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SENATE BILL #2455

TITLE: Amendments to the Procedures for Selecting ASUW Committee Chairs

DATE: March 6, 2015

AUTHOR: Senator Messer

SPONSORS: Senators Cooley, De Wett, E. Hanson, Materi, and Maze; Student-at-Large Julian.



1. WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the University
2. of Wyoming (ASUW) to effectively represent the opinions and needs of the student body;
3. and,
4. WHEREAS, part of this duty is accomplished through the legislative process; and,
5. WHEREAS, the work of ASUW Standing and Special Committees (ASUW Committees) is
6. integral to the legislative process; and,
7. WHEREAS, the various chairs of the ASUW Committees are key in the work of their
8. respective committees; and,
9. WHEREAS, it is of the utmost importance that the various chairs are experienced and
10. knowledgeable in the duties of their respective committees; and,
11. WHEREAS, current practice places the duty of selecting committee chairs upon the ASUW
12. Vice President; and,
13. WHEREAS, this creates the opportunity for personal politics to outweigh individual merits
14. in the committee chair selection process; and,
15. WHEREAS, a more meritocratic method for the selection of the committee chairs would be
16. by allowing committees to elect a chair from among their respective memberships.
17. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the

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18. University of Wyoming (ASUW) that the ASUW By-Laws be amended to reflect the

19. changes contained in Addenda A and B.

Referred to: Constitution

Date of Passage: 03/24/15 Signed: Ricardo Fierro-Gonzalez
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on April 2nd, 2015, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action.” [Signature]

ASUW President

Addendum A

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

**ARTICLE II
Legislative Branch**

Section 1. Specific authorities and responsibilities of the ASUW Vice President include the following:

- A. Working with the Executive staff and organizing and coordinating ASUW committees in effecting better legislation and attaining student goals.
- B. The Vice president shall serve as chairperson of the ASUW Senate. He/she may not participate in debate unless he/she first relinquishes the chair to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- C. The Vice President may vote on any matter only in the event of a tie.
- D. The Vice President, with the advice of the President and the consent of the ASUW Senate, shall appoint and may remove for cause, all members of the ASUW Standing and Special Committees. Except in extenuating circumstances, all senatorial positions on ASUW Standing committees shall be presented for approval to the ASUW Senate for no later than twenty-one (21) days after the first day of class of the Fall semester of the term. Other positions shall be filled as time permits.
- ~~E. The Vice President may, with the advice of the President and the consent of the ASUW Senate, appoint chairpersons of ASUW Standing and Special Committees.~~
- F.E. With the advice and approval of the ASUW Legislative Branch, the Vice President may appoint one (1) executive assistant to assist with the Vice President's responsibilities.
- G.F. The Vice President shall be in charge of maintaining a permanent, public record of all formal actions and business of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of ASUW.
- H.G. Administering the oath of office to all ASUW Senate members.
- I.H. His/her presence during the summer for participation in the ASUW vice presidential internship.

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Addendum B

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Section 10.

- E. Except where otherwise noted, each committee shall be responsible for electing its respective chair from among its approved members at its first business meeting after the approval of committee assignments. Until such time as a chair is elected, the senator with the longest consecutive service on a respective committee shall preside.
- ~~E.F.~~ The ASUW President and Vice President may require reports from any ASUW committees, program directors, or senators in such form and at such times, as they deem necessary and proper for the furthering of the goals and objectives of the ASUW.
- ~~F.G.~~ All standing and special committees shall endeavor to publicize in advance their meetings and the matters they may have under consideration. Any member of the ASUW shall be entitled to appear before any standing or special committee and be heard upon any pending matter or upon matters within the functions and duties of the committee under the same procedures as established for any ASUW member to appear before the ASUW Senate.