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SENATE RESOLUTION #2575

TITLE: Support for the Creation of the Academic Affairs/Student Affairs
Trustee Committee

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SPONSORS: Senators Defebaugh, Hungerford, Kennedy, and Rubino;
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1. WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) Student Government to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible
3. through accurate representation and responsible, effective leadership; and,
4. WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (BOT) attends to the legislative and other administrative
5. needs of the University with the focus and representation of standing committees; and,
6. WHEREAS, Academic and Student Affairs should be afforded the same focus and
7. representation at the BOT; and,
8. WHEREAS, a Trustees committee to address the academic and student affairs at the
9. University of Wyoming as outlined in Addendum A would improve the overall educational
10. quality of the institution and could respond appropriately to student-centered needs; and,
11. WHEREAS, in July of 2008 similar committees were formed to address issues within student
12. affairs, academics, and research in relation to administration; and,
13. WHEREAS, during the July 2017 BOT meeting initial discussion to reestablish a committee
14. that would address both academic and student affairs with the intent to improve the
15. academic mission, policies, and resources needed; and,
16. WHEREAS, this committee would directly involve the Vice President of Student Affairs and
17. Vice President of Academic Affairs and would greatly improve the representation of student

18. interests to the BOT.
19. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Associated Students of the University of
20. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government support the University Of Wyoming Board of
21. Trustees in creating the Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee with the intention of
22. understanding the detailed processes and needs related to Academic and Student Affairs as
23. outlined in Addendum B.

Referred to: _____ Committee as a Whole _____

Date of Passage: 10/17/17 **Signed:** Jaymi Welch
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on October 23rd 2017, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action.” Brijin P. [Signature]
ASUW President

Addendum A

The Importance of the Academic Affairs Committee

POSTED BY SUSAN WHEALLER JOHNSTON ON MAY 27, 2014

It's time for graduation, and the question board members should be asking themselves is this: How confident are you that the students from your institution know and can do what they should when they graduate? Over the last several years, how much information have you received about the learning outcomes at your college or university? Have you heard about the satisfaction levels of those who hire your graduates? What are the results of satisfaction surveys of alumni five, ten, and fifteen years after graduation? These are some of the indicators of success that board members should hear about from the academic affairs committee. This committee is among the most important a board can have because it directly links the board with the institution's mission—the education of students. The committee is also one of the most challenging because to be successful, it needs to delve into areas outside the comfort level of most board members.

While not doing the work of the faculty or the administration, this committee needs to monitor the institution's education quality, and it needs to keep the full board informed of the process of continuous improvement of quality.

The work of the academic affairs committee has grown in significance over the last decade as parents, students, state and federal policymakers, and employers have demanded evidence of the return on investment in a college education. The committee can help hold the institution accountable to these various constituents by asking the same questions and by insisting on improvement. By doing so, the committee can help make sure all board members can attest to success at graduation.

Source: <https://www.agb.org/blog/2014/05/27/the-importance-of-the-academic-affairs-committee>

Addendum B

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ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations to the full Board regarding the University's academic mission, as well as policies and resources needed to realize that mission, execute UW's academic strategic priorities, ensure the quality and integrity of each of UW's academic programs, and to ensure the University remains focused on an excellent student experience whether it is on a UW Campus or at a distance.

The Committee shall provide governance oversight on such matters as academic program development, review, accreditation, and discontinuance; student admission and performance standards; faculty tenure; major academic initiatives; maintaining an appropriate balance among teaching, and research/scholarship and service.

The Committee will review policies, programing, and data indicators related to student engagement, wellness, development, and persistence. Review policies relating to student housing; student conduct, rights, and responsibilities; sexual misconduct; co-curricular learning opportunities, and campus safety and inclusion. Review progress on achieving strategic goals aimed at enhancing the overall quality of life for students at the University.

In discharging their duties hereunder, the members shall work with the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Vice President for Student Affairs.