



SENATE BILL #2749

TITLE: Post-Election Revisions to the ASUW Elections Policy

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AUTHOR: Senator St. Marie

SPONSORS: The ASUW Elections Committee

1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) Student Government is to serve our fellow students in the best manner
3. possible; and,
4. WHEREAS, updates to the ASUW Elections Policy are necessary to optimize and
5. improve the ASUW Elections; and,
6. WHEREAS, the election of the 109th Administration of the ASUW Student Government
7. identified many improvements that needed to be made to the ASUW Elections Policy;
8. and,
9. WHEREAS, the changes to Article 5 of the ASUW By-Laws as shown in Addendum A
10. will clarify the elections rules and processes; and,
11. WHEREAS, changes made throughout Addendum A will address inconsistencies
12. between the ASUW By-Laws, the ASUW Constitution and UW Regulations; and,
13. WHEREAS, the changes to Section 5.01 and Section 5.02 clarify the duties of the
14. Elections Committee and the ASUW Advisor while also reflecting current
15. practices.
16. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
17. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW By-Laws be amended to reflect the
18. changes in Addendum A; and,
19. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes take effect immediately upon

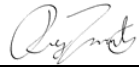
20. passage of this bill.

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

Date of Passage: April 27, 2021 **Signed:** 

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on April 27, 2021, I do hereby sign my name hereto

and approve this Senate action.” 

ASUW President

Addendum A

Article 5. Elections Policy

Section 5.01 ASUW Elections Committee

1. Responsibilities and Authorities

- A. The Elections Committee shall annually prescribe and disseminate to all official candidates in the ASUW General Elections the Elections Code. The Elections Code must be approved by the ASUW Senate before the conclusion of the fall semester and will include but is not limited to:
 - a. All election and associated dates will be determined by the Committee to fit the current academic calendar following the guidelines set forth in this article.
 - b. Campaigning and publicity rules which shall be established by the Elections Committee.
 - c. Seat allocation will be calculated by the Committee with the help of the ASUW Advisor using the methods described by Article 2 Section 2.02 subsection 6 of the ASUW By-Laws and in Article VI Section 1 of the ASUW Constitution. The calculations and results of the seat allocation must be included in the Elections Code.
 - d. The Elections Committee will be allowed to determine the amount of funds included in the candidate printing fund and they will determine the amount of money each candidate will be eligible for.
 - e. Any other information deemed relevant to elections by the Committee.
- B. Applications, financial expense report forms, and the Elections Code shall be provided by the Elections Committee and be made available to all ASUW members by 9:00 a.m. on a school day selected by the Committee before the fourth (4th) week of the spring semester.
- C. The Committee shall, host a minimum of two (2) general information sessions between the date that applications are available and the time applications are due. These sessions must be open to the campus; style and programming will be at the discretion of the Committee.
- D. The results of the voting in each election, including the number of votes received by each candidate, shall be released by the Committee after they have been announced by the ASUW Advisor.
- E. The Committee along with the ASUW Advisors are authorized to determine the software needed to conduct voting and to count all ballots of the elections according to Instant-Runoff Voting.
- F. The Committee will work in collaboration with the ASUW Advisor to ensure that all candidates adhere to all rules outlined in both this Article and the Elections Code.
- G. The Chair of the Committee will be Responsible for communicating all official elections information through the ASUW Elections email.
- H. Other responsibilities and authorities of the Elections Committee are outlined throughout this Article.

2. Composition

- A. The Chair of the Elections Committee cannot run for any position in the General Election they are overseeing.
 - a. Should the Chair of the Committee decide to run for a Senate position they can remain Chair with the approval of the ASUW Senate before the filing deadline. This approval will require a 4/5 vote of confidence by the Senate.
- B. No member of the Committee can run for President or Vice President in the General Election.
- C. If a member of the Committee wishes to declare their candidacy for President or Vice President, they must resign as a member of the Committee in order to officially declare their candidacy before filing closes.

