### SENATE BILL #2565

TITLE: Revision to the RSO Funding Board Appeals Process

SPONSORS: Senators McKee and Potter

**DATE INTRODUCED:** April 11, 2017

**AUTHOR:** Senator Thomson-Lichty

1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)

2. Student Government is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,

3. WHEREAS, RSO Funding Board is one of ASUW Student Government's integral resources

4. to serve and support Recognized Student Organizations' (RSOs) educational programming;

5. and,

6. WHEREAS, there should be clear ways to hold the ASUW Funding Board accountable to

7. the ASUW Senate at large and RSOs; and,

8. WHEREAS, the ASUW Senate should have the ability to reconsider RSO Funding Board

9. decisions; and,

10. WHEREAS, the process for appealing RSO Funding Board decisions must be clear in order

11. to ensure fairness to RSOs during the appeal process, and;

12. WHEREAS, the timeline of the appeals process is currently infeasible for both RSOs and

13. ASUW Senators; and,

14. WHEREAS, ASUW Senators should be able to act quickly when reconsidering any Funding

15. Board decision, given the quick turnaround that may be necessary between RSO Funding

16. Board allocations and RSO events; and,

17. WHEREAS, RSOs should be given adequate time to consult with their organization's

18. leadership and advisors before submitting formal appeals to the ASUW Judicial Council.

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

20. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW Finance Policy be amended to reflect the21. changes in Addendum A.

| Referred to: B&P, RSO Funding Board |   |
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| Date of Passage: 04/18/17 Signed    | : Tyu Want  |
| "Being enacted on 04/19/2017        | (ASUW Chairperson), I do hereby sign my name hereto and |
| approve this Senate action."        | Parties -   |
| ASUW Pres                           | ident   |

#### Addendum A

# FINANCE POLICY ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

### **Article III. ASUW RSO Funding Board**

- xxvii. Failure to comply with any provisions of this Section may result in the loss of funding. If an RSO is to violate any of the ASUW Finance Policy or any additional stipulations placed on the allocations by the RSO Funding Board and/or the ASUW Senate, it may be suspended from applying for funding in the future. For violations occurring with requests for which ASUW has allocated under \$1,000, RSO's will be ineligible to apply for funding for a full academic year following the violation. For violations occurring during events for which ASUW has allocated \$1,000 or more, the RSO will be ineligible to apply for funding for remainder of the semester and an additional calendar year from the end of that semester.
  - 1. The RSO Funding Board or the designated ASUW Executive may impose the suspension outlined above.
  - 2. RSOs may appeal this suspension through the process outlined below (xxv.)
  - 3. Any Senator may make a motion to lift or reduce the length of an RSO's suspension, regardless of the RSO's decision to appeal. This motion requires a two-thirds (2/3) standing vote of the Senate to pass.

## xxviii. Appeal Process

- 1. The ASUW Senate may appeal the RSO Funding Board's decision regarding any funding request.
  - i. One (1) Senator may bring forth a motion to appeal the decision of the RSO Funding Board, which must be seconded on the floor by another Senator.
  - ii. The Senator intending to appeal a decision of the RSO Funding Board must notify the full Senate and the ASUW Vice President in writing at least 6 hours before the regularly scheduled ASUW Senate Meeting.
- 2. RSOs may appeal the RSO Funding Board's decision to completely deny funding if there is a concern regarding compliance with the ASUW Finance Policy.
  - RSO's that would like to appeal a funding request decision of the ASUW Senate must make their appeal to the Judicial Council in writing within five business days of the ASUW Funding Board decision.
  - ii. ASUW Judicial Council must hold a hearing of the appeal of the RSO and the ASUW Senate within ten business days from receiving the appeal. The Judicial Council then will issue a decision within ten business days of the hearing.
  - iii. The ASUW Judicial Council's authority with regards to RSOs funding request shall be limited to denial or approval of their appeal. If the ASUW Judicial Council approves an RSO's appeal for funding that was denied by the ASUW Senate, the Judicial Council will remand the decision to the ASUW Senate for consideration and for corrective action.