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SENATE BILL #2607


TITLE: Updates to the Strategic Partnership
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SPONSORS: Senator Conard, Stromberg, and Delany; College Panhellenic Council; Interfraternity Council



1. WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) Student Government is to serve our fellow students through accurate
3. representation and professional interaction with campus partners; and,
4. WHEREAS, Senate Bill #2522 created a strategic partnership position and established
5. our first partnerships with the Interfraternity (IFC) and College Panhellenic Councils (CPH)
6. in the 2016-2017 academic year; and,
7. WHEREAS, in an attempt to ensure oversight of ASUW funding Senate Bill #2522
8. created arbitrary and cumbersome requirements for partners that did not foster the
9. partnership's growth; and,
10. WHEREAS, after a year of working under the original Strategic Partnership
11. requirements, ASUW has enough feedback from our Strategic Partners to make
12. pragmatic changes that still ensure accountability; and,
13. WHEREAS, an effective partnership is best fostered with regular effective
14. communication, which would be prioritized under these proposed changes;
15. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
16. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW By-Laws, Article VIII be amended to
17. reflect the language in Addendum A.

Referred to: Program and Institutional Development

Date of Passage: 3/20/2018 Signed: 
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on March 22nd, 2018, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action.” 
ASUW President

Addendum A

ARTICLE VIII

Programs, Services and Strategic Partners

- Section 1. All services and programs funded by the ASUW shall be placed in one (1), and only one (1), of the following categories:
- A. High Interaction Governance Groups
 - i. These high interaction governance groups experience a high degree of interaction with students who come before these groups to petition for support of various student needs and concerns.
 - a) ASUW Senate
 - b) All Traditionally Sponsored ASUW Programming
 - c) Freshman Senate (business meetings only)
 - d) Non-Traditional Student Council (business meetings only)
 - e) RSO Funding Board
 - f) Budget and Planning Committee
 - g) Mandatory Student Fee Committee
 - h) United Multicultural Council (business meetings only)
 - ii. No program or service may be classified as a High Interaction Governance Group without meeting all of the criteria specified above or without a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASUW Senate, approval of the Wyoming Union Board and consent of the Vice President of Administration.
 - iii. All Scheduling under this section must be completed through the ASUW Secretary. Any group that chooses to schedule its meetings on its own will be considered part of week three priority scheduling.
 - B. Low Interaction Governance Groups
 - i. These low interaction governance groups provide governance which is either internal to ASUW, require little interaction with the public or both. Because of this, these groups are not to be considered priorities for scheduling during the first run-week one priority scheduling block in the Wyoming Union. These should be encouraged to make use of the ASUW Senate Office for their weekly meetings whenever possible. Groups which choose not to use the senate office are subject to the availability and scheduling policies of all other student groups of the Union Events Office. These include:
 - a. Academics, Technology and Sustainability Committee
 - b. Constitution Committee
 - c. Senate Vacancy Committee and Elections Commission
 - d. Safe Ride Advisory Board
 - e. Steering Committee
 - f. Student Outreach and Policy Committee
 - g. Program and Institutional Development Committee
 - h. Programming Committee
 - C. Other Programs and Services
 - i. The following groups operate either in an advisory capacity to ASUW, have little need for consistence in meeting times and locations, or have available meeting space which they ought to be encouraged to utilize. These include:
 - a. Associated Students Technical Services (ASTEC)

- b. United Multicultural Council
- c. A.L. Lupton Financial Literacy Program
- d. Freshman Senate
- e. Student Legal Services
- f. Non-Traditional Student Council
- g. Honorary Cowboy
- h. WyoVocal