Section 5.02 ASUW Advisor

1. Responsibility and Authority

- A. The ASUW Advisor can delegate any of their responsibilities within this Article to the Chair of the Elections Committee or to any members of the ASUW Business Office who are not running in the ASUW Election. If the ASUW Advisor position is vacant, the members of the ASUW Business Office will assume the responsibilities outlined for the ASUW Advisor.
- B. The ASUW Advisor along with the Elections Committee is authorized to determine the software needed to count all ballots of the elections according to Instant-Runoff Voting.
- C. The ASUW Advisor will be responsible for compiling the list of eligible voters prior to the opening of voting.
- D. The ASUW Advisor shall ensure that no speech, advertisement, or any other related activity pertaining to the current election and its respective races occurs inside the ASUW Office or at official ASUW functions, other than those sponsored and conducted by the Elections Committee.
- E. The ASUW Advisor will work in collaboration with the Elections Committee to ensure that all candidates adhere to the Elections Code.
- F. All votes will be counted, tabulated, and announced by the ASUW Advisor following the procedures outlined in Section 5.03 of this Article .
- G. The ASUW Advisor will be responsible for hosting the candidate workshop to explain the elections rules on the date applications are due at a time and place to be announced by the ASUW Elections Committee.
- H. The ASUW Advisor will be responsible for enforcing any sanctions put on candidates by the Judicial Council.
- I. Other responsibilities and authorities of the ASUW Advisor are outlined throughout this Article.

Section 5.03 Process for the General Elections

1. Applications:

- A. Applications will be created by the Elections Committee and monitored by the ASUW Advisor.
 - B. Applications will be made available to all ASUW members no sooner than the start date of the spring semester as outlined by the Office of Academic Affairs.
 - C. The filing deadline for all applications will be no later than 4:30 p.m. on a date that is no less than three (3) weeks following the release of the applications.
 - D. All candidates who submit applications after the filing deadline will be considered write-in candidates.
 - E. All dates related to the applications will be decided by the Elections Committee and must be included in the Elections Code.
2. Candidate Workshop
- A. The candidate workshop will be scheduled, planned, and hosted by the ASUW Advisor and will be used to explain the elections, process, rules, and dates to all candidates.
 - B. All candidates will be required to attend the candidate workshop. Candidates who are unable to attend the workshop must inform the ASUW Advisor prior to the workshop and will be required to attend a makeup session.
 - C. The candidate workshop will be held after the filing deadline on the same day.
3. Ballots
- A. The names listed on the ballot will include all qualified President and Vice President tickets and all qualified Senate candidates. The names of write-in candidates will not be included on the ballot.
 - B. The ballot will include an appropriate photo and statement submitted by each candidate. The length of the candidate statements will be set by the Elections Committee and must be included in the Elections Code. Photos will be deemed appropriate at the discretion of the Elections Committee and the ASUW Advisor.
 - C. The order of candidates on the primary and general ballots will be determined by a random drawing conducted by the ASUW Advisor as soon as possible.
 - D. All voting will be conducted using electronic online ballots.
 - a. The use of alternative voting methods is permitted and will be developed by the ASUW Advisor and the Elections Committee and use of such methods will be at the discretion of the ASUW Advisor.
 - E. Should an initiative be included on the ballot it must follow the procedures outlined in Section 5.07.
4. Elections
- A. Each ASUW Election, including special elections, will be given an election number. The election number is the same as the number of the administration being elected. If a special election is called the special election will use the current administration number followed by an upper-case letter S to denote a special election. The ASUW Election Number can be used in any election specific documents and must be used for referendum votes as outlined in Section 5.07 of this Article. For example, the election of the one hundred and eighth (108th) Administration of the ASUW Student Government has the election number 108 and could be written as the 108th ASUW Election.
 - B. The elections will be held no less than four (4) weeks after the filing deadline and the elections end date must allow for at least one (1) regular senate meeting to be

held before the spring semester finish date as outlined by the Office of the Registrar.

- C. The Elections Committee shall make an effort to provide a two (2) week transition period between administrations.
- D. Thirty-two (32) total Senators will be elected. These seats will be divided among each college and degree granting program as stipulated by Article 2, Section 2.02, subsection 6 of these By-Laws and Article VI, Section 1 of the Constitution.

