

**SENATE BILL #2438**



**TITLE: Revision of Senatorial Duties and Accountability Standards of 2014**

**DATE: October 3, 2014**

**AUTHOR: Senator Messer and Executive Andreen**

**SPONSORS: Senators E. Hanson, De Wett, Kerbs, Maze, Monaghan, Powell, and Yang**

1. WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Student Government of the Associated Students of the
2. University of Wyoming (ASUW) to represent the opinions of the student body; and,
3. WHEREAS, this is best accomplished when the Senators of the ASUW Student Senate have
4. direct and open lines of communications with the students they serve; and,
5. WHEREAS, in the past, this has been encouraged by the ASUW Student Outreach
6. Presentation; and,
7. WHEREAS, this has proven to be an ineffective and unpopular avenue to encourage the
8. interaction of current Senators with their constituents; and.
9. WHEREAS, implicit in the need to represent every student is the need to properly understand
10. and represent the opinions of underrepresented populations of students; and,
11. WHEREAS, diversity issues should be incorporated into all ASUW programs, services,
12. activities, and policies; and
13. WHEREAS, diversity training would help each member of the ASUW Student Government
14. enhance their ability to represent and interact with students as student leaders; and
15. WHEREAS, currently, no diversity training is required of the Senators of the Student Senate
16. of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming; and,
17. WHEREAS, representatives of the United Multicultural Council (UMC) will be equipped to
18. facilitate various diversity training exercises; and,

19. WHEREAS, every Senator should be held accountable for failure to complete their duties as  
20. prescribed by the ASUW By-laws; and,  
21. WHEREAS, the 101<sup>st</sup> ASUW previously approved the amendments being proposed; and,  
22. WHEREAS, due to an unfortunate procedural mistake, the ASUW Judicial Council has ruled  
23. that the previous approval is non-binding.  
24. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Student Senate of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)  
25. that Article II of the ASUW By-laws be amended to reflect the changes contained in  
26. Addenda A and B.  
27. THEREFORE, be it further enacted by the Student Senate of the University of Wyoming  
28. (ASUW) that the changes contained in this bill go into effect the 2015 spring semester.

Referred to: Constitution

Date of Passage: 10/14/14 Signed: Richard Lind-Gonzalez  
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 10/20/14, I do hereby sign my name hereto and  
approve this Senate action.” Abra

ASUW President

## Addendum A

### **THE BY-LAWS ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING**

#### **ARTICLE II Legislative Branch**

- Section 4. The ASUW Senate shall serve as the Legislative Body of the ASUW. The ASUW Student Senate shall have the following authority and responsibilities:
- A. The ASUW Senate shall directly represent the students by the efficient, responsible, and coordinated functioning of student life and ASUW activities at the University, through the enactment of legislation in the form of bills or resolutions.
  - B. It shall have the authority to assume whatever responsibilities it deems necessary to fulfill its obligations to the students.
  - C. It shall have the authority to recommend to the Trustees the needed amount of ASUW fees to be assessed of all fee paying students for financial support of ASUW sponsored programs and activities.
  - D. In accordance with applicable University regulations, the provisions of the Constitution, and the ASUW Finance Policy, the ASUW Senate shall have the authority to annually allocate all ASUW monies received through student registration fees.
  - E. It shall have the authority to appoint and direct such special committees to study or investigate any issue of concern to the ASUW Senate in fulfilling its responsibilities for the University students; such committees shall serve only during the Senate term in which they are appointed.
  - F. It shall have the authority and responsibility to develop standards of good practice for sponsorship or financial support from ASUW.
  - G. It shall approve, or reject by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, any of the ASUW President's appointees or ASUW representatives to fill student held positions on University committees and boards.
  - H. It shall approve, or reject by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, any of the ASUW Vice President's appointees to ASUW standing and special committees.
  - I. The Senate shall have the responsibility to establish an enduring Finance Policy to include restrictions and procedures for utilization of ASUW monies in the best interest of the ASUW's purposes.
  - J. The Senate shall have the power to move into Executive Session regarding matters concerning all paid employees of ASUW with the exception of the ASUW President and Vice President; or concerning matters of legal affairs brought by or against ASUW. When moving into Executive session only voting members of the Senate, the ASUW Secretary, and the ASUW Chair shall be allowed to stay; unless otherwise specifically stated in the motion. The Senate shall reconvene into open session to take any formal action on discussion from Executive Session.
  - K. ASUW Senators shall have the following standardized physical responsibilities:

