

**SENATE RESOLUTION #2533**

**TITLE:** ASUW Recommendation on Concealed Carry Policy

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**AUTHOR:** President Rotellini; Senator Wetzel

**SPONSORS:** Senators Kerbs and Welsh



1. WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)
2. Student Government to represent our fellow students accurately; and,
3. WHEREAS, it is currently illegal to carry concealed firearms on the campus of the
4. University of Wyoming (UW) and is prohibited by University Regulation 2-178, Section 6D;
5. and,
6. WHEREAS, it is currently legal to openly carry firearms on the UW campus in a non-
7. threatening manner; and,
8. WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Wyoming has previously considered, and is
9. currently considering, legislation regarding the concealed carry of firearms on the UW
10. campus by permitted individuals; and,
11. WHEREAS, the right of constituents to defend themselves is a highly valued matter of
12. Wyoming lifestyle; and,
13. WHEREAS, UW-owned residence facilities are the homes of the students who occupy them;
14. and,
15. WHEREAS, students should have the right to choose whether or not firearms are permitted
16. within their homes; and,
17. WHEREAS, unrestricted concealed firearms could be detrimental to the open educational
18. environment at the UW; and,
19. WHEREAS, when students do not feel comfortable on campus, there is an overall

20. reduction in the quality of education; and,

21. WHEREAS, sporting events create a unique atmosphere where volatile attitudes can exist;

22. and,

23. WHEREAS, alcoholic beverages will be served at UW sporting events beginning in the Fall

24. of 2017; and,

25. WHEREAS, law enforcement has an active presence at all UW Sporting events; and,

26. WHEREAS, firearms at sporting events could affect the safety and welcoming environment

27. created at UW sporting events; and,

28. WHEREAS, there are many laboratory environments in which a firearm in close proximity

29. would drastically increase the associated danger, both with the firearm and the laboratory

30. environment; and,

31. WHEREAS, concealed firearms within the UW Lab School could affect its accreditation;

32. and,

33. WHEREAS, other institutions that allow concealed carry have noted multi-million dollar

34. costs for directly related infrastructure possibly including metal detectors, storage lockers,

35. additional training, counseling, and personnel; and,

36. WHEREAS, the increased presence of unrestricted firearms on campus increases the

37. possibility of accidental firing, misuse, or acts of violence involving firearms.

38. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming

39. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW Student Government does not support any

40. change of policy that would allow for unrestricted concealed carry of firearms on the campus

41. of the University of Wyoming (UW); and,

42. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government does not support

43. any policy which would allow concealed firearms into any University-owned residence

44. facility, including but not limited to residence halls, UW apartments, and Fraternity and
45. Sorority chapter facilities; and
46. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government will only support
47. allowing concealed firearms into University-owned living facilities if that power is granted to
48. the UW Board of Trustees on a facility-by-facility basis; and,
49. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government does not support
50. any policy which would allow concealed firearms at any school, college or professional
51. athletic event not related to firearms on the UW Campus; and,
52. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government does not support
53. any change in policy which would allow members of the public to carry concealed firearms
54. within the UW Lab School or that would impact its accreditation; and,
55. THEREFORE, be it further resolved by the ASUW Student Government that the UW Board
56. of Trustees should have additional authority to prohibit firearms with any or all laboratories;
57. and,
58. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government does not support
59. House Bill No. 0136, as it was introduced to the Legislature of the State of Wyoming, and
60. would only support it if amended to meet every specification above.

Referred to: SOP

Date of Passage: 01/31/17 Signed: Tyler Wilson  
(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on 02/02/2017, I do hereby sign my name hereto and  
approve this Senate action." [Signature]  
ASUW President