5. Voting Methods

- A. Any ASUW member will be permitted to vote at any polling place or by voting online.
- B. Voting must be open between sixty-five (65) and ninety (90) hours.
- C. Voting will be conducted according to the principles of Instant-Runoff Voting and thus voters will rank their preferences of candidates from first to last.
 - a. The procedures for Instant-Runoff Voting, also known as the Alternative Vote or Preferential Voting, is described in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised in Chapter XIII §45. 11th edition, 2011, p. 425-28.
- D. The candidates for ASUW elective office who are not eliminated after the Instant-Runoff shall be declared the winners of those positions. An Instant-Runoff will be run until the number of candidates matches the number of apportioned seats of a degree-granting program, and the number of winning candidates shall not exceed the number of apportioned seats of any degree-granting program.
 - a. In the event that there were no candidates for a given elective office, the individual with the greatest number of legitimate write-in votes shall be declared the winner. Otherwise, the vacancy procedure outlined in Article 4, Section 4.02 of these By-Laws will be used.
- E. Voters will only be allowed to vote in the senate election in their college or school, in the President/Vice President Election, and for ballot initiatives.
- F. Voters who are in the Exploratory Studies Program will vote for candidates in the College of Arts & Sciences.
- G. Voters with more than one major will only be allowed to vote in their primary college, as documented by the Registrar.
- H. Each voter may rank up to, but not exceeding, the number of Senate seats allotted to their college (as outlined Article 2, Section 2.02, subsection 6 of these By-Laws and Article VI, Section 1 of the Constitution), including write-in candidates.
- I. Polling places will be considered as any computer station set up by the ASUW Elections Committee for the purpose of voting, and any other locations determined as polling areas by the Elections Committee.
 - a. Other polling stations will be clearly identified, and all candidates will be informed of what constitutes such polling areas.
 - b. Personal internet connected devices such as, phones, tablets, calculators, computers are not typically considered as a polling place unless they are being used within a predefined polling area.

6. Results

- A. Voting results shall be tabulated by the ASUW Advisor using the method they deem most efficient and effective.

- B. No voting information shall be available until the ASUW Advisor has finished tabulating all ballots. With the approval of the ASUW Advisor, the Elections Committee can publish current vote tallies up to twenty-four (24) hours before voting closes.
 - C. The results of voting in each election shall be announced by the ASUW Advisor at a location chosen by the Elections Committee within twenty-four (24) hours of when the elections results are available.
 - D. Any write-in candidate or ticket who wins an election must fulfil the write-in candidate requirements outlined in Section 5.04 subsection 3 and must abide by the campaign rules outlined in Section 5.05.
 - E. The order of replacement seats in the case of a resignation in the Senate shall be determined by reverse order of elimination from the election.
7. Financial Expense Reports:
- A. The Financial Expense Report Form will be provided by Elections Committee on the same date applications are made available.
 - B. The Financial Expense Reports are an itemized statement of expenses incurred during a candidate's or ticket's campaign, and must include the following criteria:
 - a. Items or services that are donated to the candidate must be included in the expense statement at retail value. All copying and printing costs (including those made in University labs or on personal printers) must be included.
 - b. Receipts for all expenditures must be attached to the expense statement. If for any reason a receipt is unavailable, the candidate must note the lack of receipt on the expense statement. If the exact amount for expenditures is not known, candidates are expected to accurately estimate the cost involved.
 - C. The submission deadline for Financial Expense Reports shall be determined by the Elections Committee on a date that is at least three (3) days prior to the inauguration of the incoming administration.

Section 5.04 Candidate Requirements

- 1. Senator Candidates
 - A. A candidate for Senator must meet the following requirements:
 - a. They must be a full-time ASUW fee paying student and maintain this status.
 - b. They must have and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average as an undergraduate and a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average as a graduate or professional student or a 2.0 if the program does not require it.
 - c. They must have completed no less than twenty-four (24) hours of university credit at the beginning of the academic year of their term of office as an undergraduate student, or eighteen (18) hours as a graduate or professional student.

