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**SENATE BILL #2498**

**TITLE:** ASUW Revision of Voting Distribution – Addition of Freshman Senate Vote

**DATE INTRODUCED:** March 29, 2016

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**SPONSORS:** President Schueler; Vice President Kath; Senators Hernandez and Krell; SAL's Bergman, Nelson, Walsh, and Welsh.



1. WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Associated Students of the University of
2. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government to represent our fellow students accurately; and,
3. WHEREAS, the ASUW Freshman Senate was designed with the purpose of representing any
4. full time, first year student at the University of Wyoming (UW), consisting of nearly 16% of
5. students on the UW Campus; and,
6. WHEREAS, full-time, first-year students at UW as a group currently do not have the
7. opportunity to vote for their direct representation on the ASUW Senate; and,
8. WHEREAS, the ASUW Freshman Senate effectively uses the legislative process to reach
9. representative decisions on behalf of first-year students regarding all ASUW Legislation;
10. and,
11. WHEREAS, the ASUW Freshman Senate operates as an inseparable part of the ASUW,
12. deriving all power and authority from the ASUW Student Government; and,
13. WHEREAS, the ASUW Freshman Senate operates in a uniquely similar fashion to the
14. ASUW Student Senate in comparison to other Organizations of the ASUW, through revision
15. and voting upon legislation, similar committee structures, office hour requirements, and
16. Recognized Student Organizations event participation and evaluation; and,
17. WHEREAS, work done by ASUW Freshman Senators helps represent a large portion of the
18. university community and is deserving of the right to have true influence on the legislative

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19. process with a vote on all issues.

20. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming

21. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW Constitution be amended to reflect the

22. Changes outlined in Addenda A, B, and C; and,

23. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the ASUW By-Laws be amended to reflect the

24. changes outlined in Addendum D; and,

25. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the 104<sup>th</sup> Administration Program and Institutional


Development assess the effectiveness of the ASUW Freshman Senate vote following the Fall

26. 2016 term and,

27. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes be effective upon passage of the

28. amendment to the ASUW Constitution.

Referred to: Constitution and PID

Date of Passage: 4/12/16 Signed:   
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 4/21/2016, I do hereby sign my name hereto and

approve this Senate action.”   
ASUW President

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## **Constitution**

### **Addendum A**

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### **Appointed or Elected Officers**

The privilege of holding an elected or appointed position as an ASUW representative shall be in accordance with the following provisions.

Section 4. An Ex-Officio member is a representative chosen by an entity, and with the exception of the ASUW Freshman Senate Ex-Officio who shall enjoy all rights of senate membership except the right to vote.

Section 5. The ASUW Freshman Senate Ex-Officio shall enjoy all rights of senate membership including the right to vote.

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## **Addendum B**

### **ARTICLE VI**

#### **ASUW Legislative Branch**

The Legislative Branch of the ASUW shall consist of the ASUW Vice President, ~~and~~ a student senate, which shall be made up of the student senators annually elected by the ASUW membership, and Freshman Senate Ex-Officio. All legislative powers of the ASUW shall be vested in the ASUW Student Senate.

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## **Addendum C**

### **ARTICLE VIII** Meetings and Quorum

- Section 1. The business of the ASUW Senate shall be conducted in accordance with procedures set forth in the ASUW By-Laws and which shall include the following:
- A. Regular ASUW Senate meetings shall be held each week during Fall and Spring semester except for University vacations and holidays or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate;
  - B. Regular ASUW Senate meetings shall be relocated as determined by the ASUW Senate a minimum of once per semester.
  - C. Special meetings of the ASUW may be called by the Chairperson of the ASUW Senate, the ASUW Vice President, or upon written demand of one-third (1/3) of the current ASUW Senate membership;
  - D. In order to conduct official business of the ASUW Senate, a quorum of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting membership of the Senate shall be present; and
  - E. Each ASUW Senator, and Freshman Senate Ex-Officio, shall be entitled to one (1) vote on any issue before the Senate, and voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

## Addendum D

### ARTICLE II Legislative Branch

Section 6. Membership in the ASUW Senate shall consist of:

- A. Thirty (30) elected Senators apportioned using Hamilton's method as outlined below, and in accordance with Article 6, Section 1 of the ASUW Constitution.
- i. Each of the University's seven (7) colleges is allocated one (1) student senator.
  - ii. The remaining twenty-three (23) senators shall be allocated to those colleges with more than one-thirtieth (1/30) of the total fee paying University students using Hamilton's method as follows.
    - a. Compute the natural quota for each college with more than one-thirtieth (1/30) of the total fee paying University students using the formula:  $NQ = \frac{(23)E}{T}$  where
      - $NQ$  = a college's natural quota
      - $E$  = the number of fee paying students enrolled in that college
      - $T$  = the total number of fee paying students enrolled in those colleges with more than one-thirtieth (1/30) of the total fee paying University students.
    - b. Allocate to each college with more than one-thirtieth (1/30) of the total fee paying University students a number of student senators equal to the whole number portion of their natural quotas.
    - c. If all twenty-three (23) student senators are not allocated in the previous step the remaining student senators are allocated one by one in order to the colleges with the largest fractional portions in their natural quotas.
  - iii. The total allocation for each college is the sum of the student senators allocated in steps 1. and 2.
- B. All University organizations seeking an ex-officio position on the ASUW Student Senate must have that position approved by the Constitution Committee and further approved by the ASUW Student Senate by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.
- i. Any organization seeking an ex-officio position shall submit a written request to the Chair of the Constitution Committee
    - a. The Constitution Committee will review the request. Upon approval, the Chair will submit the letter of intent to the ASUW Senate for approval.
  - ii. Organizations seeking an ex-officio position must exhibit all of the following qualifications:

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- a. The organization must provide a diverse array of co-curricular activities including cultural, international, athletic, and/or student life programs.
  - b. The organization must utilize educational opportunities, which promote growth and involvement enriching daily life.
  - c. The organization must be a University Recognized Student Organization, but special exemptions may be granted for the representative bodies of University faculty and staff.
  - d. The organization must demonstrate inadequate representation by the existing ex-officio's.
  - e. Any organization that has lost its ex-officio position on the student senate will enter a period of probation and may not reapply for said position until a period of one semester has passed. Upon reapplication, the organization must provide a detailed account of activities conducted during this period of probation.
- iii. The ex-officio position cannot be represented by current senators, executives or other ex-officio representatives.
  - iv. If an ex-officio position representing a student organization goes unrepresented for 4 consecutive senate meetings they will be notified of their absences and potential consequences by the ASUW Vice President in writing; if the organization is absent for another 4 consecutive senate meetings they will lose their ex-officio position. After the loss of an ex-officio position the organization may petition to gain representation by following ASUW By-Laws Article II, Section 6, Paragraph B, Clause i.
- C. Ex-officio members who shall enjoy all rights of Senate membership, except the right to vote include:
- i. Representatives from organizations approved by the ASUW Senate.
  - ii. The Freshman Senate Ex-Officio shall also enjoy the right to vote.
- D. Those who shall have speaking rights only, excluding voting and parliamentary rights, include members of the ASUW Executive Branch.