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SENATE RESOLUTION #2509

TITLE: ASUW Support for Relocation of the University Family Statue

DATE INTRODUCED: April 12, 2016

AUTHOR: Senator Maze

SPONSORS: Senators Hanson, Otuya, Rotellini, and Thomson-Lichty; Executives Bower, Cooley, and Julian; MECHA, Spectrum, and United Multicultural Council



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 ASUW Constitution states that the ASUW Student Government “will not
5. discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, political belief,
6. veteran status, resident status, disability, national origin, relationship status or gender
7. identity”; and,
8. WHEREAS, members of the ASUW Student Government represent a student population
9. of 13,929 students, comprised of students from diverse nations, cultures, families, and
10. belief systems; and,
11. WHEREAS, the ASUW seeks to promote diversity and inclusion of all students, faculty,
12. staff, and visitors to the university; and,
13. WHEREAS, the ASUW Strategic Plan 2014-2018 states that the ASUW Student
14. Government and the United Multicultural Council (UMC) should work together to promote
15. social justice and eliminate discrimination on campus; and,
16. WHEREAS, the university as a whole is seeking to place greater importance on
17. diversity as seen through the creation of the University of Wyoming (UW) Diversity

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18. Strategic Planning Committee “composed of stakeholders from throughout the university and
19. the greater Wyoming community,” and the hiring of a Special Assistant to the President for
20. Diversity; and,
21. WHEREAS, the goal of the UW Department of Diversity and Employment Practices is
22. to create “a campus environment that appeals to individuals from varied backgrounds
23. and beliefs”; and,
24. WHEREAS, Prexy’s Pasture is a central location of the UW campus with a rich history; and,
25. WHEREAS, Prexy’s Pasture may serve as a centerpiece for not only student activities,
26. but also to those of visitors, alumni, and state-wide events; and,
27. WHEREAS, art displayed on the UW campus may be seen as nonverbal representation of
28. campus values; and,
29. WHEREAS, the UW President’s Public Art Committee acknowledges that placement of
30. art on campus may be temporary; and,
31. WHEREAS, although the University Family Statue is only one artist’s rendition of the
32. UW Family, it is not an accurate or inclusive depiction of those individuals who comprise
33. the UW Family; and,
34. WHEREAS, the idea of the UW Family is diverse, accepting, far-reaching, and includes
35. individuals of all backgrounds, races, genders, sexual orientations, and religions with
36. both nuclear and non-nuclear family compositions; and,
37. WHEREAS, ASUW Senate Resolution #2345 addressed a similar topic and was passed in
38. 2012.
39. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
40. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW does not support the current location of the

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41. University Family Statue; and,

42. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government strongly encourage

43. The University of Wyoming President's Public Art Committee to seek student input

44. concerning an alternative location for the University Family Statue.

Referred to: 4/19/16 SOP _____
Date of Passage: _____ Signed [Signature]
(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on 4/21/2016 I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this
Senate action." [Signature]
ASUW President