



**SENATE BILL #2726**

**TITLE:** Special Projects Allocations for Fiscal Year 2021

**DATE INTRODUCED:** November 24, 2020

**AUTHOR:** Senator Doran and Chief of Legislative Affairs Swilling

**SPONSORS:** The ASUW Budget and Planning Committee

1. WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) Student Government to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,
3. WHEREAS, the ASUW Student Government Budget and Planning Committee allocated
4. \$100,000.00 to be spent in the Fiscal Year 2021 pursuant to the Special Projects Endowment
5. and its governing language; and,
6. WHEREAS, the ASUW Finance Policy states, “the ASUW Special Project Endowment
7. may be used for one-time projects that will benefit a large population [of students] for
8. several years”; and,
9. WHEREAS, the ASUW Budget and Planning Committee accepted applications,
10. reviewed and assessed the viability of each, and determined which proposals met the
11. specific guidelines set forth; and,
12. WHEREAS, the ASUW Budget and Planning Committee received \$190,432.09 in
13. application requests; and,
14. WHEREAS, pursuant to the ASUW Finance Policy, Special Project allocations and
15. announcements thereof need to be made prior to the conclusion of the fall semester; and,
16. WHEREAS, the Committee met extensively to determine which proposals would be the best
17. use of funds; and,
18. WHEREAS, the committee’s rationale and a brief explanation of each project is outlined in

19. Addendum A.

20. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming

21. (ASUW) Student Government that \$100,000.00 be allocated from the Special Projects

22. Endowment and its corresponding line in the Fiscal Year 2021 budget as outlined in

23. Addendum A.

**Referred to:** Budget and Planning; Program and Institutional Development

**Date of Passage:** December 1, 2020 **Signed:** 

(ASUW Chairperson)

**“Being enacted on** December 1, 2020**, I do hereby sign my name hereto and**

**approve this Senate action.”** 

ASUW President

## Addendum A

	A	B	C	D	E
1	<b>SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>FY2021</b>			
2			<b>Requested</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Denied</b>
3					
4	ENDOWMENTS			100,000	
5				<b>100,000</b>	<b>-</b>
6					
7	Student Ombudsman Office Equip		4,000	4,000	-
8	Campus Rec-ViPR Pro		6,005	6,005	-
9				-	-
10	West Thunder Marching Band Instruments		47,012	24,942	22,070
11	DSS Testing Office		54,720	4,220	50,500
12	Washakie Meal Swipes		27,000	24,100	2,900
13	Menstrual Product Dispensers		7,488	7,488	0
14	Outdoor Program Transcievers		4,245	4,245	-
15	DSS Telepresence Robots		10,000	3,000	7,000
16	ACRES Potato Digger		6,000	6,000	-
17				-	-
18	Honors College Bike Rack		5,200	5,200	-
19	Union Touchless Water Fountains		10,800	10,800	-
20					-
21					
22	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$182,470.09</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>\$82,470.09</b>

### **Applicant: Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, and the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion have partnered to develop an Office of the Student Ombudsman. This new office will comprise two personnel, the Student Ombudsman and a Graduate Administrative Assistant, and will have its administrative home in the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The Office of the Student Ombudsman will assist students with conflict resolution and will provide impartial assistance to students needing help navigating university policy, procedures and complaint processes. They

have requested \$4,000 in order to help with start-up costs associated with office. These funds will be spent on:

Item(s)	Cost
HP ProDesk 600 SFF (x2)	\$1,304
HP keyboard (x2)	\$46
HP SB mouse (x2)	\$34
HP E273 monitor (x3)	\$819
HP 1202nw printer/scanner (x2)	\$642
HP ProBook 640 laptop (x1)	\$832
Misc. office equipment	\$342
TOTAL Requested	
=	\$4,000

**Applicant: Campus Recreation – Fitness**

Campus recreation has requested \$6,005 in funding to purchase 30 ViPR Pros as a new piece of fitness equipment. The acronym ViPR (pronounced Viper) stands for Vitality, Performance, and Reconditioning. It is a revolutionary piece of fitness equipment in the form of a rubber tube of various weights with handles incorporated into the body from which users can lift, drag, swing, carry, or hold. The movements that these pieces of equipment promote lead to strong, robust, mobile, athletic, and injury-resistant bodies. The majority of these pieces of equipment would be incorporated into group fitness programming classes, and a few would be placed in the general workout area in order to draw attention to these classes.

