



SENATE BILL #2709

TITLE: Finance Policy Edits – Article 3, Section 3.02

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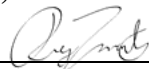
SPONSORS: Student Organization Funding Board

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, the Finance Policy of the ASUW can be convoluted and confusing to students
4. both outside and within the ASUW; and,
5. WHEREAS, the Student Organization Funding Board (SOFB) is not expecting to hear a lot
6. of requests for event funding this semester due to the COVID-19 restrictions set in place on-
7. campus; and,
8. WHEREAS, in an effort to promote transparency and accessibility for the ASUW, the SOFB
9. is working as a committee to balance marketing its services to student organizations to be
10. able to expend the funds allocated to them and updating its internal documents to be more
11. understandable for student organizations and their leaders; and,
12. WHEREAS, minor grammatical edits are necessary to make the working documents of the
13. ASUW professional and comprehensible; and,
14. WHEREAS, updates to policies are needed every so often to reflect the changing times.
15. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
16. (ASUW) Student Government that the Finance Policy be amended to reflect the changes
17. outlined in Addendum A; and,
18. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes take effect immediately upon passage
19. of this bill.

Referred to: Budget and Planning; Student Organization Funding Board

Date of Passage: 10/6/2020 **Signed:** 

(ASUW Chairperson)

**“Being enacted on 10/6/2020, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action.”** 

ASUW President

Addendum A

Article 1. ASUW SO FUNDING BOARD AUTHORITY AND GUIDELINES

Section 1.02 General Application Procedure for Programmed Events

1. Application forms for ASUW funding for ~~Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs)~~SOs shall be made available online.
2. Only currently registered RSOs may seek funding for activities and programs ~~and/or registration fees~~ by submitting an application to the RSO Funding Board.
 - A. For events sponsored by multiple RSOs, a single request ~~by one RSO must be submitted to the RSO Funding Board.~~ must be submitted to the SO Funding Board, accompanied with multiple budget sheets, one for each SO sponsoring the event.
- ~~3. RSOs may only receive ASUW funding from the RSO Funding Board.~~
- ~~4. A RSO must attend an Event Planning Session prior to applying for funding.~~
- ~~5.3.~~ RSOs may only receive funding when the program or activity is open to the entire student population and has a valid educational and/or enrichment purpose.
- ~~6. Activities sponsored by RSOs shall have a valid educational and/or enrichment purpose.~~
- ~~7. Benefits available to a significant and diverse population of the ASUW membership shall be an important factor when considering requests for financing activities or events sponsored by RSOs.~~
- ~~8.4.~~ The RSO shall submit ~~the completed application to the ASUW Business Office~~an application request to UW Connect 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 ~~and~~ 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.~~
 - A. Exceptions to this rule for requests under \$3,500.00 shall be at the discretion of the ASUW RSO Funding Board.
 - B. 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.
 1. RSOs may appeal the denial of funding based on a failure to meet the deadline through the appeal processes outlined under Article 5.
- ~~9.5.~~ The RSO Funding Board shall meet and consider requests no less than one scheduled school day before the ASUW Senate meets, with the exception of University observed holidays.
 - A. The deadline for RSO Funding Board applications to be heard at the following meeting of the SO Funding Board shall be no less than twofive business days

before ~~that semester's announced meeting time~~ regular meeting time of the ASUW Senate.

~~10.6.~~ If the event includes a speaker or performer a contractual agreement must be completed in the ~~Campus Activities Center~~ Student Organizations and Entertainment office 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.

~~11.7.~~ A representative from the ~~RSO~~ shall be contacted and required to attend a ~~RSO~~ Funding Board meeting to present the funding request.

~~A. 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 RSO 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.~~

~~12.8.~~ 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.

~~13.9.~~ The approved request shall be returned to the ASUW Business Office for implementation. The representative from the ~~RSO~~ shall meet with the ~~program advisor~~ relevant executive and the ASUW Business Office within one (1) week following approval to complete the process.

~~14.10.~~ 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.

~~15.11.~~ The availability of outside funding shall be considered and discussed before the ~~RSO~~ Funding Board grants requests. ~~ASUW funds will not be granted when other such funding sources have not been explored and it is determined those sources are available and/or appropriate.~~

~~16.12.~~ ~~Previous allocations for the same or similar activity or program shall not be binding on the consideration of a current request. However, information gained from past activities may be utilized in judging the value of the request.~~