



SENATE BILL #2718

TITLE: Creation of the ASUW Safety and Wellness Special Committee

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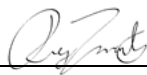
SPONSORS: Senators Wilkins and Pierson; First-Year Senator Girones

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 #2626 established the Rave Guardian Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee
4. to address students' safety concerns; and,
5. WHEREAS, at the end of the 107th administration it was determined that funding the Rave
6. Guardian app was no longer a good use of student fee dollars due to low download rates and
7. issues with the app; and,
8. WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has greatly exacerbated levels of stress, financial
9. issues, and safety concerns for many students and employees across the University of
10. Wyoming campus; and,
11. WHEREAS, addressing issues of safety and wellness that impact student well-being would
12. be an extremely efficacious way of allowing ASUW to serve our fellow students; and,
13. WHEREAS, the creation of an ASUW Safety and Wellness Committee would allow a
14. vehicle for ASUW to provide the community with education and resources to promote
15. wellness practices that enhance health and safety; and,
16. WHEREAS, this committee could also help continue to address serious concerns regarding
17. safety and wellness that ASUW has gotten involved with in the past, including food
18. insecurity and awareness of sexual misconduct on campus; and,
19. WHEREAS, bringing these topics together for one committee to address, with input from

20. other campus resources such as the Wellness Center, the No More Committee, and the
21. University Counseling Center, would also allow for a more cohesive, unified, and effective
22. approach to address such topics in the future.
23. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
24. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW By-Laws be amended to reflect the changes
25. outlined in Addendum A; and,
26. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these amendments take effect immediately upon
27. passage of this bill.

Referred to: Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Program and Institutional Development;
Steering

Date of Passage: November 3, 2020 **Signed:** 
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on November 3, 2020, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action.” 
ASUW President

Addendum A

12. Special Committees

F. The ASUW Safety and Wellness Committee:

- a. Purpose: The Committee shall serve as a means by which the ASUW shall seek to provide the community with education and resources to promote wellness practices that enhance health and safety. The Committee shall work to advocate to promote the safety and wellness of all students. The Committee shall have the responsibility to investigate said issues and will represent students when ways of addressing issues concerning student safety and wellness are being devised across campus.
- b. Powers: The Committee shall serve as a forum and liaison to the Senate for any individual student, group of students, or other university body who have a concern about student safety or welfare. The Committee's powers shall include, but are not limited to, the ability to investigate student issues, meet with university administrators, officials, and personnel, draft legislation and make appropriate recommendations to the ASUW Senate regarding student issues and concerns, and represent the safety and wellness needs of students during the policy-making process. The Committee also has the power to put on related programming and events pertaining to students' safety and wellbeing.
- c. Composition: The ASUW Safety and Wellness Committee shall be composed of three (3) ASUW Senators, and three (3) Students-at-Large appointed by the ASUW Vice President. The ASUW Vice President shall appoint an ASUW executive to serve as chairperson of the committee. The University Counseling Center, the Wellness Center, the No More Committee, the Students for Sensible Drug Policy student organization, and other related organizations as they arise and evolve shall serve as ex-officios on the committee. The ASUW Vice President may appoint ASUW executives to serve as ex-officios on the committee.