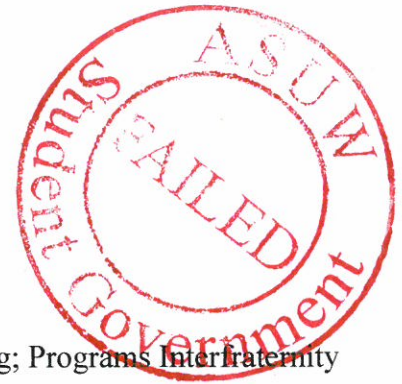


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SENATE BILL #2487



TITLE: Amendments to the ASUW Finance Policy

DATE: February 11, 2016

AUTHOR: Senator Kerbs

SPONSORS: Senators Ellbogen, Hernandez, Krell, Layden, and Long; Programs Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council

1. WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) Student Government to support its programs and services; and,
3. WHEREAS, a contradiction currently exists in the ASUW Finance Policy concerning an
4. ASUW Program that might also be a Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs); and,
5. WHEREAS, several ASUW Programs have recently become RSOs at the request of the
6. University of Wyoming General Counsel (General Counsel); and,
7. WHEREAS, other ASUW Programs may also in the future develop to the point
8. which General Counsel advises their transition into an RSO.
9. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
10. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW Finance Policy be amended to reflect the
11. changes in Addendum A.

Referred to: Budget and Planning & Program and Institutional Development

Date of Passage: _____ **Signed:** _____

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on _____, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this Senate action.” _____

ASUW President

ADDENDUM A

Article III. ASUW RSO Funding Board

- i. General Application Procedure for programmed events:
 1. Application forms for ASUW funding shall be made available through online applications.
 2. An RSO must attend an Event Planning Session prior to applying for funding.
 3. The RSO shall submit the completed application to the ASUW Business Office not less than five (5) weeks prior to the event. The ASUW Business Office will forward the application to the Chairperson of the RSO Funding Board, provide a copy of the request to each member of the RSO Funding Board, and provide electronic copies to each Senator's electronic Mailing address no less than one business day from the beginning of weekly Senate meeting after such funding requests are made.
 - i. Any exceptions to this rule shall be at the discretion of the ASUW RSO Funding Board.
 4. If the event includes a speaker or performer a contractual agreement must be completed in the Campus Activities Center in a timely manner. The RSO Funding Board must approve the funding request before completion of the contract negotiations and the contract must be completed before the event occurs.
 5. A representative from the RSO shall be contacted and required to attend an RSO Funding Board meeting in order to present the funding request. Upon completion of the RSO's presentation to the RSO Funding Board, written guidelines will be given to the RSO representatives detailing the manner with which to challenge the Funding Board's decision, along with the name and electronic mailing address of every Senator currently serving on the ASUW Senate, and the amount to be recommended by the RSO Funding Board at the ASUW Senate meeting where such a request will be heard.
 6. The RSO Funding board shall have the authority to approve requests totaling less than \$1,000.00.
 7. Any request of \$1,000.00 or more that is approved by the RSO funding board shall be subject to final approval by the ASUW Senate.
 - i. All votes concerning final funding allotments shall be conducted via a standing vote.
 8. In cases where Senators may realize personal benefit and/or unethical exercise of authority, either directly through participation or indirectly

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through personal relationships, Senators should recuse themselves from voting during RSO Funding Board meetings and formal votes on the floor of the ASUW Senate.

9. The approved request shall be returned to the ASUW Business Office for implementation. The representative from the RSO shall meet with the program advisor and the ASUW Business Office within one (1) week following approval in order to complete the process.
 10. All invoices and RSO post-event evaluations must be submitted to the ASUW Business Office within 30 days following the event or the allocation shall be void and the funds shall be revoked.
 11. If an event is not completed within two weeks of the date specified by the requesting RSO, funding shall be rescinded unless the RSO Funding Board approves an extension.
- ii. The availability of outside funding shall be considered and discussed before the RSO Funding Board grants requests. ASUW funds will not be granted when other such funding sources have not been explored and it is determined those sources are available and/or appropriate.
 - iii. Each RSO may be awarded up to \$5,000.00 of unmatched funds from the RSO Funding Board per fiscal year.
 1. If an RSO should wish to exceed its \$5,000.00 cap, the RSO must provide matching funds (of at least 30%) for the amount exceeding \$5,000.00.
 - i. If an RSO should exceed its \$5,000.00 cap, it will be ineligible for funding for the remainder of the fiscal year.
 - iv. Activities sponsored by RSOs shall have a valid educational and/or enrichment purpose.
 - v. Benefits available to a significant and diverse population of the ASUW membership shall be an important factor when considering requests for financing activities or events sponsored by RSOs.
 - vi. The ASUW Senate through the RSO Funding Board possesses sole authority to allocate ASUW funds directly to RSOs.
 - vii. No other ASUW program, service, governing board, or any other ASUW entity (except Special Projects) shall have the authority to allocate any ASUW funds directly to an RSO.

