

SENATE BILL #2425



TITLE: Judicial Council Amendment to the Constitution

DATE: March 26, 2014

AUTHOR: President Kahler; Senators Messer and West

SPONSORS: Senators Haukaas, Peil, Phan, Powell, Scherlin, and Yang

1. WHEREAS, the Student Government of the Associated Students of the University of
2. Wyoming (ASUW) is comprised of three branches; and,
3. WHEREAS, the Judicial Branch of the ASUW does not enact or enforce legislation, but
4. rather is the interpreting body of the ASUW; and,
5. WHEREAS, current language in the ASUW Constitution does not clearly define the
6. relationship between the Legislative Branch and the Judicial Branch.
7. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the
8. University of Wyoming (ASUW) that Article VII, Section 1, subsection F of the ASUW
9. Constitution be amended to reflect the changes contained in Addendum A.

Referred to: Constitution Committee

Date of Passage: 04/08/2014 **Signed:** *Kia Murdoch*

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 4/10/14, I do hereby sign my name hereto and

approve this Senate action.” *Bob Kahler*

ASUW President

Addendum A

THE CONSTITUTION ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

ARTICLE VII ASUW Judicial Council

The Judicial powers of the ASUW and the University of Wyoming student body shall be vested in the ASUW Judicial Council, which shall conduct its business in accordance with the following provisions:

- Section 1. The Judicial Council shall be composed of seven (7) Justices, appointed by the ASUW President with the advice and consent of three-fourths (3/4) of the voting ASUW Senate.
- A. The ASUW President should make all possible efforts to appoint a diverse group of students to the Judicial Council.
 - B. The term of office for each Justice shall be two (2) years; however, this is not to be construed to prevent a student from being reappointed to successive terms;
 - C. One (1) of the seven (7) Justices shall, with the advice and consent of three-fourths (3/4) of the voting Senate, be appointed by the ASUW President to serve as chairperson of the Judicial Council; for one (1) year of that justice's two (2) year term and shall be eligible to be appointed to successive terms as Chief Justice by successive ASUW Presidents.
 - D. There shall be an advisor appointed by the mutual agreement of the ASUW President and the Dean of Students with the advice and consent of a two-thirds (2/3) of the voting Senate.
 - E. Three (3) justices shall each be appointed to serve a two (2) year term in each ASUW Senate term beginning in an odd numbered year, and four (4) justices shall be appointed to serve a two (2) year term in each ASUW Senate term beginning in even numbered years, with the advice and consent of three-fourths (3/4) of the voting Senate.
 - F. ~~Members of the Judicial Council may not be publicly involved in any decision before the ASUW Senate. On action items before the ASUW Senate, members of the Judicial Council may not participate publicly in debate or decisions pending approval of the ASUW Senate, unless such business has the potential to directly impact the workings or responsibilities of the Judicial Council or its Justices. Members of the Judicial Council may not appear before the ASUW Senate, participate publicly in any debate or decision pending approval of the ASUW Senate, or have excessive interactions with ASUW Senators on any business before the ASUW Senate, unless such debate, decision, or business has the potential to directly impact the workings or responsibilities of the Judicial Council or its Justices.~~