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**SENATE BILL #2508**

**TITLE:** Revision of the Powers of the Executive Branch

**DATE INTRODUCED:** April 12, 2016

**AUTHORS:** Senators Hanson and Maze

**SPONSORS:** Senators Bruegger and Hernandez



1. WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) Student Government to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible
3. through accurate representation and responsible, effective leadership; and,
4. WHEREAS, the President of the ASUW Student Government has the authority to appoint
5. officials to the Executive Branch at her/his discretion with the approval of the Senate body;
6. and,
7. WHEREAS, the structure and composition of the Executive Branch may vary among
8. administrations; and,
9. WHEREAS, the ASUW Student Government aims to mirror local, state, and federal
10. governments in their structure and system of checks and balances; and,
11. WHEREAS, an effective system of checks and balances relies heavily on equal separation of
12. powers and responsibilities within each branch; and,
13. WHEREAS, the ASUW By-Laws outline the responsibilities of the ASUW President
14. but are ambiguous in defining the roles of the Executive Branch as a whole; and,
15. WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the Executive Branch as a whole is to assist the
16. ASUW President, Vice President and Senate in programs and objectives of the ASUW
17. and to implement actions voted upon by the Legislative Branch; and,
18. WHEREAS, the Legislative Branch of the ASUW Student Government is comprised of

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19. thirty (30) students, elected by constituents of their respective colleges; and,
20. WHEREAS, the primary duty of the Legislative Branch of the ASUW is to represent
21. University of Wyoming students through the formation and enactment of legislation in the
22. form of bills or resolutions; and,
23. WHEREAS, in order to enact appropriate and effective legislation, there is a need to foster
24. transparency and communication between the Executive and Legislative Branches.
25. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
26. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW Rules and Procedures be amended to reflect
27. the changes outlined in Addendum A; and,
28. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the ASUW By-laws be amended to reflect
29. the changes outlined in Addendum B; and,
30. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes go into effect at the start of the
31. 104<sup>th</sup> Administration of the ASUW Student Government.

**Referred to:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Constituion** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Passage:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

(ASUW Chairperson)

**“Being enacted on \_\_\_\_\_ I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this  
Senate action.”** \_\_\_\_\_

**ASUW President**

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## **Addendum A**

### **ARTICLE VI**

#### Legislative Action

##### Section 1. Legislative Process

- A. Bills and resolutions may be submitted by any fee-paying student. All bills and resolutions must be sponsored by no less than two (2) Senators of the ASUW Senate or by an ASUW standing committee. Authors may sponsor their own legislation but then must have at least two additional Senator sponsors. Members of the Executive Branch other than the President or Vice President may author legislation but must have at least one (1) Senator of the Legislative Branch or a Student-at-Large (SAL) as a co-author. Regardless of their fee paying student status, members of the Judicial Council may not author or sponsor legislation due to their association.

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## **Addendum B**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### Executive Branch

Section 5. Members of the Executive Branch may have the authority to author legislation, authors who are members of the Executive Branch who are not the President or the Vice President may only do so if the effort is in collaboration, resulting in co-authorship, with at least one (1) Senator of the Legislative Branch or a Student-at-Large (SAL).