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1. If an ASUW program or service wishes to forfeit a portion of its allocated budget to support RSO programming it may transfer those funds to the RSO Funding Board.
 2. Funds transferred to the RSO Funding Board from any ASUW program or service become part of the general fund of the RSO Funding Board.
 3. The ASUW entity that forfeits funds shall have no influence as to the group or program to which the transferred funds are reallocated by the RSO Funding Board.
- viii. RSOs shall not receive funding from ASUW for normal operating expenses, membership fees, dues, or organizational publications.
- ix. RSOs shall not receive funding from ASUW for travel expenses except when part of the contractual expenses of a performer or speaker.
- x. RSOs may only receive funding when the program or activity is open to the entire student population.
1. Any ticketed RSO program or activity funded by ASUW shall utilize the Wyoming Union Ticket Office for ticket dispersal to students. The RSO Funding Board shall set, for each ticketed event, the number of tickets to be distributed generally to students, and the number of student tickets that the sponsoring RSO(s) may reserve and distribute to its own students who are necessary to carry out the ticketed event (i.e., student staff, performers, presenters, etc.). The percentage of tickets to be distributed by the Wyoming Union Ticket Office to students must equate to the percentage of ASUW funding the program or activity is allocated.
- xi. RSOs shall not receive funding for any program or event that includes any illegal substances or related paraphernalia.
- xii. ASUW shall not allocate funds for charitable donations including donations that support charity organizations and fundraising activities. ASUW can fund RSOs and their programs that may generate funds for charity fundraisers. This funding shall be limited to supplies and activities that will promote education.
- xiii. ASUW shall not bestow gifts on individuals.
- xiv. Payment cannot be allotted for:
- i. Donations
 - ii. Flowers

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- iii. Expenses for funerals
 - iv. Personal memberships in social, professional, or fraternal organizations unless the membership is required by specific job descriptions.
 - v. Expenses related to social events for retiring employees.
 - vi. Expenses for refreshments for employee or guest consumption unless directly related to a university business purpose.
 - vii. Purchase of appliances for preservation, preparation or conditioning of food productions for employee consumption.
 - viii. Purchase of Alcohol.
- xv. Decorations:
- 1. For total funding requests of up to and including \$100.00, no more than 10% of the funds awarded may be used for decorations.
 - 2. For total funding requests exceeding \$100.00, no more than 15% of the funds awarded may be used for decorations.
 - 3. Written department or ASUW approval of a place of storage will be required for any purchase of decorations exceeding \$100.00.
- xvi. RSOs may receive funding for programs or activities that have the potential of generating revenue but all net profit derived from such an activity funded fully or partially by ASUW, not to exceed the amount of the ASUW allocation, shall be paid to ASUW. Any profit in excess of the initial ASUW allocation shall remain with the RSO for their use.
- xvii. RSOs may receive funding for programs and events held on campus. Off campus programs or events may receive funding as outline:
- 1. ASUW will not pay for room fee.
 - 2. ASUW will only fund catering at the allocated \$18 per plate rate.
 - 3. ASUW will only fund ASTEC services for a medium or small PA system, labor, and transport included.
 - i. All other technical services in addition to a medium or small PA system is the sole financial responsibility of the RSO.
 - 4. ASUW will not pay service fees.
 - 5. To be eligible for service the RSO must follow ASTEC's reservation and fair use guidelines.
- xviii. RSOs requesting funds for movies, videos or film series must have the appropriate licenses and the approval of the Campus Activities Center (Activity Notification Form).

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1. Any videos purchased through ASUW become the property of ASUW and must be returned to ASUW immediately following the event.
2. Videos purchased through ASUW will be donated to Coe Library for student checkout.

xix. RSOs requesting funds for events to be held on campus where refuse will be generated from standard recyclable items for which UW provides receptacles shall make a good faith effort to recycle and are encouraged to compost eligible items if funds and facilities are available. RSOs shall demonstrate their ability and willingness to comply with this requirement in their funding application.

xx. RSOs shall cooperate with the University Disability Support Services to make any campuswide event accessible to students with disabilities whenever possible.

xxi. The RSO Funding board shall follow the allocation table below to determine allocations for speakers and entertainers' lodging, meals, and catering expenses for student events. Exceptions to this policy may be considered by the RSO Funding Board and must be sent to the ASUW Senate for final approval.

Lodging for speakers and entertainers	Lodging expenses will be paid up to the current University rate offered by Laramie-area hotels.	
Meals for speakers and entertainers	Maximum allowed: \$7 for breakfast \$11 for lunch \$20 for dinner	With tip allocation of an additional 18% to be determined from receipts.
Meals per expected students (including drinks, deserts, etc.)	Maximum allowed:	
	Breakfast-\$7/expected student*	
	Lunch-\$11/expected student*	
	Dinner-\$18/expected student*	
	*Costs associated with set-up, delivery, etc. will be considered separately from costs directly from food.	

