

SENATE BILL # 2240



TITLE: Amendment to the Rules and Procedures of the Senate: Attendance Policy

DATE: March 9, 2009

AUTHORS: Senator Kinney

SPONSORS: Constitution Committee: Senator Beach, Lewis, MacLellan, Wallace and Weaver

1. WHEREAS, the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) passed Senate Bill 1848 which modified the language of the attendance policy in
3. the ASUW By-laws as follows: "Replace 'No more than three absences shall be permitted
4. before removal from office' with 'Any senator with three or more absences shall appear
5. before the ASUW Steering Committee to determine whether they can continue serving.'"
6. and;
7. WHEREAS, this change was made February 25, 1997 and enacted March 4, 1997; and
8. WHEREAS, the ASUW Senate passed Senate Bill #2163, which modified the language of
9. the attendance policy in the ASUW Rules and Procedures to its current form; and
10. WHEREAS, this change has led to an ineffective system of attendance enforcement, with
11. no discretion left to the ASUW Steering Committee to determine the appropriate remedy for
12. Senators with absences; and
13. WHEREAS, ASUW recognized the inherent difficulties in automatic removal from office in
14. Senate Bill 1848; and
15. WHEREAS, a new system of attendance would increase the accountability of individual
16. senators and increase participation in Senate activities.
17. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the

18. University of Wyoming (ASUW) that Article III, Section 1, of the Rules and Procedures of
19. the Student Senate of the ASUW be stricken and amended to read as described in Addendum
20. A; and
21. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that this change be effective at the beginning of the
22. 2009-2010 Senate term; and
23. THEREFORE, be it further enacted by the Student Senate of the ASUW that this change
24. conform to all necessary formatting and technical requirements of the ASUW Rules and
25. Procedures.

Referred to Constitution Committee and Students Issues Committee

Date of Passage: 04/07/09 Signed: *Jonathan M. Brink*
UNANIMOUSLY

"Being enacted on 4/14/09, I do hereby sign my name hereto and

approve this Senate action." *Felsoey Day*
ASUW President

Addendum A

Article III. Absenteeism

Section 1.

A. Any senator with three (3) absences shall appear before the ASUW Steering Committee to determine whether they are able to continue serving and what remedial actions, if any, should be taken. After three (3) absences, a senator shall appear before the ASUW Steering Committee after each subsequent absence, unless the ASUW Steering Committee finds extraordinary circumstances exist that would justify a waiver of the attendance policy. In such a case, the Steering Committee must make a recommendation to the Senate and a waiver can only be granted upon a vote of the Senate.

B. Remedial actions, should they be found necessary by the ASUW Steering Committee, shall be reported to the Senate at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Remedial actions may include, but are not limited to: time spent in additional committee meetings, time spent in student outreach efforts, or in other projects as assigned by the Steering Committee.

C. The chair of the Steering Committee shall notify the senator in question regarding the Steering Committee's decision immediately following the Steering Committee meeting.

D. The ASUW Steering Committee shall have the power to bring impeachment charges should the Committee find such action necessary and appropriate under the circumstances. No senator shall be removed from the ASUW Senate for absences except through the impeachment process.

E. Committee chairs shall be responsible for taking attendance at their respective committee meetings. A senator who misses two (2) or more committee meetings may be referred by the committee chair to the Steering Committee to add one (1) absence to his or her total number of absences.