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#### SENATE Bill #2499

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Revision of the Powers of the Steering Committee

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**AUTHOR:** Senator Krell

**SPONSORS:** Steering Committee

- 1. WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
- 2. (ASUW) Student Government to represent our fellow students accurately; and,
- 3. WHEREAS, in the past a precedent has been set to allow for the Steering Committee to
- 4. assist legislation through editing any formatting, grammar, and spelling errors that would
- 5. be seen as friendly amendments, as long as they did not change the intent of the legislation;
- 6. and,
- 7. WHEREAS, a "friendly" amendment is seen in Roberts Rules of Order [RONR (11th d.), p.
- 8. 162] as an amendment that has unanimous consent with no objection; and,
- 9. WHEREAS, this precedent allows for legislation to move through committee(s) and
- 10. on the Senate floor in a faster manner, allowing for better debate without the interruption of
- 11. a large number of friendly amendments.
- 12. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
- 13. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW By-Laws, be amended to reflect the
- 14. language in Addendum A; and,
- 15. THEREFORE be it further enacted that Senate Bill #2499 be effective immediately upon

16. passage.

Referred to: Constitution	
Date of Passage: 3/29/10	Signed: 2ml whith
4, /	(ASUW Chairperson)
"Being enacted on 4/7/2016	, I do hereby sign my name hereto and

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approve this Senate action."

**ASUW President** 

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## Addendum A

# THE BY-LAWS ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

### **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:
  - vi. The ASUW Steering Committee:
    - The Committee shall refer proposed ASUW a. Powers. legislation to ASUW standing or special committees for specified action or recommendation prior to final consideration by the Senate. The Committee shall have the power to change any formatting, grammar, and spelling errors of proposed legislation. These changes will be made with Committee consensus, as long as these edits do not change the intent or function of the proposed legislation as written by the author(s). Further, the Committee may recommend the procedure for implementing consideration of ASUW decisions, actions, or legislation after final action by the Senate, and the committee shall provide regular reports to the Senate on the status or final outcome of all matters that require action by officials outside of the ASUW. The Committee shall have the power to investigate, and administer warnings and take disciplinary actions against violations of the ASUW By-laws, Rules and Procedures and Senator Handbook. The Committee shall also make a monthly report of those Senators who have failed or are currently failing to meet their Senatorial duties as outlined in Section 4 of this Article