

**SENATE RESOLUTION #2535**



**TITLE:** ASUW Stance Against Abrupt Changes to the Administrative Calendar and Commencement Schedule

**DATE:** January 31, 2017

**AUTHOR:** Senator Kerbs; Executive Ryan

**SPONSORS:** Senators Beckett, Defebaugh, Julian, Powell, Thomson-Lichty, Wetzel, and Zumo

1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,
3. WHEREAS, this includes many students who are not from Wyoming or the United States;
4. and,
5. WHEREAS, the Administrative Calendar for any given academic year is typically set
6. months before that year starts; and,
7. WHEREAS, students and families both in and out of Wyoming make their plans
8. using this schedule months in advance; and,
9. WHEREAS, this calendar and the dates within are most used when families come into
10. Laramie, most notably for commencements, where hotels book many months in advance and
11. travel plans are solidified; and,
12. WHEREAS, the Spring 2017 Commencement date had been set for Saturday, May 13th since
13. August; and,
14. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming administration recently chose to abruptly
15. change the date for the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Agriculture and Natural Resources
16. commencements to Friday, May 12th; and,
17. WHEREAS, the University adjusted the commencement for the College of Agriculture and
18. Natural Resources back to May 13th following backlash; and,

19. WHEREAS, this change can and has inconvenienced and caused financial loss to many  
20. families of the graduates in the College of Arts and Sciences; and,  
21. WHEREAS, this change will prevent the graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences from  
22. being able to share their graduation date with peers in other colleges; and,  
23. WHEREAS, this change was made quietly and without any announcement to the students  
24. until students called attention to the change; and,  
25. WHEREAS, issues with scheduling should be better considered before publishing dates on  
26. public calendars; and,  
27. WHEREAS, the precedence of making short changes with little notice has the potential for  
28. greater issues in the future; and,  
29. WHEREAS, abrupt changes to the Administrative Calendar during the academic year in  
30. question, in particular with little to no notice, are detrimental to the student body and their  
31. families; and,  
32. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming  
33. (ASUW) Student Government encourages the University of Wyoming (UW) administration  
34. to make better efforts for transparency in any decision that has the potential to affect the student  
35. body in this manner.

Referred to: AT&S

Date of Passage: 02/07/17 Signed: Tyler W. Winters  
(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on 02/13/2017, I do hereby sign my name hereto and  
approve this Senate action." [Signature]

ASUW President