- i. Senators shall attend regularly scheduled meetings of the ASUW Student Senate, and any special meetings of the ASUW Student Senate as scheduled by the ASUW Vice President.
- ii. Senators shall serve on a minimum of two (2) ASUW Standing Committees.
- iii. ASUW Senators shall make a presentation, about ASUW or ASUW issues, to a class within the senator's elected college or other pre-approved outreach effort at the discretion of the ASUW Vice President. Failure to complete this requirement will result in an automatic referral to the ASUW Steering Committee. Once per academic semester, ASUW Senators will present the ASUW Student Outreach Presentation.
- iv. Each full month of the academic semester, senators will be required to accumulate four (4) service hours. Service hours can be accumulated through the following means:
  - a. Documented office hour in the ASUW office.
  - b. Documented participation in an ASUW student outreach event.
  - c. Documented attendance or participation in an ASUW funded event.
  - d. Documented volunteering with an ASUW program.
  - e. Any other form of service hour, as pre-approved in writing by the ASUW Vice President, with the subsequent approval of the ASUW Steering Committee.
- v. ASUW Senators shall be required to attend a diversity workshop hosted by the United Multicultural Council (UMC). This workshop should focus, but is not limited to, the diversity as it pertains to the University of Wyoming to increase awareness and decrease insensitivity toward underrepresented populations throughout campus. This diversity training will be developed by UMC in coordination with the ASUW Vice President. Completion of this requirement shall serve as two (2) of the aforementioned service hours.
- ~~v.~~vi. Appropriate documentation and documentation methods of service hours will be set and managed by the ASUW Vice President, with the subsequent approval of the ASUW Steering Committee.
- ~~vi.~~vii. The decisions of the Vice President regarding exceptions to the listed service hours can be verbally appealed to the ASUW Steering Committee at the next regular Steering Committee meeting.
- ~~vii.~~viii. Senators shall attend a minimum of two (2) RSO events funded by ASUW per semester, and complete a review to be submitted to the ASUW RSO Funding Board for each event.
- ~~viii.~~ix. Senators shall maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 for the duration of their service.
- ~~ix.~~x. Senators shall pay the ASUW Student fee.
- ~~x.~~xi. Senators must maintain a full time credit bearing schedule (as defined by their program) for the duration of their service.
- ~~x.~~xii. Each Senator shall be required to complete an ASUW social media outreach effort, to be decided upon annually by the Steering Committee.

## Addendum B

### 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:
- vi. The ASUW Steering Committee:
    - a. Purpose. The Committee shall provide coordination for the various issues, legislative activities, and program involvements of the ASUW Executive and Legislative branches, and serve to pursue ASUW recommendations and actions that are referred to, or require action by the University Trustees, the faculty, or administrative units of the University. The Committee shall also organize an informational meeting for Senators serving their first term in office before the first meeting of the new senate.
    - b. Powers. The Committee shall refer proposed ASUW legislation to ASUW standing or special committees for specified action or recommendation prior to final consideration by the Senate. Further, the Committee may recommend the procedure for implementing consideration of ASUW decisions, actions, or legislation after final action by the Senate, and the committee shall provide regular reports to the Senate on the status or final outcome of all matters that require action by officials outside of the ASUW. The Committee shall have the power to investigate, and administer warnings and take disciplinary actions against violations of the ASUW By-laws, Rules and Procedures and Senator Handbook. The Committee shall also make a monthly report of those Senators who have failed or are currently failing to meet their senatorial duties as outlined in Section 4 of this Article.
    - c. Composition. The Committee shall consist of the ASUW Vice President, who shall serve as chairperson, the ASUW President Pro Tempore, the ASUW Parliamentarian, the ASUW Sergeant at Arms, the ASUW Marshal, two (2) ASUW Senators; the ASUW Advisor, and the ASUW Secretary.

