

SENATE BILL #2672



TITLE: Revision to Senatorial Responsibilities

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SPONSORS: Senators O'Connor and Walls; President Wilkins; Vice President Houghton; Chief of Legislative Affairs Hoversland

1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)
2. Student Government is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,
3. WHEREAS, Senate Bill #2665 approved the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan for Diversity, Equity,
4. and Inclusion for ASUW; and,
5. WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for ASUW outlines
6. strategies that ASUW should take to make the Senate a more diverse and representative
7. body; and,
8. WHEREAS, Senate Bill #2639 revised the ASUW By-Laws to require Senators to complete
9. an ASUW outreach effort; and,
10. WHEREAS, this bill shall revise the By-Laws to make ASUW outreach efforts more specific
11. and in line with the Strategic Plan for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for ASUW according
12. to Addendum B; and,
13. WHEREAS, requiring Senators to do presentations about ASUW elections to students would
14. Encourage more student to run for a seat on the ASUW Senate.
15. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
16. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW By-Laws be amended to reflect the changes in
17. Addendum A; and,
18. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that this bill take effect immediately upon passage.

Referred to: Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Student Outreach and Programming; Steering

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

Section 2.02 The ASUW Senate

4. ASUW Senator Responsibilities

- A. Senators shall attend regularly scheduled meetings of the ASUW Senate, and any special meetings of the ASUW Senate as scheduled by the ASUW Vice President.
- B. Senators shall be allotted a set amount of unexcused absences, as determined by the ASUW Steering Committee.
- C. Senators shall serve on a minimum of two (2) ASUW Standing Committees, or one (1) ASUW Standing Committee and one (1) University Committee.
- D. ASUW Senators shall be required to attend a diversity workshop. This workshop should focus, but is not limited to, the diversity as it pertains to the University of Wyoming to increase awareness and decrease insensitivity towards underrepresented populations throughout campus. This diversity training will be developed by UMC in coordination with the ASUW Vice President. This training will count as one (1) service hours for the period in which it is held.
- E. Senators will be required to accumulate a total of two (2) service hours per service period. Service periods are defined in the following table:

Service Periods

August/September	January/February
October	March/April
November/December	

- F. Service hours can be accumulated through the following means:
 - a. Documented office hour in the ASUW office.
 - b. Documented participation in an ASUW student outreach event.
 - c. Documented attendance or participation in an ASUW funded event.
 - d. Documented volunteering with an ASUW program.
 - e. Documented community service hour as a member of ASUW.
 - f. Documented outreach to RSOs that Senators are not already affiliated with by attending an RSO meeting and sharing the resources ASUW can provide to RSOs to encourage stronger ties between ASUW and RSOs.
 - g. Any other form of service hour, as pre-approved in writing by the ASUW Vice President, with the subsequent approval of the ASUW Steering Committee.
- G. Senators filling a vacancy in the Fall Semester will only be required to accumulate a semester total of three (3) hours for the Fall Semester and four (4) hours in the Spring Semester. Senators filling a vacancy in the Spring Semester will only be required to accumulate a semester total of two (2) hours in the Spring Semester.

- H. Senators filling a vacancy during a Service Period will only be required to accumulate one (1) service hour for that period. If a Senator fills a vacancy within the last five (5) business days of a Service Period, they will not be required to accumulate any service hours for that period.
 - a. Senators filling a vacancy will be required to fulfill requirements for all full service periods for the remainder of the administration.
- I. Appropriate documentation and documentation methods of service hours will be set and managed by the ASUW Vice President, with the subsequent approval of the Steering Committee.
 - a. The decisions of the Vice President regarding exceptions to the listed service hours can be verbally appealed to the Steering Committee at the next regular Steering Committee meeting.
- J. ~~Each Senator shall be required to complete an ASUW outreach effort, to be decided upon annually by the Steering Committee.~~ Each Senator shall be required to complete two (2) ASUW outreach events pertaining to ASUW Elections at least one (1) week before the ASUW Elections applications are due:
 - a. A presentation to one (1) RSO about running for ASUW Student Government AND
 - b. One (1) of the following outreach options about running for ASUW Student Government:
 - i. A presentation in one (1) class in their college
 - ii. Host one (1) informational session for constituents in their college
 - iii. A second RSO presentation
- K. Senators must maintain good academic status in the College or School to which they were elected to represent.
- L. Senators shall pay the ASUW Student fee.
- M. Senators must maintain student enrollment at the University of Wyoming for the duration of their service.

Addendum B

Internal Diversity

Diverse representation

-Baseline: Senate has some diversity, United Multicultural Council (UMC) is an ex-officio, International Students Association (ISA) is an ex-officio, certain multicultural groups do not feel represented by ASUW and/or do not understand the process of running for ASUW

-2023 Target: requirement for Senators to present about elections to RSOs and in classes, increased collaboration on legislation with departments such as Multicultural Affairs, work towards a new executive position for a non-financial focused Director of RSO Relations, more representation of ASUW at non-traditional and international orientations.



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