- d. They must have completed no less than twelve (12) of those hours at the University of Wyoming as an undergraduate student, or nine (9) hours as a graduate or professional student at the University of Wyoming.
 - e. They must submit an application by the required deadline (as outlined in Article 5, Section 5.01, subsection 1, Clause A of these By-Laws) provided by the Elections Committee.
 - f. They cannot be a currently serving member of the ASUW Judicial Council. In the event that an individual who wishes to declare their candidacy for Senator and is currently serving as the ASUW Chief Justice or a Justice, they must resign as a member of the ASUW Judicial Council in order to officially declare their candidacy when filing closes.
 - B. The ASUW Advisor will automatically verify that all candidates are not on Conduct Probation as assigned by the Assistant Dean of Students for Judicial Affairs or designee in the Dean of Students Office. If a candidate is on Conduct Probation, they will be ineligible for the election. All candidates for Senator will run individually.
 - C. Senate candidates shall not be allowed to change the college for which they wish to run after the final filing date of their application. If Senate candidates wish to change colleges after the submission of their application, they shall be required to run as a write-in candidate for their respective new college.
- 2. President and Vice President Candidates
 - A. Both candidates on a ticket for ASUW President and Vice President must meet the following requirements:
 - a. They must be a full-time ASUW fee paying student and maintain this status.
 - b. They must have and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average as an undergraduate and a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average as a graduate or professional student or a 2.0 if the program does not require it.
 - c. They must submit an application by the required deadline (as outlined in Article 5, Section 5.01, subsection 1, Clause A of these By-Laws) provided by the Elections Committee.
 - d. They must have completed no less than sixty (60) hours of university credit by June 10 of the calendar year in which they were elected as an undergraduate student, or, as a graduate or professional student, they must have completed no less than eighteen (18) hours of university credit by June 10 of the calendar year in which they were elected.
 - e. They must have completed no less than twenty-four (24) of those hours as an undergraduate student, or eighteen (18) hours as a graduate or professional student at the University of Wyoming.
 - f. They cannot be a currently serving member of the ASUW Judicial Council or the ASUW Elections Committee. In the event that an individual who wishes to declare their candidacy or is currently serving in one of these capacities, they must resign as a member of the ASUW Judicial Council or the ASUW Elections Committee in order to officially declare their candidacy when filing closes.

- g. The ASUW Advisor will automatically verify that all candidates are not on Conduct Probation as assigned by the Assistant Dean of Students for Judicial Affairs or designee in the Dean of Students Office. If a candidate is on Conduct Probation, they will be ineligible for the election.
 - B. Candidates for President and Vice President will run jointly on a combined ticket. Students will not be able to vote for a President and Vice President individually but must instead vote for a ticket. All election rules will apply jointly to candidates for President and Vice President running on the same ticket.
 - C. Candidates for President and Vice President who wish to be eligible as candidates for Senator must submit a separate application (by the required deadline as outlined in Article 5, Section 5.01, subsection 1, Clause A of these By-Laws) to run for Senate.
- 3. Write-in Candidates
 - A. Write-in Candidates must fulfill the same candidate requirements as all other Senate and President and Vice President candidates.
 - B. All candidates who submit applications after the filing deadline will be considered write-in candidates.
 - C. If a write-in candidate would like to be eligible to campaign after they have submitted their application, they must notify the ASUW Elections Committee and the ASUW Advisor and must abide by all the rules outlined in Section 5.05 subsection 6 of this Article.
 - D. After being notified of winning an election, write-in candidates will be given seven (7) days to submit an application and financial expense report.
- 4. Candidate Responsibility Statement
 - A. In addition, to the requirements listed above candidates must agree to the Candidate Responsibility Statement which is as follows:
 - a. “I verify, that I am, to the best of my knowledge, qualified to run in the ASUW Elections. I have read all the rules governing the ASUW Elections, and understand I am responsible for abiding by these rules. I will conduct myself in a fair, democratic fashion, representative of the ASUW Student Government consistent with the ASUW Code of Ethics.”
 - B. The Candidate Responsibility Statement should be included in the Elections Applications outlined in Section 5.03, subsection 1 of this Article and all candidates must agree to the Candidate Responsibility Statement before the conclusion of the candidate workshop

Section 5.05 Campaign Rules

- 1. General Campaign Rules
 - A. All candidates are responsible for abiding by and understanding all the rules outlined by both the Elections Code and this Article.
 - B. Candidates will be required to attend a workshop to explain the elections rules on the date applications are due at a time and place to be announced by the ASUW Advisor. Reasons constituting legitimate excuses for missing the workshop will be determined in advance by the Advisor. Candidates with valid excuses must submit them to the Advisor prior to the workshop and will be required to attend an alternate session with the ASUW Advisor.