- xxii. Promotional requirements for ASUW Funded Activities include:
1. All ASUW supported or sponsored programs must contain the ASUW logo on all promotional materials.

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2. ASUW will not support or sponsor events held at establishments whose primary source of revenue is through the sale of alcohol.
3. Alcohol may not be publicized/promoted on an ASUW supported flyer/poster.
4. Public notice of not less than 5 business days must be given prior to the program or activity. This may take the form of flyers, posters, student newspaper ads, or other public media announcements.
5. A program evaluation must be completed by an RSO representative and turned in to the ASUW Director of Finance within 30 days following the event. Failure to complete the program evaluation may affect the RSO's future RSO Funding Board requests.
 - i. Completed program evaluations of events funded by ASUW should be given by the ASUW Director of Finance to RSO Funding Board for review.

xxiii. ASUW and the Campus Activities Center staff shall serve as advisors to ASUW funded programs and events. The ASUW Business Office shall serve as the financial advisor for all ASUW funded activities.

xxiv. Allocations for
Conference Registration Fees

1. RSO's wishing to receive funds for registration fees may apply to the RSO Funding Board:
 - i. RSOs may only receive \$500 per semester for conference registration.
 - a. "Per Semester" determined by conference date
 - b. Conferences/competitions occurring between July 1st and December 31st shall be defined as occurring in the fall semester.
 - c. Conferences/competitions occurring between January 1st and June 30th shall be defined as occurring in the spring semester.
 - ii. Applications for funding must be submitted at least 30 days prior to conference date, and in accordance to RSO funding guidelines
 - a. Exceptions to this policy may be considered by the RSO Funding Board.
2. Only students who are members of the ASUW are eligible to receive monies for registration fees. The ASUW Business Office will pay registration fees.

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3. ASUW funds allocated through the RSO Funding Board cannot be applied to travel, lodging, meals, or any other travel expenses associated with a conference/competition.
4. All registration documentation must be submitted to the ASUW Business Office within 30 days of the conference/competition or the allocation shall be void and the funds shall be revoked.

xxv. Failure to comply with any provisions of this Section may result in the loss of funding.

xxvi. **Appeal Process**

1. RSOs may appeal the RSO Funding Board's decision to completely deny funding.
 - i. Two (2) Senators must bring forth a motion to appeal the decision of the RSO Funding Board.
 - ii. Senators intending to appeal a decision of the RSO Funding Board must notify the full Senate and the ASUW Vice President in writing at least 12 hours before the regularly scheduled ASUW Senate Meeting.
 - iii. RSO's that would like to appeal a funding request decision of the ASUW Senate must make their appeal to the Judicial Council in writing within 24 hours of the ASUW Decision.
 - iv. ASUW Judicial Council must hold a hearing of the appeal of the RSO and the ASUW Senate within ten business days from receiving the appeal. The Judicial Council then will issue a decision within ten business days of the hearing.
 - v. The ASUW Judicial Council's authority with regards to RSOs funding request shall be limited to denial or approval of their appeal. If the ASUW Judicial Council approves an RSO's appeal for funding that was denied by the ASUW Senate, the Judicial Council will remand the decision to the ASUW Senate for consideration and for corrective action.

xxvii. Only Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs) may seek funding for activities and programs and/or registration fees by submitting an application to the RSO Funding Board.

1. For events sponsored by multiple RSOs, a single request by one RSO must be submitted to the RSO funding Board.
2. RSOs may only receive ASUW funding from the RSO Funding Board.

xxviii. RSOs receiving allocations of ASUW funds shall use them in accordance with their itemized requests and any additional stipulations placed on the

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allocations by the RSO Funding Board and/or the ASUW Senate. Any changes made to an approved request must be reconsidered and approved by the RSO Funding Board prior to their use.

xxix. Previous allocations for the same or similar activity or program shall not be binding on the consideration of a current request. However, information gained from past activities may be utilized in judging the value of the request.

xxx. Meeting Times

1. The RSO Funding Board shall meet and consider requests no less than one scheduled school day before the ASUW Senate meets, with the exception of University observed holidays.

i. The deadline for RSO Funding Board applications shall be one business day before that semester's announced meeting time.

xxxi. The annual cap per RSO, and the percentage of outside funds RSOs need to provide for requests over the capped amount, will be reviewed and adjusted, if necessary, every two years by the RSO Funding Board.

xxxii. The above policies regarding RSOs are only applicable to funding allocated through RSO Funding Board regulated in this article and do not apply if an RSO is also an ASUW Program or Service.

xxxiii. ASUW Programs and Services may not receive any funding through RSO Funding Board.