**Applicant: Western Thunder Marching Band**

The University of Wyoming's Western Thunder Marching Band requested \$47,012 dollars in order to purchase a variety of instruments for members of the band to play. Currently, most students are expected to purchase or rent their own instruments. Allowing the band to purchase instruments for student use would allow less economically well-off students to be free from the stress of having to pay for their own instrument, and would allow the band to achieve a more consistent sound when playing.

**Applicant: Disability Support Services**

DSS requested funds to establish a testing center that could potentially help all students on campus at some point in their college career. The funds would be for renovation, operating, and IT expenses. The committee agreed that we could not fund their request in full, but we were able to supply them with the \$4,220 that would purchase 5 camera monitoring systems and the associated licenses. We are working with Disability Support Services to find potential other areas of funding for the rest of their project expenses.

**Applicant: Sustainability Coalition**

The Sustainability Coalition requested \$27,000 in funding in order to establish a meal swipe sharing pilot program in spring 2021. Meal swipe sharing programs support students experiencing food insecurity by creating a pool or bank of shared meal swipes for these students to access. The Sustainability Coalition has developed the framework necessary to support a long-term meal swipe sharing program based out of Washakie Dining Center. These funds would assist with the purchasing of 2,000 meal swipes and the associated advertising costs.

**Applicant: ASUW Vice President Titus and ASUW Senator Wilkins**

Vice President Titus and Senator Wilkins requested \$7,488 in funding in order to expand on their pilot project providing cost-free menstrual product dispensers across some major hubs on campus. This project began last year and has provided these free products to students through spring and fall 2020. Based off of survey data they were able to gather, the project was very well received by students on campus, and many hoped this program would expand to more places on campus. The \$7,488 dollars they have requested would allow for the purchasing and installation of 18 more menstrual product dispenser to be placed in a variety of places across campus.

**Applicant: Campus Recreation – Outdoor Program**

The outdoor program has requested \$4,245 dollars in funding in order to purchase 20 Backcountry Access Trackers, which would be available for students to rent. The Backcountry Access Trackers, also known as avalanche transceivers, are specialized pieces of equipment designed to allow a person to be easily located in the event of an avalanche through emission of a continuous radio signal. The current supply of avalanche transceivers that the Outdoor Program

rents out is now ten years old, and it is time to retire them in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation. These funds would allow them to purchase a new supply.

**Applicant: Office of Student Success and Graduation**

The Office of Student Success and Graduation had requested \$10,000 in order to purchase three telepresence robots. These robots would provide a person with remote control via a device, allowing them to feel or appear to be present in a location without the need to be physically there. They have great potential to be used in the office of Disability Support Services to help with testing accommodations and to promote student sense of belonging and connection. However, given that there is no history of the efficacy of these robots, the committee approved funds to purchase only one. This could be used as an initial trial run, and more funds could be provided at a later date if the project is successful.

**Applicant: ACRES Student Farm**

ACRES student farm is requesting \$6,000 to purchase a potato digging attachment for their tractor. Currently, ACRES primarily grows leafy greens and other vegetables that are easy to harvest with their limited supply of labor and time. However, these easy-to-harvest vegetables are neither calorie dense nor shelf-stable, which makes it difficult for ACRES to meaningfully contribute to combating student food insecurity at the University of Wyoming. In order for ACRES to grow highly productive and calorie dense foods, like potatoes, they need to be able to harvest them efficiently with a limited source of labor. This potato digging attachment would allow them to do that.

**Applicant: Honors College**

The Honors College is requesting \$5,200 in funds in order to install a bike rack on the Guthrie House front lawn. Currently the bike rack in the Guthrie House is old, unsecured, and user-unfriendly. It is located in the back yard, which is difficult to access due to cramped conditions. A new bike rack would allow students and visitors to more easily access the Guthrie House while also promoting sustainable forms of travel.

**Applicant: Jeremy Davis**

Jeremy Davis is requesting \$10,800 in funds in order to install four drinking fountains with touchless bottle fillers in the Wyoming Union. . Unlike most prominent campus buildings, the Wyoming Union does not have any touchless water fountains or fillings stations. In spring of 2020, funding was made available to upgrade two drinking faucets to touchless bottle fillers. They have requested funding to upgrade the four remaining drinking fountains.