SENATE BILL #2475

TITLE:

Revision of ASUW Standing Committee Composition

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- 1. WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)
- 2. Student Government to accurately represent our fellow students and maintain professional
- 3. interaction with campus programs and organizations, and;
- 4. WHEREAS, ASUW Standing Committees have been established to provide a forum to fulfill
- 5. those duties and sustain continuity in ASUW activities and to offer a mechanism for timely
- 6. participation by the ASUW in University processes, and;
- 7. WHEREAS, the thirty (30) senators of the ASUW
- 8. Student Government are required by the ASUW By-Laws (Article II, Section 4, Subsection
- 9. K) to serve on two (2) standing committees each, and;
- 10. WHEREAS, the current composition of ASUW Standing Committees as outlined by the
- 11. ASUW By-Laws (Article II, Section 10) only allows for 54 total seats on committees, and;
- 12. WHEREAS, the aforementioned requirement for each ASUW Senator to serve on two (2)
- 13. committees necessitates sixty (60) total seats on committees rather than fifty-four (54), and;
- 14. WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the ASUW Vice President to appoint members of the
- 15. Senate to these committees in adherence to the composition as outlined in the ASUW
- 16. By-Laws.
- 17. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
- 18. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW By-Laws, Article II, Section 10 be amended
- 19. to include the language in Addendum A.

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Addendum A

Article II

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:
 - i. The ASUW Academics, Technology and Sustainability Committee:
 - a. Purpose. The Committee shall serve as the means by which the ASUW formulates student philosophy and position concerning University scholastic and technological affairs to include academic policies, grading, class scheduling, faculty and course evaluations, student access to current technologies as they relate to education, quality of technology on campus, and other matters that affect the interests of students in their academic endeavors. The Committee shall also be responsible for formulating student philosophy and position concerning University issues with sustainability and will be annually charged with providing meaningful sustainability education, resources, and programming to students. The Committee shall be the point of contact between sustainability RSO's and ASUW.
 - b. Powers. The Committee shall consider and render recommendations to the Senate on all academic, technological, and sustainable matters referred to it by the Senate or the ASUW Steering Committee; further, this Committee shall serve as a forum and liaison to the Senate for any individual student or group of students who have a concern about their academic welfare and quality or accessibility of academic, technological, and sustainable services available at the University. The Committee shall also be responsible for regularly updating and maintaining the ASUW website in conjunction with the ASUW Secretary.
 - c. <u>Composition</u>. The Committee shall consist of a minimum of <u>seven (7)</u> five (5) ASUW Senators, one (1) of whom shall serve as chairperson, and a minimum of three (3) ASUW Students-at-Large, with a minimum of one (1) being a Freshman Senator. The ASUW Vice President shall appoint one (1) Executive Assistant to serve as an ex-officio on the committee.
 - vii. The ASUW Student Outreach and Policy Committee:
 - a. <u>Purpose</u>. The Committee shall serve as a medium for individual students and student organizations to voice opinions and concerns regarding university policy, administration, or other issues associated with student life. The Committee shall have the responsibility to investigate said issues and will represent student opinion throughout the policy process. The Committee shall also work with the Executive Branch to promote the current services, actions, and happenings of the ASUW, to consistently outreach to individual students and student

- organizations annually, and to assist the Elections Commission with public relations and marketing efforts during elections.
- b. Powers. The Committee shall be vested with all necessary and appropriate powers to carry out its purpose under these rules. These powers include, but are not limited to, the ability to investigate student issues, meet with university administrators, officials, and personnel, draft legislation and make appropriate recommendations to the ASUW Senate regarding student issues and concerns, and represent the views of students to outside policymakers. The Committee shall also have the power to recommend to the ASUW Senate and Executive Branch the best methods of student outreach and promotion of the ASUW.
- c. <u>Composition</u>. The Committee shall consist of a minimum of <u>nine (9)</u> seven (7). ASUW Senators, one (1) of whom shall serve as chairperson and three (3) ASUW Students-at-Large, with one (1) being a Freshman Senator. The ASUW Vice President shall appoint one (1) Executive Assistant to serve as an ex-officio on the committee.

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ii. The ASUW Programming Committee

- a. <u>Purpose.</u> The ASUW Programming Committee shall serve as the organizing body for all events conducted by the ASUW Student Government.
- b. Powers. The Committee shall assist in organization and execution of events, workshops, etc. conducted by the ASUW Student Government. It shall also have the ability to come up with new programming and shall be responsible for the review of the effectiveness of such programming, determining whether a particular event will continue to be sustainable, and formulating proposals for future programming. The Committee will actively research successful programming at other institutions, and will communicate with other student governments in order to continue to foster growth. The Committee shall also aide the ASUW Executive Branch, the ASUW Judicial Branch, and ASUW Programs in their programmatic events should they require and request assistance.
- c. Composition. The Committee shall consist of a minimum of nine (9) seven (7) ASUW Senators, one of whom shall serve as chair, and three (3) ASUW Students-at-Large, one (1) of whom shall be a Freshman Senator. The ASUW Vice President shall appoint Executive Assistants to rotate as ex-officios on the Committee throughout the year.
- B. Each standing committee shall establish regular meeting times. The regular meeting time and place shall be permanently posted in the ASUW Senate Office and on the ASUW website during the academic year.
- C. Each ASUW Standing Committee shall be responsible for any and all outreach it deems necessary within its jurisdiction.