



**SENATE BILL #2736**

**TITLE:** Revisions to the ASUW By-Laws – Article 2, Section 2.01 and Section 2.02 Subsections 1-3

**DATE INTRODUCED:** March 9, 2021

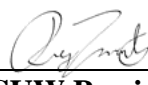
**AUTHOR:** Chief of Legislative Affairs Swilling

**SPONSORS:** Senators Anderson, Knight, and Wilkins

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 By-Laws of the ASUW have multiple grammatical and formatting issues;
4. and,
5. WHEREAS, minor grammatical edits are necessary to make the working documents of the
6. ASUW professional and comprehensible; and,
7. WHEREAS, it is important to update working documents periodically so they reflect
8. changes that occur over time.
9. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
10. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW By-Laws be amended to reflect the changes
11. outlined in Addendum A; and,
12. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes take effect immediately upon passage
13. of this bill.

**Referred to:** Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Steering

**Date of Passage:** March 16, 2021 **Signed:**   
(ASUW Chairperson)

**“Being enacted on** March 16, 2021**, I do hereby sign my name hereto and**  
**approve this Senate action.”**   
**ASUW President**

## Addendum A

### Article 2. Legislative Branch

#### Section 2.01 ASUW Vice President

##### 1. Responsibilities and Authorities

- A. The Vice President shall ~~work with the Executive staff and to~~ organize and coordinate all ASUW committees.
- B. The Vice president shall serve as chairperson of the ASUW Senate. They ~~may~~ shall not participate in debate unless they first relinquish the chair to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, or, in the event of the absence of the President Pro <sup>[AVP1]</sup> Tempore of the Senate, to another Senate Officer.
- C. The Vice President may only vote ~~on a matter~~ in the event of a tie.
- D. The Vice President shall administer the oath of office to all ASUW Senate members.
- E. The Vice President shall be present during the summer for participation in the ASUW vice presidential internship.

##### 2. Executive Assistants

- A. With the advice and approval of the ASUW Legislative Branch, the Vice President may appoint one (1) executive ~~assistant~~ to assist with the Vice President's responsibilities.

##### 3. Powers of Appointment

- A. The Vice President, with the advice of the President and the consent of the ASUW Senate, shall appoint and may remove for cause, all members of ~~the~~ ASUW Standing and Special Committees. Except in extenuating circumstances, all senatorial positions on ASUW Standing committees shall be presented for approval to the ASUW Senate ~~for~~ no later than twenty-one (21) days after the first day of class of the ~~f~~all semester of the term. Committee vacancies occurring after the initial approval may be filled by the Vice President without Senate approval. Other positions shall be filled as time permits.  
~~B.~~

##### 4. Positions

- A. The ASUW Vice President shall serve as:
  - a. Chairperson of the ASUW Steering Committee, without vote except in the case of a tie.
  - ~~b. A voting member of the Wyoming Union Board.~~ <sup>[AVP2]</sup>
  - b. A member of any University Board or Committee as requested by any department head or administrator of the University community.
  - c. Co-chairperson of the ASUW Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review Committee, without vote.
  - d. The co-coordinator of the UW Food Security Task Force. The ASUW executive member tasked with ensuring the wellbeing of students shall fill this position when they are able. The ASUW Vice President

will fill this role when this executive position is not hired, not available, and/or still in training. The ASUW Vice President shall have the right to appoint a designee not listed herein to serve as the ASUW representative on the leadership team as needed.

~~E.E.~~ The ASUW representative on the Student Involvement and Leadership Council. The Vice President shall have the right to appoint an ASUW executive to act as their designee. --

## 5. Compensation

- A. The ASUW Vice President shall be provided with compensation commensurate with the duties of their office, and not to be increased or decreased during their term of office.

## Section 2.02 The ASUW Senate

### 1. Responsibilities and Authorities

A. The ASUW Senate shall directly represent the students of the University of Wyoming in the best manner possible. ~~by ensuring the efficient, responsible, and coordinated functioning of student life and ASUW activities at the University, through the enactment of legislation in the form of bills or resolutions.~~

A.B. The ASUW Senate shall have the power to enact legislation in the form of bills or resolutions in order to best serve the students of the University of Wyoming.

B.C. It shall have the authority to assume whatever responsibilities it deems necessary to fulfill its obligations to the students.

C.D. It shall have the authority to recommend to the Trustees the needed amount of ASUW fees to be assessed of all fee-paying students for financial support of ASUW sponsored programs and activities.

D.E. In accordance with applicable University regulations, the provisions of the Constitution, and the ASUW Finance Policy, the ASUW Senate shall have the authority to annually allocate all ASUW funds ~~monies~~ received through student registration fees.

E.F. It shall have the authority and responsibility to develop standards of good practice for sponsorship or financial support from ASUW.

F.G. The Senate shall have the responsibility to establish an enduring Finance Policy to include restrictions and procedures for utilization of ASUW funds ~~monies~~ in the best interest of the ASUW's purposes.

G.H. It shall have the authority to appoint and direct such special committees to study or investigate any issue of concern to the ASUW Senate in fulfilling its responsibilities for the University students. ~~;~~ Ssuch committees shall serve only during the Senate term in which they are appointed.

H.I. It shall approve; or reject by a two-thirds (2/3) vote; any of the ASUW

President's appointees or ASUW representatives to fill student held positions on University committees and boards.

~~I.J.~~ It shall approve, or reject by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, any of the ASUW Vice

President's appointees to ASUW standing and special committees.

~~J.K.~~ The Senate shall have the power to move into Executive Session regarding matters that concerning all paid employees of ASUW with the exception of the ASUW President and Vice President; ~~or those concerning that concern~~ matters of legal affairs brought by or against ASUW, or for any other such reason that the Senate may deem it necessary. When moving into Executive session only voting members of the Senate, ~~the ASUW Secretary, or the relevant position~~ member of the ASUW who is tasked with keeping the minutes for the meeting, and the ASUW Chairperson shall be allowed to stay; unless otherwise specifically stated in the motion. The Senate shall reconvene into open session to take any formal action on discussion from Executive Session.

## 2. Oath of Office

- A. Each ASUW Senator and Officer shall take the following oath before being sworn into office: "I, (full name), do affirm before these assembled witnesses that, to the best of my ability, I will faithfully perform the duties of my office, and that I will support and uphold the Constitution and By-Laws of the ASUW."

## 3. Legislative Override

- A. Any action on a current bill or resolution will override previous Senate action on the same subject matter. Any legislation previously enacted by the ASUW Senate shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the ASUW Senate repeals or amends such prior actions, or the legislation expires of its own accord, ~~except~~ Prior actions of the ASUW Senate ~~which~~ shall automatically be considered superseded; if inconsistent with these By-Laws, the Rules and Procedures, the Finance Policy, or the Constitution.