

SENATE BILL #2571



TITLE: Extending Parliamentary Rights to the ASUW Executives
DATE INTRODUCED: September 5, 2017
AUTHOR: Senator Defebaugh
SPONSORS: President Wetzel; Vice President Welsh; Chief of Staff Thomson-Lichty; Executives Bergman and Rowe; Senators McKinley and Westlake

1. WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Associated Students of the University of
2. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government to represent our fellow students accurately; and,
3. WHEREAS, the ASUW Executive Branch serves as a fundamental part of the ASUW
4. Student Government and is vital to the day to day execution of the ASUW Mission and
5. overarching goals of the ASUW Student Government; and,
6. WHEREAS, the ASUW Executives are vetted and then hired to focus and pay acute
7. attention to policies that have direct impact on students including but not limited to;
8. Wyoming government, community affairs, diversity, student finances, RSO relations,
9. student wellness, student programing, and marketing; and,
10. WHEREAS, ASUW Executives' experience and consistent interactions with
11. administration, faculty, staff, and other professionals with regard to these policies and
12. initiatives is valuable knowledge which benefits the decisions of the ASUW Senate; and,
13. WHEREAS, Executive reports have proven beneficial to some extent, more can be gained
14. by having the Executives contribute in debate as it occurs when the ASUW Senate is in
15. session.
16. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
17. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW Student Government approve the changes
18. outlined in Addenda A and B.

Referred to: PID & Constitution

Date of Passage: _____ Signed: _____

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on _____, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action.” _____

ASUW President

Addendum A

**THE BY-LAWS
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING**

**ARTICLE I
Executive Branch**

Section 4. The ASUW President shall serve as:

- A. An ex-officio member of the ASUW Senate
- B. An ex-officio member of all ASUW committees.
- C. Ex-officio member of the University Of Wyoming Board Of Trustees (without vote).
- D. ASUW member of Faculty Senate.
- E. A member of any University Board or Committee as requested by any department head or administrator of the University community.

Addendum B

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ARTICLE II Legislative Branch

Section 8. Addition of New Ex-Officios to the ASUW Senate.

- A. All University organizations seeking an ex-officio position on the ASUW Student Senate must have that position approved by the Constitution Committee and further approved by the ASUW Student Senate by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.
 - i. Any organization seeking an ex-officio position shall submit a written request to the Chairperson of the Constitution Committee
 - a. The Constitution Committee will review the request. Upon approval, the Chairperson will submit the letter of intent to the ASUW Senate for approval.
 - ii. Organizations seeking an ex-officio position must exhibit all of the following qualifications:
 - a. The organization must provide a diverse array of co-curricular activities including cultural, international, athletic, and/or student life programs.
 - b. The organization must utilize educational opportunities, which promote growth and involvement enriching daily life.
 - c. The organization must be a University Recognized Student Organization, but special exemptions may be granted for the representative bodies of University faculty and staff.
 - d. The organization must demonstrate inadequate representation by the existing ex-officio's.
 - e. Any organization that has lost its ex-officio position on the student senate will enter a period of probation and may not reapply for said position until a period of one semester has passed. Upon reapplication, the organization must provide a detailed account of activities conducted during this period of probation.
 - iii. The ex-officio position cannot be represented by current senators, executives or other ex-officio representatives.
 - iv. If an ex-officio position representing a student organization goes unrepresented for 4 consecutive senate meetings they will be notified of their absences and potential consequences by the ASUW Vice President in writing; if the organization is absent for another 4 consecutive senate meetings they will lose their ex-officio position. After the loss of an ex-officio position the organization may petition to gain representation by following ASUW By-Laws Article II, Section 6, Paragraph B, Clause i.
- B. Ex-officio members who shall enjoy all rights of Senate membership, except the right to vote include:
 - i. President of the ASUW Student Government
 - ii. ASUW Executive Branch Members
 - iii. Representatives from organizations approved by the ASUW Senate.
 - iv. The Freshman Senate Ex-Officio shall also enjoy the right to vote.

- C. Those who shall have speaking rights only, excluding voting and parliamentary rights, include members of the ASUW Executive Branch.