- C. No candidate will be eligible to begin campaigning until the Elections Committee has received the candidate's application and the filing deadline has passed. Additional requirements can be added so long as they are included in the in the Elections Code and the Elections Application.
 - D. All campaign materials must include a disclaimer identifying the sponsor. The disclaimer must state either "paid for by" or "sponsored by." Materials not bearing this statement are prohibited and subject to removal at the discretion of the Elections Committee and sanctions may be imposed by the Judicial Council.
 - E. The use of the ASUW logo on campaign materials is prohibited. Exceptions to this rule can be defined by the Elections Committee and must be included in the Elections Code.
 - F. No ASUW Merchandise can be used while campaigning including, but not limited to, name tags, padfolios, jackets, and polos.
 - G. No campaign material shall be displayed or stored in the ASUW Office.
 - H. There shall also be no active campaigning within 30 feet of polling places on the dates of the elections. This includes, but is not limited to, previously hung posters, spoken word campaigning and possession of campaign materials such as buttons, flyers, clothing, posters, etc.
 - I. Candidates must account for any costs incurred by the use of or acquisition of all campaign materials.
 - J. It will be at the discretion of the Elections Committee to determine the definition of campaign materials should the issue arise.
 - K. Rules for campaigning at meetings of the ASUW programs listed under Article 8, Section 8.01 of these By-Laws will be decided on and outlined in the Elections Code.
 - L. There shall be no disruptive campaigning in class, and this will be at the discretion of the presiding instructor.
 - M. Candidates will be held responsible for making their associated supporters aware of all election rules.
 - N. If any person is elected to more than one position in the election, that person must resign from all but one position before the inauguration per Article IV, Section 2 of the ASUW Constitution. Candidates running in multiple elections will be given the opportunity to designate their preferred position.
2. Physical Campaign Materials
- A. Physical campaign materials are, posters, banners, fliers, handouts and all other tangible materials used for a candidate's campaign.
 - B. All materials displayed must conform to the restrictions placed on them by the administrator of that area.
 - C. Campaigns may use the services of Associated Students Technical Services (ASTECS); however, these fees must be reported on their campaign expense reports.

- D. There shall be no defacing or removal of another candidate's campaign materials by a candidate or a candidate's campaign staff.
- E. All candidates are responsible for removing all election materials by 10 a.m. on the Monday following the election.
- 3. Virtual Campaign Materials
 - A. Virtual campaign materials will include, but are not limited to, social media, websites, and email. The Elections Committee will be allowed to define virtual campaigning should the issue arise.
 - B. All candidates are responsible for abiding by the Terms of Service for any social media site they are campaigning on.
 - C. All costs associated with the virtual campaigning must be included in the candidate's financial expense report and must comply with Section 4, subsection 1, clause D.
 - D. Candidates are allowed to share virtual posts from student organizations, but must include a disclaimer clarifying their involvement with the Student Organization or event. This disclaimer could be as follows: "This event is not hosted or funded by the candidate."
 - E. Candidates are not allowed to share any posts that include the ASUW Logo except for posts directly related to ASUW Elections in compliance with subsection 1 clause D of this Section.
 - F. No candidate may send campaign e-mails to more than fifty (50) UW e-mail accounts within a 24-hour period. Each email within a University listserv shall be counted, and third-party listservs are prohibited.
- 4. Financial Expense Reports
 - A. All candidates must submit a completed and signed financial expense report using the financial expense report form provided by the Elections Committee even if no costs were incurred.
 - B. Candidates must submit their financial expense report to the ASUW Advisor by the submission deadline outlined in Section 5.03 subsection 7 of this Article and any financial expense report submitted after the deadline will be subject to review by the ASUW Judicial Council.
 - C. All candidates must submit a signed financial expense report.
 - a. President and Vice President tickets are required to submit one financial expense report for their campaign.
 - D. Separate signed expense statements must be submitted for each campaign if a candidate is running for a senate position as well as President and Vice President.
 - E. Expense statements filed after the aforementioned deadline are subject to discretionary review and sanctions by the Judicial Council.
- 5. Endorsements
 - A. For the purposes of the ASUW Elections there will be two classifications of endorsements, financial endorsements, and public endorsements.
 - B. Financial endorsements are all items or services that are donated to a candidate or ticket and all financial endorsements must be included in a candidate's or ticket's financial expense report.

