

SENATE BILL #2540



TITLE: Creation of the ASUW Intersession Oversight Committee

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AUTHOR: Constitution Committee

SPONSORS: Senators Defebaugh and Wetzel

1. WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)
2. Student Government should serve our fellow students in the best manner possible though
3. accurate representation and responsible, effective leadership; and,
4. WHEREAS, there are many issues of consequence which can and do arise when the ASUW
5. Senate is out of session, including but not limited to end-of-year-spending, emergency budget
6. realignments and reductions, and circumstances which warrant statements and representative
7. positions released on behalf of the students of the University of Wyoming (UW); and,
8. WHEREAS, as the singular group of elected representatives of the entire UW student
9. population, the ASUW Senate is most apt to provide an accurate depiction of student
10. opinion on any issue; and,
11. WHEREAS, this qualification should result in greater involvement of representatives of the
12. ASUW Senate year-round; and,
13. WHEREAS, though the President and Vice President of the ASUW are elected to speak and
14. represent the students at any time, the ASUW Senate has the opportunity to respond, both in
15. favor and in opposition, to any statement made by the ASUW Executive Branch, but only
16. when the ASUW Senate is in session; and,
17. WHEREAS, a group of individuals will almost certainly have greater diversity of opinion
18. than a single person or even two people; and,
19. WHEREAS, a compromise which would allow the involvement of both the Legislative and

20. Executive branches of the ASUW Student Government to be involved in the aforementioned
21. scenarios and other issues which arise year-round, as currently exists when the ASUW
22. Senate is in session, would provide more effective leadership when representing our
23. fellow students.
24. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
25. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW By-Laws be amended to reflect the changes in
26. Addendum A; and,
27. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the ASUW Rules and Procedures be amended to
28. reflect the changes in Addendum B; and,
29. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the ASUW Finance Policy be amended to
30. reflect the changes in Addendum C.

Referred to: Budget and Planning

Date of Passage: 03/21/17 Signed: Tyler Wanaue
(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on 03/27/2017, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action." William R. [Signature]
ASUW President

ADDENDUM A

THE BY-LAWS ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

ARTICLE I Executive Branch

Section 1. Specific responsibilities and authorities of the ASUW President include the following:

- A. The promoting, improving, and pursuit of the goals and objectives of the ASUW and the University.
- B. Presenting a legislative report including the status of all legislation passed by the ASUW Senate, each semester (as a supplement to the Steering Committee reports).
 - i. The report given during the fall semester shall encompass the previous year and the report given during the spring semester shall encompass the fall semester of their term.
- C. The President shall insure that all resolutions and recommendations passed by the legislative branch are enforced or brought to the attention of those University officials with authority to take the recommended action.
- D. The President may veto, within ten (10) days of its passage, any action of the ASUW Senate, but such veto may be overridden by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the voting Senators at either of the two (2) regular ASUW Senate meetings following the veto.
 - i. If the President fails to act on any piece of legislation within ten (10) days of passage, or before the new President is sworn in, the legislation shall go into effect without the President's signature.
 - ii. The President shall provide a written explanation of any veto to the Senate at the next meeting following the veto or before the subsequent Senate is sworn in, whichever is sooner.
- E. The President or, in special situations, the President's designee, shall be the representative of the entire student body to the faculty, the administration, other officials of the University, and entities outside the University community.
 - i. In order to make statements, or adopt representative positions when the ASUW Senate is not in session, which includes the Summer Break, Winter Break, and Spring Break, the President must first consult with the ASUW Intersession Oversight Committee.
- F. The delegation of any member of their staff to attend ASUW committee meetings as ex-officio members.
- G. Reporting all matters of interest or concern relative to student affairs to the various committees and the ASUW Senate, with such information as is within their power to supply, and to make recommendations thereon.
- H. Their presence during the summer for participation in the ASUW presidential internship.

ARTICLE II

Legislative Branch

Section 7. Senate Officers:

- A. The Chairperson of the ASUW Senate is the ASUW Vice President, who shall prepare the Order of Business, follow the Order of Business as outlined in, Article II, Section 1, of the Rules and Procedures, be the presiding officer for all meetings, and tally all head count votes of the ASUW Senate.
- B. At the first business meeting following the installation of new Senators, the following officers are elected from the Senate voting membership:
 - i. President Pro Tempore – They shall preside over the Senate and carry out the related duties of the Vice President including the preparation of the agenda, in the case of the Vice President’s absence or at their request. They shall also serve as Chairperson of the Committee-of-the-Whole as well as assist the Chairperson of the Senate. They shall assume the duties of the Chairperson of the ASUW Senate in the absence of the Chairperson. They shall be a voting member and serve on the Intersession Oversight Committee.
 - ii. Parliamentarian – They shall keep the ASUW Senate procedure in accordance with the ASUW Constitution, By-Laws, and the most recent Robert’s Rules of Order. They shall inform the Chairperson of any procedural violations, which the Chairperson will remedy. They shall record all motions and which ASUW Senators makes such motions and seconds each motion. They shall assume the duties of the President Pro Tempore in the absence of the President Pro Tempore. They shall be a voting member and serve on the Intersession Oversight Committee.
 - iii. Sergeant-at-Arms – They shall preserve order as the Chairperson may direct and assume the duties of the Parliamentarian in the case of the absence of the Parliamentarian and/or duties of the Marshal in the absence of the Marshal. They shall be a voting member and serve on the Intersession Oversight Committee.
 - iv. Marshal- Immediately following the call to order, they shall read the ASUW Senate’s Mission Statement as stated in the ASUW Rules and Procedures. They shall perform roll call of the ASUW Senate following the reading of the ASUW Senate Mission Statement. They shall record late arrivals and early departures of ASUW Senators. They shall read all first, second, and third readings of legislation before the ASUW Senate. They shall tally and record all roll call votes of the ASUW Senate and record all head count votes and voice votes. They shall assume the duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms in the absence of the Sergeant-at-Arms. They shall be a voting member and serve on the Intersession Oversight Committee
 - v. Intersession Oversight Committee Senators-at-Large- Two (2) Senators shall be elected to serve on the Intersession Oversight Committee. They shall be voting members and enjoy full powers and privileges of membership.
- C. Election Procedures for Senate Officers.
 - i. Nominations from the Senate floor by anyone except the Chairperson.
 - ii. Written nomination submitted to ASUW Secretary by any Senator.
 - iii. A vacancy of office shall be filled from within the Senate.

