

SENATE RESOLUTION #2551



TITLE: Statement in Support of Faculty Senate Resolution #337

DATE INTRODUCED: April 4, 2017

AUTHOR: Senator Julian

SPONSORS: Senators Ellingrod, Morton, and Strock; Vice President Wolfgang;
SAL Albert

1. WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) Student Government to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible
3. through professional interaction with campus programs and organizations; and,
4. WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming (UW) has passed Faculty
5. Senate Resolution #337: Resolution for Parity of Women and Men on UW's Board of
6. Trustees; and,
7. WHEREAS, ASUW Senate Resolution #2532 expressly reaffirmed support for diversity and
8. inclusivity on UW's campus and in the State of Wyoming as a whole; and,
9. WHEREAS, the aforementioned resolution reiterated ASUW's mission to serve students
10. from a wide range of backgrounds, notably from "Wyoming, across the United States, and
11. international students from over seventy (70) countries,...[all] with unique and deeply held
12. religious beliefs, views on life, and cultural understandings"; and,
13. WHEREAS, both Faculty Senate Resolution #337 and ASUW Senate Resolution #2532
14. reiterated the fact that Wyoming is "The Equality State," and that the University logo
15. "proudly displays the word *Equality*"; and,
16. WHEREAS, the ASUW Student Government agrees with the Faculty Senate that "Trustees
17. are expected to represent various interests of the public at large, and to reflect the concerns of
18. Wyoming's citizens to the University"; and,

19. WHEREAS, the ASUW Student Government agrees with the Faculty Senate that “diversity
20. of background, thought and experience is a prerequisite for an effective and representative
21. Board of Trustees”; and,
22. WHEREAS, such diversity of “background, thought and experience” will help the ASUW
23. Student Government to fulfill its duty of supporting diversity and inclusivity in the State of
24. Wyoming.
25. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
26. Student Government support Faculty Senate Resolution #337 in its entirety as found in
27. Addendum A; and,
28. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that this resolution and Addendum A be sent directly to
29. the Governor of the State of Wyoming; and,
30. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that this resolution and Addendum A be electronically
31. sent to all members of the Faculty and Staff Senates.

Referred to: AT&S

Date of Passage: 04/11/17 Signed: Tyler W...
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 04/17/2017, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action.” M. R. ...
ASUW President

ADDENDUM A

1 Faculty Senate Resolution 337, as amended

Introduced by
Faculty Senate Executive Committee

2 3 4 RESOLUTION FOR PARITY OF WOMEN AND MEN ON UW'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5 6

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8 **WHEREAS**, the Governor of Wyoming recently nominated and the Wyoming Senate approved 4
9 men and no women to serve on the Board of Trustees, resulting in 10 men and 2 women as
10 voting members;

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12 **AND WHEREAS**, our university logo proudly displays the word *Equality*;

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14 **AND WHEREAS**, Wyoming is *The Equality State*;

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16 **AND WHEREAS**, the corporate seal of the Trustees of the University is inscribed with the word
17 *Equality*;

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19 **AND WHEREAS**, women comprise 49% of the state's population;

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21 **AND WHEREAS**, women comprise 53% of UW's student body;

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23 **AND WHEREAS**, women comprise 41% of UW's faculty members;

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25 **AND WHEREAS**, during UW's 130-year history, 15.2% of appointment years went to women
26 with the remaining 84.8% of appointment years going to men;

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28 **AND WHEREAS**, the Faculty Senate in 2014 passed Resolution 326, requesting the Governor to
29 nominate more women to the Board, given a historical pattern of predominantly male
30 appointees;

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32 **AND WHEREAS**, Trustees are expected to represent various interests of the public at large, and
33 to reflect the concerns of Wyoming's citizens to the University;

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35 **AND WHEREAS**, the Faculty Senate considers that diversity of background, thought and
36 experience is a prerequisite for an effective and representative Board of Trustees; therefore,

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38 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Faculty Senate requests the Governor of Wyoming to give thoughtful
39 consideration to nominating women at each opportunity as vacant Trustee positions arise; and

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41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, as the University's duly appointed spokesperson, the President
42 of UW will advocate publicly for greater gender diversity on the Board of Trustees.