D. Strategic Partnerships

- i. These strategic partners must have direct oversight through an advisor by a staff member of the Dean of Students Office. The advisor's main job must be advising the Strategic Partner's organization and operations. The organization must be student-run, and there must be a direct advantage to both ASUW and the organization throughout the partnership. Strategic Partnerships are not ASUW Programs, and as such they shall not experience oversight by the ASUW Executive Branch, or by the PID Committee. These include:
 - a. Interfraternity Council
 - b. College Panhellenic Council
- ii. A Strategic Partnership may be created by the ASUW Student Government and a Strategic Partner through a letter requesting the creation of a Strategic Partnership. The letter must be submitted to the ASUW President by the President or Student Leader of an organization. A meeting between the ASUW Vice President, ASUW President, and/or the ASUW Director of Programs and Events, or other relevant executive, and the ASUW Advisor and the Strategic Partner's President or Student Leader and advisor must be scheduled within 25 business days. At this meeting the Strategic Partner must show proof of how the organization fits better into a Strategic Partnership than it would in a High Interaction Governance Group. The organization also must have evidence of how the Strategic Partnership aligns with the goals of the ASUW Student Government and how the partnership would benefit both the ASUW Student Government and the Strategic Partner. If at the end of the meeting about the creation of the partnership both parties are in agreement that the partnership is beneficial to both the ASUW Student Government and the organization, legislation should be drafted to amend the list of Strategic Partners within these By-Laws.
- iii. The expectations of the Strategic Partners defined above include:
 - a. The Strategic Partner must follow all rules outlined in the ASUW Finance Policy in regards to any monetary support supplied by the ASUW Student Government.
 - b. The Strategic Partner will use the ASUW sponsored logo on all printed material for public consumption where ASUW funds were used for printing (excluding recruitment and internal meetings). When ASUW and a Strategic Partner collaborate on events both partner logos should appear on printed material. ~~The Strategic Partner will use the ASUW logo on all advertisements (printed and digital) in which ASUW money is involved (this includes but is not limited to printing paid for by ASUW or for the advertisement of events paid for by ASUW)~~
 - e. The Strategic Partner will fill out an event evaluation after every event paid for with money allocated by the ASUW Student Government.
 - c.d. The Strategic Partner will help advertise ASUW elections, vacancies, and ASUW events and initiatives when asked by the ASUW President,

Vice President, Director of Programs and Institutional Development Events or other relevant Executive, ~~or the Chairperson of the Elections Committee.~~

- d. The Strategic Partner and ASUW can cosponsor and collaborate on events when given proper notice.
 - e. The Strategic Partner will fill out a self evaluation and an evaluation of the ASUW Student Government quarterly (due by or before October 15th, December 1st, March 15th, and May 1st) throughout the academic year. Fall semester requirements are as follow:
 - An introductory meeting between ASUW Executives and relevant Strategic Partner leaders. This shall take place in the first three weeks after ASUW Executives are confirmed.
 - The strategic partner will send a memo to the ASUW President and Director of Programs and Events or relevant ASUW Executives five days after the end of the semester.
 - A general update will be given to the Senate by relevant parties as proof the meetings and memos were completed.
 - f. Spring semester requirements are as follow:
 - Another introductory meeting will be held in the first three weeks of the semester, with any new relevant members of ASUW or Strategic Partner Leadership.
 - The strategic partner will send a memo to the ASUW President and Director of Programs and Events or relevant ASUW Executives five days after the end of the semester.
 - A general update will be given to the Senate by relevant parties as proof the meetings and memos were completed.
 - A fiscal report will be submitted to the ASUW President and Director of Programs and Events at the end of the fiscal year detailing how ASUW money was used through the year.
 - h. If there are concerns about an evaluation (either for an event, or a quarterly evaluation), a memo the Strategic Partner's president or student leader and advisor must attend a meeting with the ASUW President, ASUW Vice President, or the ASUW Director of Programs and Institutional Development Events or other relevant Executive in order to discuss the concerns and to create a strategy to remedy further concerns.
- iv. The expectations of the ASUW Student Government in relation to Strategic Partners defined above include:
- a. The ASUW Student Government shall financially support a Strategic Partner as defined by the ASUW Finance Policy.
 - b. The ASUW Student Government will help advertise Strategic Partner's events and initiatives when asked by the Strategic Partner's President or Student Leader.
 - c. If requested by the Strategic Partner, the Director of Programs and Institutional Development Events or other relevant Executive will work together with the President or Student Leader from the Strategic Partner to write legislation.
 - d. ASUW will send a memo to the appropriate Strategic Partner leadership five days after the end of the semester.~~The ASUW Student Government~~

~~will fill out a self-evaluation and an evaluation of the Strategic Partner quarterly (due by or before October 15th, December 1st, March 15th, and May 1st) throughout the academic year.~~

