

SENATE RESOLUTION #2564



TITLE: ASUW Support for Regularly Reviewing and Updating Sexual Misconduct Policies and Procedures

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SPONSORS: Senators Drake and Munoz; RSO Voices of Courage

1. WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) Student Government to represent our fellow students through responsible, effective
3. leadership; and,
4. WHEREAS, per a 2007 National Institute of Justice report, "About one in five women and
5. six percent of men are victims of a completed or attempted sexual assault while in college";
6. and,
7. WHEREAS, the prevalence of sexual assault and other forms of sexual misconduct is a
8. nationally recognized epidemic on college campuses; and,
9. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming (UW) is dedicated to providing its students,
10. faculty, staff, and visitors a living and learning environment that is safe and secure; and,
11. WHEREAS, UW has many prevention and response services in place to help provide the
12. highest levels of campus safety; and,
13. WHEREAS, despite all of this, UW is not immune to the epidemic of sexual misconduct on
14. college campuses; and,
15. WHEREAS, there has been growing concern among UW students, faculty, and staff with the
16. number of sexual assault reports on campus during the 2016-2017 academic year; and,
17. WHEREAS, President Laurie Nichols charged Associate Vice President and Dean of
18. Students Sean Blackburn and Interim Title IX Coordinator Jim Osborn to form a team

19. comprised of UW Police Department, ASUW, Safe Project, and Stop Violence to expand
20. sexual misconduct prevention and response efforts; and,
21. WHEREAS, this team has already implemented several efforts to improve prevention and
22. response efforts, such as a new REPORT IT website, increased mandatory student and
23. employee education, and the campus wide adoption of the NO MORE campaign; and,
24. WHEREAS, the UW Sexual Misconduct Policies and Procedures, as outlined by Appendix A
25. of UW Regulation 1-256, has not been updated since 2014; and,
26. WHEREAS, while the policy and the definitions contained within are still accurate, a
27. process should exist through which UW's definition of sexual misconduct and related
28. policies may be reviewed and updated regularly, considering national trends and
29. circumstances.
30. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
31. (ASUW) Student Government supports the creation of a process through which the
32. University of Wyoming (UW) Sexual Misconduct Policies and Procedures, as outlined in
33. Appendix A to UW Regulation 1-256, may be reviewed and updated regularly with student
34. input; and,
35. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that ASUW members, Voices of Courage members, and
36. any other students or groups of interest be involved in the review process; and,
37. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government recommends that
38. UW take all necessary measures to further educate and disseminate the UW Sexual
39. Misconduct Policies and Procedures as they exist in current and future updated forms among
40. students.

Referred to: AT&S, Programming

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."

William Roth

ASUW President

