## **SENATE BILL #2587**

TITLE: Revision to the RSO Funding Board Deadline Exception

**DATE INTRODUCED:** December 5, 2017

AUTHOR: Senator Mulhall

**SPONSORS:** Senators Delany, Kwende, McKinley, Mueller; Freshman Senators

Applegate, Buseth, and Donley

1. WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)

- 2. Student Government to represent our fellow students accurately; and,
- 3. WHEREAS, RSO Funding Board is a vital source of funding for educational events for many
- 4. Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs) on campus; and,
- 5. WHEREAS, student fees should be allocated to host successful, professional events, and;
- 6. WHEREAS, most events exceeding \$3,500 require more time to plan successfully; and,
- 7. WHEREAS, events above the \$3,500 threshold require 15% outside funding; and,
- 8. WHEREAS, the process for submitting an event to UW Connect requires approval from
- 9. several campus entities in order to secure a meeting with RSO Funding Board; and,
- 10. WHEREAS, acquiring these approvals can take weeks to complete; and,
- 11. WHEREAS, RSOs holding larger events should be held accountable for following
- 12. the RSO Funding Board processes and the finance policy; and,
- 13. WHEREAS, the ASUW Finance Policy currently outlines that RSO Funding
- 14. Board may currently consider any exceptions to the five-week deadline; and,
- 15. WHEREAS, this has allowed many RSOs to submit late applications without consequence;
- 16. and.
- 17. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
- 18. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW Finance Policy be amended to reflect the

- 19. changes in Addendum A;
- 20. THEREFORE, be it further enacted by the ASUW Student Government that these changes
- 21. take effect immediately.

Referred to:	Budget and Planning	
Date of Passage:_	1/23/2018	Signed: MU Chairperson)
"Being enacted on	January 24th	2016 , I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Sena	0 /	and harb
ASUW President		

## Addendum A

## FINANCE POLICY ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

## **Article III. ASUW RSO Funding Board**

- i. General Application Procedure for programmed events:
  - 1. Application forms for ASUW funding shall be made available through online applications.
  - 2. An RSO must attend an Event Planning Session prior to applying for funding.
  - 3. The RSO shall submit the completed application to the ASUW Business Office not less than five (5) weeks prior to the event. The ASUW Business Office will forward the application to the Chairperson of the RSO Funding Board, provide a copy of the request to each member of the RSO Funding Board, and provide electronic copies to each Senator's electronic Mailing address no less than one business day from the beginning of weekly Senate meeting after such funding requests are made.
    - i. Exceptions to this rule for requests under \$3,500.00 shall be at the discretion of the ASUW RSO Funding Board.
    - ii. All requests of \$3,500.00 and over shall be allowed no exception to the five (5) week application deadline, and will be denied a meeting with RSO Funding Board and/or funding for the event.
      - a. RSOs may appeal the denial of funding based on a failure to meet the deadline through the process outlined in Section xxviii.
  - 4. If the event includes a speaker or performer a contractual agreement must be completed in the Campus Activities Center in a timely manner. The RSO Funding Board must approve the funding request before completion of the contract negotiations and the contract must be completed before the event occurs.
  - 5. A representative from the RSO shall be contacted and required to attend an RSO Funding Board meeting to present the funding request. Upon completion of the RSO's presentation to the RSO Funding Board, written guidelines will be given to the RSO representatives detailing the manner with which to challenge the Funding Board's decision, along with the name and electronic mailing address of every Senator currently serving on the ASUW Senate, and the amount to be recommended by the RSO Funding Board at the ASUW Senate meeting where such a request will be heard.
  - 6. The RSO Funding board shall have the authority to approve requests totaling less than \$1,000.00.
  - 7. Any request of \$1,000.00 or more that is approved by the RSO funding board shall be subject to final approval by the ASUW Senate.
    - i. All votes concerning final funding allotments shall be conducted via a standing vote.

- 8. In cases where Senators may realize personal benefit and/or unethical exercise of authority, either directly through participation or indirectly through personal relationships, Senators should recuse themselves from voting during RSO Funding Board meetings and formal votes on the floor of the ASUW Senate.
- 9. The approved request shall be returned to the ASUW Business Office for implementation. The representative from the RSO shall meet with the program advisor and the ASUW Business Office within one (1) week following approval to complete the process.
- 10. All invoices and RSO post-event evaluations must be submitted to the ASUW Business Office within 30 days following the event or the allocation shall be void and the funds shall be revoked. 11. If an event is not completed within two weeks of the date specified by the requesting RSO, funding shall be rescinded unless the RSO Funding Board approves an extension.