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:
 - x. The ASUW Intersession Oversight Committee:
 - a. Purpose. The Committee shall be responsible for properly representing the Senate during all out-of-session matters of consequence, including but not limited to budgetary oversight and Executive Branch consultation.
 - b. Powers. The Committee shall have the powers of approval of all summer budget actions including but not limited to: emergency budget cuts, realignments, and end-of-year spending. The committee will also have the power to consult with the Executive Branch on any statements or representative positions which the Executive Branch wishes to adopt out of session. The Committee will not have the power of proposal for any matter, and only has the power of approval and response to Executive Branch Action. The Committee must convene at least once per month, every month of which a portion is out-of-session, including the months that contain Summer Break, Winter Break, and Spring Break. The Committee can also meet as needed, when called by the Committee Chair, or when three (3) committee members request.
 - c. Composition. The Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Senate: President Pro Tempore, Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at-Arms, Marshal, in addition to two (2) Senators-at-large, and two (2) Students at large. The Students-at Large of the Intersession Oversight Committee must be nominated by the Vice President and approved by the Senate prior to the last meeting of the Spring Semester. The Chair elected from amongst the Committee members prior to the end of the Spring Semester each year. Quorum for this committee shall be set at five (5) voting members.
- B. Each standing committee shall establish regular meeting times. The regular meeting time and place shall be permanently posted in the ASUW Senate Office and on the ASUW website during the academic year.
- C. Each ASUW Standing Committee shall be responsible for any and all outreach it deems necessary within its jurisdiction.

ADDENDUM B

RULES AND PROCEDURES ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

Article VI

Legislative Action

Section 2. Committee Powers and Procedures

- A. Powers - Standing committees of ASUW shall be authorized to hold meetings, make investigations into any matter within their jurisdiction, report on the findings of such investigations to the ASUW Senate, and shall have any and all necessary authority to carry out their functions as established under the ASUW By-Laws. Each standing committee shall be authorized to originate bills and resolutions within its jurisdiction, in addition to considering legislation or other business referred to it.
- B. Meeting times - Each standing committee shall fix regular weekly, biweekly, or monthly meeting days for the transaction of business before the committee and additional meetings may be called by the committee chair as they may deem necessary, with the exception of the Intersession Oversight Committee, which shall meet as specified within the ASUW By-Laws.
- C. Electronic Meetings- No official business (debate on issues before the committee votes, etc.) may be conducted via electronic communications, except for the Intersession Oversight Committee for which electronic voting is allowed only via email, and discussion is authorized via any electronic means.
- D. Quorum - Each standing committee is authorized to fix the number of its senators (but no less than four (4) voting members in addition to the Chairperson) who shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of such business as may be considered by said committee.
- E. Proxies - No senator shall be allowed to cast a vote in committee by proxy.
- F. Records - Each standing committee shall keep as complete a record as practicable of all committee actions. The results of votes taken in any committee meeting on any legislation, amendments, or other business considered by the committee shall be reported by the committee chairperson when such legislation, amendments, or other business is brought before the full ASUW Senate.
- G. Procedures - It shall be at the discretion of the chairperson of the committee to determine the level of parliamentary procedure necessary for the committee to effectively conduct its business. The committee chairperson, in cooperation with committee members, shall make reasonable efforts to run the meeting as efficiently as possible under the circumstances.

ADDENDUM C

FINANCE POLICY ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

Article II. Budget and Planning

- vii. From the last day of Spring Semester to the first day of Fall Semester, the ASUW President and Vice President shall have financial authority to submit, on the behalf of the ASUW, allocations for the use of remaining fiscal year budgets to the ASUW Intersessional Oversight Committee. The Committee must approve of any budgetary action submitted by the Executive Branch during this time. At the first senate meeting of the Fall Semester, the ASUW President and Vice President shall submit an itemized list of such expenditures to the ASUW Senate. The Dean of Students or designee must approve all summer expenditures.
 - 1. The ASUW Summer Senate shall have the authority to realign or reduce an organization's budget when the Senate is out-of-session for the Summer, for reasons including but not limited to: if the purpose of any organization's budget should change, and for emergency budgetary reductions. The organization must obtain approval of the ASUW Intersession Oversight Committee prior to making a change due to change of purpose.
- i. **This authority does extend to a reduction or realignment of designated allocated funds to the RSO Funding Board budget, but does not grant authority to allocate those funds to any RSO.**