- C. Should a Student Organization (SO) endorse a candidate or ticket which results in the waiver of ASTEC fees, this must be noted as a donation or financial endorsement in the financial expense report.
 - D. Public endorsements are statements of support for a candidate or ticket by any individual, or group.
 - E. All Ex-Officio members of the ASUW Senate will be allowed to endorse any candidate with the exception of ASUW programs and strategic partners who will not be allowed to financially endorse any candidates.
 - F. Members of the ASUW Elections Committee shall not endorse any candidate.
 - a. Current members of the ASUW Elections Committee are allowed to be a candidate and are allowed to campaign for themselves. However, their campaigning must not interfere with their official duties.
 - G. Members of the ASUW Executive Branch will not endorse any candidate.
 - a. Current ASUW Executives are allowed to be a candidate and are allowed to campaign for themselves or their ticket. However, their campaigning must not interfere with their official duties in ASUW.
6. Violations
- A. Any campaign material in violation of any of the above rules will be subject to removal by the Elections Committee. Candidates in violation will be subject to sanctions by the Judicial Council.
7. Write-in Candidates
- A. The names and information of specific write-in candidates will not be included on the Elections ballot or in any ASUW Elections marketing between the filing deadline and the closure of voting.
 - B. Write-in candidates will not be eligible to participate in any ASUW Elections events as a candidate between the filing deadline and the closure of voting.
 - C. Write-in candidates will not be given access to funds or resources provided to candidates by the Elections Committee.

Section 5.06 Complaints and Sanctions

1. Complaints
- A. All complaints must be submitted in writing to the Judicial Council. Verbal complaints will not be considered.
 - B. Each complaint will only be reviewed once. If one complaint is submitted by multiple people, the Judicial Council can combine the complaints.
 - C. The Judicial Council will review and decide on all complaints within ten (10) academic days of the submission of the complaint.
 - D. The Judicial Council may impose sanctions for all officially written complaints and violations.
 - E. The Judicial Council may also impose sanctions against the complainant should the Judicial Council feel that the complainant has intentionally filed erroneous complaints.

- F. All appeals to the Judicial Council will follow the method prescribed in the ASUW By-Laws and the Rules and Procedures of the Judicial Council.
- 2. Sanctions
 - A. Any candidate who fails to abide by the verdict and sanctions of the Judicial Council may be disqualified from the election or from the position won in the election.
 - B. No candidate shall be disqualified from a currently elected position or appointed office for a campaign violation for the most recent election, nor shall a candidate be disqualified from running for or serving in another ASUW position.
 - C. If sanctions were imposed by the Judicial Council, appeals may be made following the method prescribed in the ASUW By-Laws and the Rules and Procedures of the Judicial Council.
 - D. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, placing that candidate's/ticket's name at the bottom of the ballot, removal from the ballot, or disqualification from office.
 - E. The ASUW Advisor will be responsible for enforcing all sanctions imposed by the Judicial Council.

