

**SENATE RESOLUTION #2563**



**TITLE:** ASUW Support for Campus Flag Management Process for Student Populations

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**SPONSORS:** Senators Defebaugh, Farley, and Kerbs; Students-At-Large Tate, Francis, Schroder, Ratliff, Ysebaert, and Johnson; Students Supporting Veterans; The Veterans Service Center at the University of Wyoming

1. WHEREAS, it is the Mission of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) Student Government “to serve our students in the best manner possible through
3. accurate representation, professional interaction with campus programs and organizations,
4. and responsible, effective leadership”; and,
5. WHEREAS, the ASUW Student Government should work to increase the visibility and
6. representation of all constituencies of the University of Wyoming (UW); and,
7. WHEREAS, the UW’s mission to serve all students includes the responsibility to represent
8. the members of the veteran community of all branches of the Armed Forces of the United
9. States of America; and,
10. WHEREAS, UW provides supportive resources for veteran students on campus such as the
11. Veterans Service Center, priority registration, and in-state tuition for non-resident veterans;
12. and,
13. WHEREAS, a symbol for each service branch are their respective flags, which, since the
14. signing of the Declaration of Independence, and throughout the 234 year history of the
15. United States of America, have flown proudly during times of peace as well as times of
16. war; and,

17. WHEREAS, service flags represent the rich history of a unit's colors, a rallying point, and  
18. the utmost symbol of a unit's pride, which, during times of war, men and women would  
19. sacrifice their lives to save; and,  
20. WHEREAS, there were 21.8 million veterans of the United States Armed Forces alive as of  
21. 2014, according to the Census Bureau, which represent every gender, race, sexual  
22. orientation, and religious affiliation; and,  
23. WHEREAS, 26 of the 45 Presidents of the United States, 80 members of the House of  
24. Representatives, and 16 Senators are veterans; and,  
25. WHEREAS, nearly 660,000 men and women have sacrificed their lives in the defense of  
26. this nation; and,  
27. WHEREAS, the day that each respective service branch was formed is recognized with a  
28. national observance to draw public attention to national defense and the efforts of United  
29. States service members all over the world; and,  
30. WHEREAS, the flying of these flags can bring a sense of solidarity, recognition, and  
31. support for those who are members of the veteran community; and,  
32. WHEREAS, the State of Wyoming and the UW have long been supportive of the nation  
33. when it has called on her native sons and daughters for aid; and,  
34. WHEREAS, further support for those who have served, are currently serving, and those  
35. that will serve, including the posting of the respective service flags in Prexy's Pasture,  
36. would be a significant commitment by the UW for the support, recognition, and inclusion of  
37. members of the veteran community; and,  
38. WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Veterans Service Center of the  
39. University of Wyoming, and numerous individual veterans have committed to buying

40. service flags to represent all the branches of the United States Armed Forces.

41. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming

42. (ASUW) Student Government wishes to collaborate with the University of Wyoming

43. (UW) Physical Plant and any other applicable campus entities to create an ASUW Student

44. Government-managed process for placing campus constituencies', organizations', and

45. causes' flags on the Prexy's Pasture flag pole; and,

46. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that this process will also include determining the

47. qualifications for such flags, as well as a timeline for their posting; and,

48. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government wishes to post the

49. service flags of the United States Armed Forces, provided by the Department of Veterans

50. Affairs, the Veterans Service Center of the University of Wyoming, and numerous

51. individual veterans, on campus for the week of their respective anniversaries; and,

52. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government will follow

53. United States Flag Code and not supersede the United States flag, the State of Wyoming's

54. flag, and the UW flag in any displayed location; and,

55. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government supports the

56. estimated cost of UW Physical Plant's posting of the respective United States Armed

57. Forces service flags to be paid for out of the ASUW Reserve; and,

58. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that ASUW Student Government supports the first

59. posting of the respective United States Armed Forces service flags to be effective

60. immediately.

Referred to: SOP

Date of Passage: 04/18/17 Signed: Tyler Wanner  
(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on 04/19/2017, I do hereby sign my name hereto and  
approve this Senate action."

Michael R. [Signature]  
ASUW President