

SENATE BILL #2428

TITLE: Roll Call Amendments of 2014

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SPONSORS: Senators Dinneen, Peil and Scherlin



1. WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) Student Senate
2. is charged with conducting the students' business in an efficient and effective manner at
3. weekly meeting; and,
4. WHEREAS, the various protocols that govern these meetings are outlined in the ASUW
5. Rules and Procedures; and,
6. WHEREAS, it is occasionally necessary for members of the ASUW Senate to arrive shortly
7. after the completion of the roll call; and,
8. WHEREAS, the process for allowing these members to vote causes delays within the
9. meeting; and,
10. WHEREAS, ASUW Senators are often faced with difficult decisions; and,
11. WHEREAS, more flexibility in the voting procedure would allow for ASUW Senators to
12. more accurately represent the views and opinions of their constituents; and,
13. WHEREAS, proposed changes would more closely align ASUW procedure with that of the
14. Wyoming State Legislature.
15. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the
16. University of Wyoming (ASUW) that the ASUW Rules and Procedures be amended to
17. reflect the changes contained in Addenda A and B.

Referred to: Constitution

Date of Passage: _____ **Signed:** _____

(ASUW Chairperson)

**“Being enacted on _____, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action.” _____**

ASUW President

Addendum A

Article II Order of Business

Section 1. The following shall be the order of business:

- A. Call to order
- B. Mission Statement: "The purpose of the Student Government of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible through accurate representation, professional interaction with campus programs and organizations, and responsible, effective leadership."
- C. Roll call – all voting and non-voting members of the Senate. After the roll has been called once, the Marshall shall call the names of those absent once more.
- D. Approval of Minutes
- E. Approval of the Agenda
- F. Open Forum
- G. Special Event – determined by Chair and if necessary
- H. Communications
 - i. President
 - ii. Executive Assistants
 - iii. Judicial Council
 - iv. Vice President
 - v. Advisor
 - vi. Ex-Officio Communications
 - vii. Committee Reports--Steering first, followed by others in alphabetical order, followed by Ad-Hoc Committees
 - viii. College Contact Reports
- I. RSO Funding Board Requests – Listed by group name
- J. Old Business
- K. New Business
- L. Announcements
- M. Processing
- N. Adjournment

Addendum B

Article VI Legislative Action

Section 1. Legislative Process

- A. Bills and resolutions may be submitted by any fee paying student. All bills and resolutions must be sponsored by no less than two (2) Senators of the ASUW Senate or by an ASUW standing committee. Authors may sponsor their own legislation but then must have at least two additional Senator sponsors. Regardless of their fee paying student status, members of the Judicial Council may not author or sponsor legislation due to their association.
- B. Bills and resolutions must be read in no less than two (2) Senate meetings by the ASUW Marshal before passage.
- C. Upon referral to a standing committee by the Steering Committee, an ASUW Executive shall submit an advertisement for a bill or resolution to the Branding Iron. The advertisement must contain the following information: the name of the bill or resolution, a neutral brief description, the name of the committee to which the bill or resolution has been referred, the name of that committee's chairperson, and the email address or other contact information of the committee chairperson. If multiple bills or resolutions are referred by the Steering Committee at a single time, one advertisement may be used to advertise multiple bills or resolutions.
- D. The bill or resolution shall be read the first time by the ASUW Marshal and the ASUW Vice President shall immediately report the committee(s) to which the bill or resolution has been referred by the Steering Committee. There shall be no debate following the first reading.
- E. Committee procedures for handling bills, resolutions, hearings, and other committee business shall be determined by Committee Rules and Procedures established in Article VI, Section 2.
- F. After being reported out of committee, the ASUW Vice President shall place the bill or resolution on the agenda and it shall be read a second time and recommendations of the committee(s) shall be given by the chairperson(s) of the committee(s) to whom it was assigned. The bill or resolution is now open for debate and subject to amendments. During debate, no Senator may propose any amendment that contradicts or changes the intent of the original legislation.
- G. At the end of debate, the bill shall be read a third time by the ASUW Marshal 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. After the Marshall has called the roll, the Marshall shall ask if any voting member wishes to change his or her vote, permitting that any changes are accompanied by a verbal explanation. 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 ASUW Marshal as a roll call vote with all senators present at the meeting voting "aye."
- H. Following action by the ASUW on a bill or resolution, the original copy of the legislation shall be signed by the presiding officer of the Senate to attest to the action.

- I. This signed legislation shall be submitted to the ASUW President for his/her action. If this legislation is signed by the ASUW President, goes into effect without his/her signature, or his/her veto is overridden by the ASUW Senate, it shall be entered and kept in a volume of legislation of the ASUW by the Secretary.
- J. None of the above rules shall be construed as an abridgment of the right of any senator to move to postpone indefinitely or definitely until any future time.
- K. In the case of an emergency, a bill or resolution may be voted on in the meeting of its introduction if the Senate, by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of its members present, shall vote to suspend the rules (Suspends Article VI, Paragraphs B and C) and resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole (as prescribed in the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*.) After such action, the proper committee shall be asked for its recommendation. This recommendation may have been prepared prior to the Senate meeting or the committee may meet in a special session during the Senate meeting if a quorum of the committee is present.
- L. Abernathy Clause:
 - i. All roll call votes shall include votes only of Senators present at roll call. Any Senators present at roll call but not responding in roll call votes shall have their votes counted as abstentions. Senators leaving prior to the adjournment of the meeting without permission of the presiding officer, and who, by their leaving, miss a roll call vote, shall have their names removed from future roll call votes of that meeting. Senators leaving with permission of the presiding officer will have their names called at any roll call votes following their return.
- M. Any action on a current bill or resolution will override previous Senate action on the same subject matter. Any legislation previously enacted by the ASUW Senate shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the ASUW Senate repeals or amends such prior actions, or it expires of its own accord, except prior actions of the ASUW Senate which shall automatically be considered superseded, if inconsistent with these by-laws.

