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SENATE BILL #2468

TITLE: Establishment of an ASUW Mentorship Program

DATE: April 10, 2015

AUTHORS: Senators Materi, Messer, and Scherlin; Executive West; Student-at-Large Halsey

SPONSORS: Senators Cooley & Wolfgang



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; and,
3. WHEREAS, the ASUW Freshman Senate shares this duty in regards to the freshman class;
4. and,
5. WHEREAS, the ASUW Freshman Senate is integral for conveying the needs and wants of
6. the freshman class to the ASUW Student Senate; and,
7. WHEREAS, Senate Resolution #2359 set forth the guidelines for the creation of a campus
8. wide freshmen mentorship program; and,
9. WHEREAS, that program was later limited to the ASUW Student Senate and ASUW
10. Freshman Senate; and,
11. WHEREAS, this program was beneficial to the retention and overall function of the ASUW
12. Freshman Senate, as well as the continued success of the ASUW Student Senate; and,
13. WHEREAS, the current ASUW Executive Branch chose to not further pursue this program;
14. and,
15. WHEREAS, the current ASUW Freshman Senate has had difficulty retaining membership
16. throughout the academic year; and,
17. WHEREAS, the reinstatement of such a mentorship program would be beneficial for both the

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- 18. ASUW Freshman Senate and ASUW Student Senate.
- 19. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the
- 20. University of Wyoming (ASUW) that a trial mentorship program be put into place at the start
- 21. of the 103rd ASUW Student Government as outlined in Addendum A; and,
- 22. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the ASUW Steering Committee view ASUW
- 23. Senatorial participation in this program as contributing to the fulfillment of senatorial duties
- 24. as outlined in Article II, Section 4, Subsection K, Clause iv; and,
- 25. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the efficacy of this program be reviewed, and its
- 26. potential continuation be considered, at the end of the 103rd ASUW Student Government
- 27. Senate.

Referred to: PID & Steering

Date of Passage: 04/21/15 Signed: *Ricardo Lind Gonzalez*
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on April 24th, 2015, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action.” *Atan*
ASUW President

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Addendum A

Mission:

The Associated Students of the University of Wyoming feel the ASUW Student Senate and the ASUW Freshman Senate share a vital role on the University campus. More interaction between the two organizations would further initiatives and strengthen relations. Given the recent attrition rates in ASUW Freshman Senate, ASUW Student Senate feels it is its duty to more fully interact with the ASUW Freshman Senate to help Freshman Senators identify first year struggles and more effectively adapt to accommodate these common experiences. The mission of this ASUW initiative shall be to give Freshman Senators the opportunity to network and collaborate with ASUW Senators. ASUW Senators will share their skills, experiences, and knowledge with their Freshman Senator mentee. Through this process, ASUW Student Senate hopes to ease the transition into college academia for Freshman Senators.

Proposal:

- This mentorship program shall be implemented by the ASUW Vice President and the ASUW Project Coordinator. Once the ASUW Freshman Senate Presiding Officer has been sworn in, they will support where needed as well.
- ASUW Senators will sign up with the ASUW Vice President by providing a list of other activities they are involved in and a brief biography about themselves.
- ASUW Freshman Senators wanting to participate in will submit a brief biography to the ASUW Freshman Senate Presiding Officer.
- The ASUW Vice President and ASUW Freshman Senate Presiding Officer will meet to match interested ASUW Senators and ASUW Freshman Senators based on the information provided in their biographies.
- The ASUW Vice President and ASUW Freshman Senate Presiding Officer will meet no later than 1 week after the swearing in of the ASUW Freshman Senate Presiding Officer to discuss and formulate, with the support and guidance of the ASUW Project Coordinator.
- Based upon the pairings of the ASUW Vice President and the ASUW Freshman Senate Presiding Officer, ASUW Senators and ASUW Freshman Senators will have opportunities to meet during facilitated discussions at least twice a semester. ASUW Senators and ASUW Freshman Senators will be encouraged to meet beyond these facilitated discussion periods as time permits.
 - These facilitated discussions will be developed by the ASUW Vice President and the ASUW Project Coordinator. Once the ASUW Freshman Senate Presiding Office has been sworn in, they will assist in the development of these facilitated discussions as well.