet at least twice per month
 - b. Meetings shall be comprised of Executive Council, voting, and general membership
 - c. Meeting agendas/content shall be determined prior to the meetings by the ECO Executive Council
- V. Voting and Discussion

a. Any action requiring a vote shall be approved by a majority vote of the eligible voting members in attendance

a-i. Actions requiring a formal vote shall be those which utilize budgeted funds and/or affect programming

b. Eligible voting members shall:

i. Be student representatives of student organizations, including members of the Executive Council

1. Only one vote per organization shall be considered

ii. Have attended a minimum of three meetings per semester

1. If voting occurs during the second meeting of the semester, eligible voting members shall have attended both meetings

2. No votes may occur during the first meeting of the academic year

3. Attendance shall be recorded based on student organization, ~~not the individual student~~

4. If two consecutive meetings are missed by a student organization, voting eligibility shall be revoked

a. Attendance at three consecutive future meetings shall result in reinstatement of voting eligibility

5. Voter eligibility status from the last meeting of the fall semester shall roll over to the first meeting spring semester

c. Any votes resulting in a tie shall be decided by vote of the Executive Council

d. All Executive Council, voting, general, and non-student guest members are encouraged to engage in discussion during ECO meetings

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VI. Responsibilities

a. ECO

i. The following programs, services, events, and efforts are pertinent to ECO's mission statement and shall be administered and ~~managed~~ executed annually by ECO:

1. Adopt-the-Campus Program

2. Adopt-a-Bin Program

3. Earth Week/Day

4. ~~Spring into Action (or other Ssustainable- and/or Eenvironment-related Sservice Ddays)~~

5. Any other efforts associated with establishing and/or managing ~~promoting~~ events and programming ~~or events~~ which promote campus and/or community sustainability, environmentally-friendly practices, awareness and education, and/or other initiatives relevant to ECO's mission statement

ii. Two ECO Executive Council or Voting members shall serve as the student representatives on the UW Campus Sustainability Committee

iii. ECO should strive to establish, promote, and develop relationships with and amongst student-led, campus organizations

iv. ECO should strive to establish, promote, and develop relationships with administrative, faculty, and staff sustainability organizations

b. Executive Council

i. As a council or through internal delegation the Executive Council shall be responsible for completing the following ~~responsibilities~~:

1. Meet at least three times per month

2. Create the ECO meeting agendas

3. Record ~~organization~~ meeting attendance ~~representation~~ and voting record

4. Extend invitation for membership within ECO to all university organizations with student membership

5. Facilitate communication between ECO, the entities overseeing the student representatives of the Executive Council, the Campus Sustainability Committee, and any other relevant entities
6. Prepare and submit a formal budget application for the following fiscal year in accordance with the standard procedures of the ASUW and the ASUW Budget and Planning Committee
 - a. Said formal budget application shall be voted on and approved by ECO prior to the application submission deadline
7. Serve as sustainability resources to all ECO members and members of the UW student body
8. Ensure the democratic administration of ECO

VII. Amendments to the Rules and Procedures of ECO

- a. Amendments to the rules and procedures may be submitted by any Executive Council, Voting, or General member
- b. Amendments are only adopted with two-thirds majority vote of eligible voting members (Section V, Subsection b, Clause i)

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Addendum D

ECO - FY 13 Budget	
EXPENSE	AMOUNT
Advertising	\$200.00
Promote ECO efforts/events/initiatives	
Details: Posters, handouts, alternative forms, etc.	
Courtesy	\$1,000.00
Food/beverage for student attendees of ECO efforts/events/initiatives	
Details: To be determined by ECO in FY 13	
Special Services Contracts	\$1,250.00
Programmatic expenditures, speakers, etc.	
Details: To be determined by ECO in FY 13	
Office Supplies	\$50.00
Necessary office supplies for ECO efforts/events/initiatives	
Details: To be determined by ECO in FY 13	
TOTAL BUDGET	\$2,500.00

Addendum E

Creation of ASUW Sustainability Program – ECO

This formal agreement is between the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (herein after ASUW) and the Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources (herein after ENR), the Residence Hall Association (herein after RHA), Residence Life and Dining Services (herein after ResLife), and Student Leadership and Community Engagement (herein after SLCE). This formal agreement sets forth the general terms of involvement between the ASUW and ENR, RHA, ResLife, and SLCE (herein after party/parties). The parties listed understand and agree to the following:

ECO Mission Statement

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ECO Executive Council

Membership

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 4. ResLife Graduate Assistant for Sustainability; to be appointed by the ResLife Associate Director of Resident Life, or designee
 5. SLCE Student Leadership Coordinator; to be appointed by the Wyoming Union Senior Project Coordinator, or designee
- ii. The aforementioned ECO Executive Council representatives shall be appointed no later than September 15th

Responsibilities

To ensure the longevity of ECO's leadership, five student representatives, one from each party, shall serve as members of the Executive Council. The Executive Council's responsibilities shall include:

- i. As a council or through internal delegation the Executive Council shall be responsible for completing the following:
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8. Ensure the democratic administration of ECO

Terms of Agreement

This formal agreement shall become effective upon passage of ASUW Senate Bill #2358. Parties agree to administer all necessary efforts to appoint student representatives to their respective Executive Council position.

We, the undersigned, hereby agree to the terms set forth in this agreement:

 Courtney Carlson
 Haub School of Energy and Natural Resources, Associate Director

 Date

 William Evans
 Residence Life and Dining Services, Associate Director

 Date

 Erin Olsen
 Wyoming Union, Project Coordinator (Student Leadership and Community Engagement) Advisor

 Date

 Kate Steiner
 Associated Students of the University of Wyoming, Advisor

 Date

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