- e. If there are concerns about a quarterly evaluation, the ASUW Vice President, ASUW President, or the ASUW Director of Programs ~~and Institutional Development Events~~ or other relevant Executive, and the ASUW Advisor must attend a meeting with the Strategic Partner's President or Student Leader in order to discuss the concerns and to create a strategy to remedy further concerns.
- v. A Strategic Partnership may be dissolved by the ASUW Student Government or a Strategic Partner through the following steps:
 - a. If the ASUW Student Government wishes to dissolve the partnership: The dissolution of a partnership requires amendment to the list of Strategic Partners in these By-Laws, and the legislation for the dissolution must show proof of a meeting where a concern recognized by a ~~quarterly evaluation memo~~ was discussed and a strategy was developed to remedy further concern. In addition, there must be proof the strategy was not followed, and the concern was not remedied by the Strategic Partner. If a meeting was requested and no response was given within 10 business days, or if the meeting could not be scheduled within 25 business days, or if a meeting was scheduled and the Strategic Partner did not attend then the legislation for the dissolution only needs proof of the concern recognized by a ~~quarterly evaluation memo~~.
 - b. If the Strategic Partner wishes to dissolve the partnership: A letter requesting the dissolution of the partnership must be submitted to the ASUW President. A meeting between the ASUW President, ASUW Vice President, and/or the ASUW Director of Programs and ~~Institutional Development Events~~ or other relevant Executive, and the ASUW Advisor and the Strategic Partner's President or Student Leader and Advisor must be scheduled within 25 business days. At this meeting, the Strategic Partner must show proof of a meeting where a concern recognized by a quarterly evaluation was discussed and a strategy was developed to remedy further concern. In addition, there must be proof the strategy was not followed, and the concern was not remedied by the ASUW Student Government. If a meeting was scheduled or requested of the ASUW by the Strategic Partner, and was not attended or no response to the meeting was answered within 10 business days, then the meeting to request the dissolution only needs proof of the concern recognized by a ~~quarterly evaluation memo~~. If after the end of the meeting about the dissolution of the partnership the Strategic Partner would still like to dissolve the partnership, legislation with amendment to the list of Strategic Partners in these By-Laws will be drafted by the ASUW Executive Branch, student leaders of the Strategic Partner, ASUW Senator, or other fee-paying student. If no meeting about dissolution of the partnership is accepted and scheduled by the ASUW Student Government within 25 business days, legislation with amendment to the list of Strategic Partners in these By-Laws will be drafted by the ASUW Executive Branch, student leaders of the Strategic Partner, ASUW Senator, or other fee-paying student.
 - c. If both the Strategic Partner and ASUW would like to dissolve the partnership for reasons unrelated to meet expectations outlined above:

the dissolution of the partnership will require a two-thirds vote of the current ASUW Senate body. The legislation dissolving the Strategic Partnership shall contain the rationale for the dissolution and must have the Strategic Partner as a sponsor.

E. Priority Scheduling

- i. Because of the highly interactive nature of High Governance Groups and Strategic Partnerships, these groups require consistent public visibility, especially of their meetings times and locations. Therefore, the following groups will be considered to have first priority when the ASUW schedules meeting times and locations with the Union during the first week of priority scheduling. These include in specific order:
 - a. ASUW Senate
 - b. All Traditionally Sponsored ASUW Programming
 - c. Freshman Senate (business meetings only)
 - d. Non-Traditional Student Council (business meetings only)
 - e. Interfraternity Council (business meetings only)
 - f. College Panhellenic Council (business meetings only)
 - g. RSO Funding Board
 - h. Budget and Planning Committee
 - i. Mandatory Student Fee Committee
 - j. United Multicultural Council (business meetings only)
- ii. This privilege will be granted to High Governance Groups and Strategic Partner if they meet the following criteria:
 - a. Meeting times and places must be visible to the student body, and must appear on the Strategic Partner's website as well as on the ASUW website.
 - b. Students must be allowed to request access to a Strategic Partner's meetings if they would like the opportunity to speak to the organization about something pertinent to their agenda or operations. The organization must try to oblige students' requests and provide up to five (5) minutes for the student to speak to the members of the organization. The President or Student Leader of the program may reject a student's request if the student's request is not pertaining to the organization's agenda for that week or the organization's operations, or if the request is deemed inappropriate.

- F. This section shall become effective upon approval of related policy changes to the Wyoming Union Board scheduling policy.

