

SENATE RESOLUTION #2552



TITLE: ASUW Support for the Establishment of a Sanctuary Campus

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SPONSORS: Vice President Wolfgang; Senators Ellingrod, Powell, Thomson-Lichty, and Zumo; Executives Hernandez and Nesbitt; Movimiento Estudiantil Chican@ de Aztlán

1. WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) Student Government to represent our fellow students in the best manner possible
3. through accurate representation and responsible, effective leadership; and,
4. WHEREAS, Article I, Section 2 of the Wyoming State Constitution states, “In their inherent
5. right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, all members of the human race are equal;”
6. and,
7. WHEREAS, there are students at the University of Wyoming (UW) who have an
8. undocumented immigration status and/or are subject to the protections of “Deferred Action
9. for Childhood Arrivals” (DACA); and,
10. WHEREAS, many of these students live in fear of discrimination, retaliation, and deportation
11. due to their immigration status; and,
12. WHEREAS, recent national trends have only served to exacerbate this fear; and,
13. WHEREAS, UW has a duty to provide a safe and welcoming environment to all students
14. regardless of their background; and,
15. WHEREAS, these students only wish to pursue the “American Dream” and provide a better
16. future for themselves and their families; and,
17. WHEREAS, many of these students were brought to the US as children and have no criminal
18. history; and,

19. WHEREAS, the term “sanctuary campus” refers to a college or university that has decided to
20. protect their undocumented immigrant students from detention or deportation by applicable
21. law enforcement agencies; and,

22. WHEREAS, a separate, student-driven petition for the establishment of a sanctuary campus
23. has already been submitted to UW Administration but, to date, no action has been taken as a
24. result of that petition; and,

25. WHEREAS, Senate Resolution #2532 reaffirmed the ASUW Student Government’s
26. commitment to diversity and inclusivity; and,

27. WHEREAS, it is paramount to follow through on expressed support of diversity and
28. inclusivity with direct, meaningful action.

29. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
30. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW Student Government supports the creation of a
31. policy by the University of Wyoming (UW) for the protection of undocumented immigrant
32. students from detention and deportation; and,

33. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government supports providing
34. undocumented immigrant students with further resources at UW, including, but not limited
35. to, financial assistance, legal resources, and assistance in areas of housing and employment,
36. amongst others; and,

37. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government recommends that
38. University Regulation 1-3 be amended to reflect the changes in Addendum A.

Referred to: SOP

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

"Being enacted on 04/17/2017, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action." Michael A. Stein
ASUW President

Addendum A

UW REGULATION 1-3

Equal Education and Employment Opportunity Statement and Policy/Diversity (Affirmative Action) Program

I. STATEMENT AND POLICY

The University is committed to equal opportunity for all persons in all facets of the University's operations and is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. The University will provide all applicants for admissions, employment and all University employees with equal opportunity without regard to race, gender, religion, color, national origin, immigration status, disability, age, protected veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, creed, ancestry, political belief, or any other applicable protected category or participation in any protected activity. The University ensures non-discriminatory practices in all matters relating to its education programs and activities and extends the same nondiscriminatory practices to recruiting, hiring, training, compensation, benefits, promotions, demotions, transfers, and all other terms and conditions of employment.