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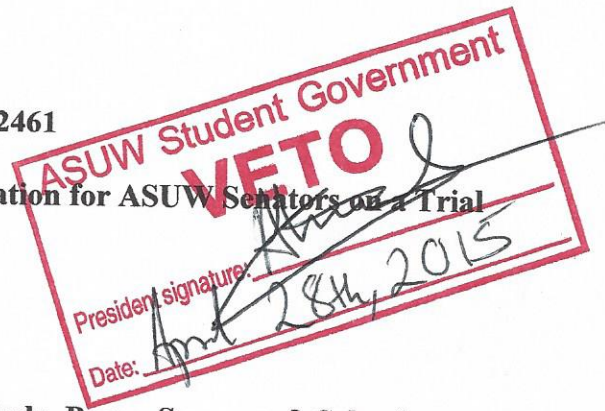
SENATE BILL #2461

TITLE: Establishment of Monetary Compensation for ASUW Senators on a Trial Basis

DATE: April 9, 2015

AUTHOR: Senator Messer

SPONSORS: Senators Dexter, E. Hanson, Krysl, Nisely, Perez, Segrave, & Schueler



1. WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the University
2. of Wyoming (ASUW) to represent the needs and wants of the student body to the best of its
3. ability; and,
4. WHEREAS, the ASUW Student Senate is comprised of 30 students serving as ASUW
5. Senators; and,
6. WHEREAS, the students comprising the ASUW Student Senate share the same financial
7. concerns and constraints that all college students have; and,
8. WHEREAS, these concerns and constraints can limit the time that a ASUW Senator can
9. utilize in the service of their constituents; and,
10. WHEREAS, these concerns and constraints could serve to prohibit some students from
11. pursuing a position in the ASUW Student Senate; and,
12. WHEREAS, the student body is best served when its elected representatives come from
13. diverse backgrounds and are able to dedicate a significant amount of time to the service of
14. their constituents; and,
15. WHEREAS, the ASUW Reserve has a current expendable balance of \$124,155.76.
16. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the
17. University of Wyoming (ASUW) that a trial program for the monetary compensation of
18. ASUW Senators be instituted starting with the 103rd ASUW Student Government as outlined

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19. in Addendum A; and,

20. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that without further legislative action by the ASUW

21. Student Senate, this trial program will end at the conclusion of Fiscal Year 2016; and,

22. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that \$5700.00 be allocated from the ASUW Reserve to

23. fund this trial program in its entirety; and,

24. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the ASUW Steering Committee shall be charged

25. with the review and maintenance of this trial program.

Referred to: PID & Budget and Planning

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Signed: *Ricardo Fried-Songley*
(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on _____, I do hereby sign my name hereto and

approve this Senate action." _____

ASUW President

Addendum A

Guidelines for ASUW Senatorial Compensation Trial

Preamble

In an effort to increase Senatorial retention and efficacy, as well as allow access to Senatorial positions to those who might otherwise be unable to participate, a trial program shall be instituted to determine to what magnitude the monetary compensation of Senators will serve these goals. This trial shall be run in accordance with the guidelines set forth in this document.

Compensation

- A. Senators serving in the position of a chair of one of the Standing Committees of the ASUW Senate shall be eligible to receive a stipend of \$300.00 for their service.
- B. All other Senators serving in the ASUW Senate shall be eligible to receive a stipend of \$150.00 for their service.
- C. Half of these stipends shall be awarded at the end the Fall Semester, contingent upon the successful and satisfactory completion of the respective Senator's duties, as outlined in the ASUW By-laws and determined by the ASUW Steering Committee.
- D. Half of these stipends shall be awarded at the end of the Spring Semester, contingent upon the successful and satisfactory completion of the respective Senator's duties, as outlined in the ASUW By-laws and determined by the ASUW Steering Committee.

Enforcement

- A. Throughout the course of this trial, the ASUW Steering Committee will be charged with the semester review of those Senators receiving a stipend as part of the trial.
- B. If a Senator has been found to have failed to adequately fulfill his or her duties, the ASUW Steering Committee shall, with the advice of the Dean of Students or designee, withhold that Senator's portion of the stipend to be awarded for that semester.
 - a. If such a decision is made for the Fall Semester, it would not automatically preclude that Senator from receiving the half of the stipend they are eligible for in the Spring Semester.
- C. If a Senator who would receive a stipend as part of this trial resigns or is removed from office in any way, they will be ineligible to receive whatever remains of the stipend.
 - a. If a Senator resigns or is removed from office in the Fall Semester, they will receive none of the stipend.
 - b. If a Senator resigns in the Spring Semester, they will not receive the portion of the stipend what would have been awarded at the end of the Spring Semester. There will be no expectation that a Senator who resigns or is removed from office will be liable for a portion of the stipend awarded in the preceding Fall Semester.

Duration and Review

- A. This trial shall be in effect until the end of Fiscal Year 2016. This trial shall not continue, in any form, without further legislative action of the ASUW Senate.
- B. This trial may be terminated at any time through legislative action of the ASUW Senate.

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- C. For the duration of the trial, the ASUW Steering Committee shall be responsible for the constant review and assessment of this trial.
 - a. The ASUW Steering Committee shall make regular reports (no less than one per academic year) to the ASUW Senate as to the status of the trial and the ASUW Steering Committee's thoughts on the efficacy and value of the trial.
 - b. The ASUW Steering Committee shall also be charged with exploring possible methods of this program should the ASUW Steering Committee finds that this program should be continued after the end of the trial.