Section 5.07 Ballot Initiatives and Referendum Votes

- 1. Student Initiatives
 - A. Any ASUW member may propose a referendum vote of the student body during an ASUW Election through a student initiative.
 - a. For a student initiative to be considered it must be submitted to the ASUW Elections Committee at least forty (40) days prior to the ASUW General Election accompanied by student signatures representing at least ten percent (10%) of ASUW members.
 - b. The format for student initiatives will be published and updated by the Elections Committee every two (2) years.
 - c. The student initiative shall be presented to the Senate by the author(s) of the initiative, during the next regularly scheduled meeting following submission to the Elections Committee as "New Business."
 - d. At least fifty percent (50%) of the accompanying signatures shall be verified by the ASUW Elections Committee with the assistance of the ASUW Advisor. The verification process shall extend no more than thirty (30) days beyond the date the initiative has been presented to the Senate. At the end of the verification process or at the end of thirty (30) days, the ASUW Elections Committee shall report the results of the verification process to the Senate.
 - B. A referendum vote proposed through a student initiative will be added to the ballot when the Elections Committee has verified the required signatures.
- 2. Senate Initiatives
 - A. The ASUW Senate may propose a referendum vote of the student body during an ASUW Election through a senate initiative.

- a. Any proposed senate initiative shall come to Senate in the form of legislation four (4) weeks prior to the ASUW Election.
 - b. The exact language and format of the proposed referendum vote shall be included as a part of the legislation, in the form of an addendum.
 - c. Legislation to place a senate initiative upon the ballot shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
 - B. A referendum vote proposed through a senate initiative will be added to the ballot when it is passed by the ASUW Senate.
- 3. Referendum Votes
 - A. All referendum votes included on any ASUW Elections Ballot will use the St. Marie Referendum Format which includes the following components, Referendum Number and Title, Description, Ballot Question and Full Text. These components are described in clauses B through E of this subsection.
 - B. Referendum Number and Title
 - a. The format for the referendum number and title on the ballot will be “Referendum #XXX.X: Title”.
 - b. All referendum votes will be given a referendum number when the initiative is added to the ballot.
 - c. The referendum number will be the ASUW Election Number followed by a period (.) and the order the referendum was added to the ballot. For example, if the ninth (9th) referendum vote added to the ballot of the 108th ASUW Election the referendum number on the ballot would be, “Referendum #108.9”. The ASUW Election Number is defined in Section 5.03 subsection 4 Clause A of this Article.
 - C. Initiative Description
 - a. The initiative description is a concise, two (2) sentence, explanation of the initiative and the changes that would occur upon approval of the referendum.
 - D. Ballot Question
 - a. The ballot question for all referendums will be: “Do you support the proposed initiative? Yes [] No []”
 - E. Full Text
 - a. A link to the full text of the proposed initiative will be supplied after the ballot question and the link must be accessible to all ASUW members.
- 4. Special Election for a Ballot Initiative
 - A. The preferred forum of any ballot initiative shall be the ASUW General Election. In the instance that the feasibility of waiting until the next election does not exist, a special election may be called by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASUW Senate, when a student initiative is proposed to the Senate or when a Senate initiative is approved by the senate. Failure to acquire the necessary votes will result in the measure automatically being relegated to the ballot of the next election.
 - a. Any special election shall be publicized by the ASUW Elections Committee by advertising the special election for at least two (2) weeks prior to the special election utilizing the legislative contingency budget. The venues for such publication shall include the Branding Iron and the student listserv. Any additional means of publicity shall be at the

discretion of the Elections Committee. All such notifications must include the exact wording of the initiative as it will appear on the ballot.

- B. The ASUW Student Government shall work to enact any such measure passed by a majority of the voting student body, so long as the measure is under the direct control of the ASUW Student Government. Any measure passed that is not under the direct control of the ASUW Student Government shall be the subject of a report by the ASUW President to the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees at their next meeting. In the case that such a question relates to off campus entities, the ASUW President shall inform the appropriate body of the vote of the students.
- C. If a ballot initiative includes an amendment to the ASUW Constitution, it cannot be considered in a special election as defined by Article X of the ASUW Constitution.

Section 5.08 Amendments and Suspension

1. Amendments

- A. No amendments or changes will be made to this Article two (2) weeks before the ASUW General Election.
- B. If any changes are made to this Article after the applications open for the ASUW General Election, the Elections Committee will be responsible for informing all the candidates of these changes.

2. Suspension

- A. No portion of this article may be suspended.

