

SENATE RESOLUTION #2536



TITLE: ASUW Recommendation of Fiscal Year 2018 Tuition Expenditures Policy
DATE INTRODUCED: February 14, 2017
AUTHOR: Senator Kerbs
SPONSORS: President Rotellini; Senators Welsh and Wetzel; Freshmen Senator Jones

1. WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) should serve our
2. fellow students in the best manner possible through accurate representation, professional
3. interaction with campus programs and organizations, and responsible, effective leadership;
4. and,
5. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming (UW) serves as a source of high-quality, affordable
6. higher education; and
7. WHEREAS, in the Fall of 2015, the UW Board of Trustees adopted a tuition policy calling
8. for ongoing tuition increases of 4% annually, subject to modification by the Board each
9. year; and,
10. WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 tuition increase allocated the approximate \$2 million
11. of additional funds for mandatory pay raises for promoted faculty as well as non-mandatory
12. faculty and staff pay raises on the order of \$1 million, \$500,000 to academic unit support
13. budgets, \$250,000 to UW libraries, and \$250,000 to Information Technology; and,
14. WHEREAS, efforts to reach budget reduction goals for both FY 2017 and FY 2018 have
15. resulted in substantial increases to faculty workloads; and,
16. WHEREAS, increased funding from the State Government for Faculty and Staff salary
17. increases remain unlikely in the biennium; and,
18. WHEREAS, several universities in the Rocky Mountain Region have increased tuition for
19. the purpose of faculty recruitment and retention; and,

20. WHEREAS, faculty retention and morale remains integral to overall student experience and
21. should remain a priority of both the UW Students and Administration.
22. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
23. Student Government that three-quarters, or \$1.5 million, of the 4% tuition increase be
24. allocated to faculty and staff salary increases and the remaining quarter, or \$500,000, be
25. allocated to academic support units.

Referred to: Committee of the Whole

Date of Passage: 02/14/17 Signed: Tyler Walcott
(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on 02/17/2017, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action."

[Signature]
ASUW President