



SENATE BILL #2739

TITLE: Revisions to ASUW Constitution, the ASUW By-Laws, and the ASUW Rules and Procedures - First-Year Senate Relationship

DATE INTRODUCED: March 23, 2021

AUTHOR: Chief of Legislative Affairs Swilling; First-Year Senators Carrier, Hacke, Smith, and Stadler

SPONSORS: The Steering Committee

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 First-Year Senate is an integral part of the ASUW due to its role as the voice
4. of first-year students who attend the University of Wyoming (UW); and,
5. WHEREAS, First-Year Students at the University of Wyoming are underrepresented in the
6. status quote, due to only having one (1) vote within the ASUW Senate despite representing
7. almost a quarter of UW's campus; and,
8. WHEREAS, First-Year Senators feel unimpactful in ASUW ASUW due to the ex-officio
9. relation, which gives them an advantage over other ASUW ex-officios, who do not have a vote;
10. and,
11. WHEREAS, First-Year Senate is a body that would be better served through the creation of a
12. new, non-ex-officio-type relationship; and,
13. WHEREAS, First-Year Senate is meant to be a training ground for potential future ASUW
14. Senators; and,
15. WHEREAS, creating multiple delegates who serve as representatives of the First-Year Senate
16. on the ASUW Senate would provide First-Year Senators with further learning opportunities
17. and the foundational knowledge necessary to be more successful as a future senator; and,
18. WHEREAS, there has been a major problem with retention of ASUW Senators and involving
19. First-Year Senators in ASUW will hopefully promote longevity for future administrations; and,

Passed by referendum on 4/15/21

20. ASUW; and,

21. WHEREAS, the creation of a system of First-Year Senate delegates who serve on a rotating

22. basis, as outlined in Addendum A, would allow multiple First-Year Senators each year to sit

23. and vote in ASUW Senate meetings.

24. THEREFORE, be it enacted by Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)

25. Student Government that the ASUW Constitution be amended to reflect the changes in

26. Addendum B, predicated on approval of these changes by the voting students of the ASUW as

27. expressed in a preference vote in the 2021 ASUW General Election; and,

28. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that Addendum C be added to the upcoming ASUW

29. General Election ballot, pursuant to Article X of the ASUW Constitution; and,

30. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the ASUW By-Laws be amended to reflect the

31. changes outlined in Addendum D; and,

32. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the ASUW Rules and Procedures be amended to

33. reflect the changes outlined in Addendum E; and,

34. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that, upon passage, this bill will take effect at the

35. beginning of the 109th ASUW administration, contingent on First-Year Senate Bill #65 being

36. passed by the First-Year Senate and the proposed changes to the ASUW Constitution approved

37. in a referendum during the 2021 ASUW General Election; and,

38. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that if either of these two conditions are not met, this

39. legislation shall be rendered null and void and none of the proposed amendments shall be

40. enacted.

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

Date of Passage: March 30, 2021

Signed:



(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on March 30, 2021**, I do hereby sign my name hereto and**

approve this Senate action.”



ASUW President

Addendum A

First-Year Senate Delegates

- A. First-Year Senate delegates shall be voting members of the ASUW Senate who serve on a rotating basis as outlined below. The Presiding Officer of the First-Year Senate shall be ineligible to chosen through this process. There will be three (3) First-Year Senate Delegates. These delegates shall include the following:
 - a. The Presiding Officer of the First-Year Senate (FYS), who shall serve as the primary FYS delegate at ASUW full Senate meetings for the duration of the administration.
 - b. First-Year Senator of the Month. These delegates are nominated because of their outstanding contributions to the FYS and ASUW senate.
 - i. The FYS Senator of the Month will be elected every four (4) First-Year Senate meetings to allow for further representation among FYS delegates.
 - ii. In the event that the Presiding Officer of the First-Year Senate is selected as the Senator of the Month, the First-Year Senate Steering Committee shall decide who shall be the First-Year Senate delegate for the rotation.
 - c. A nominee from a First-Year Senate Committee shall be selected to serve as a delegate on a rotating basis of every four (4) First-Year Senate meetings. A FYS standing committee other than FYS Steering will nominate a senator on a rotation based upon First-Year Senator of the month as highlighted above.
 - i. The nomination will be announced by the chair of the committee during the First-Year Senate meeting during First-Year Senate Committee Reports.
 - ii. The rotation of FYS Committees that nominate the delegate will be in the following order: Diversity and Policy, Procedures, Programming, Traditions, and Student Outreach.
 - 1. The First-Year Senate Steering Committee shall have the ability to change this order if made necessary.
 - 2. Once the rotation has concluded, it will reset.
 - 3. A First-Year Senator may decline a nomination to be a First-Year Senate Delegate.
 - iii. The chair of a First-Year Senate Committee may be nominated as a First-Year Senate Delegate candidate.
- B. The following are obligations for FYS Delegates.
 - a. Once nominated and accepted, FYS Delegates must attend every ASUW Meeting within their rotation.
 - i. Failure to do so may result in removal of their temporary First-Year Senate Delegate position. Any further punishment will be determined by the First-Year Senate Advisor(s) in conjunction with the First-Year Senate Steering Committee.
 - ii. In the case of any FYS delegates being vacant, replacements shall be determined by FYS Steering.
 - b. The First-Year Senate delegates, other than the Presiding Officer, shall have the right to vote based on their discretion on all issues before the ASUW Senate.
 - c. It is strongly encouraged that there is a new First-Year Senate Delegate every rotation, yet it is not required.
 - d. The Presiding Officer shall deliver the First-Year Senate report during Communications and yield to all responsibilities within Article IV, Section 4 of the ASUW By-Laws.

Addendum B

ARTICLE IV

Appointed or Elected Officers

Section 4. An Ex-Officio member is a representative chosen by an entity, ~~and with the exception of the ASUW First Year Senate Ex-Officio~~ who shall enjoy all rights of senate membership except the right to vote.

Section 5. ^[OBJ] ~~The ASUW First Year Senate shall appoint three (3) delegates to represent First-Year Students to serve on the ASUW Senate. They shall have all rights of senate membership. The First-Year Senate Constitution will outline the process by which these delegates are selected. ASUW First Year Senate Ex-Officio shall enjoy all rights of senate membership including the right to vote.~~

ARTICLE VI

ASUW Legislative Branch

The Legislative Branch of the ASUW shall consist of the ASUW Vice President, a student senate, which shall be made up of the student senators annually elected by the ASUW membership and the First-Year Senate ~~Delegates Ex-Officio~~. All legislative powers of the ASUW shall be vested in the ASUW Student Senate.

Section 1. ~~The ASUW Student Senate shall include~~ thirty-two (32) elected Senators, and three (3) First Year Senate Delegates. This body shall be constituted in accordance with the following provisions:

- A. Each of the University's colleges and sole degree-granting programs shall have at least one (1) student senator; and
- B. The remaining twenty-three (23) senators shall be allocated to those colleges with more than one-thirtieth (1/30) of the total full-fee paying University students. This allocation shall be done in exact relation to the percentage of such students who are enrolled in the college; and
- C. All calculations will be based upon the enrollment in the colleges during the semester prior to the general election.
- D. The First-Year Senate Constitution will outline the selection process of the First-Year Senate delegates.

Addendum C

Do you support the following changes to the ASUW Constitution? The proposed changes would create an additional two voting members on the ASUW Senate, to be filled by chosen delegates of the ASUW program that represents first-year transfer students and freshman at the University of Wyoming.

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Addendum D

7. Ex-Officio Membership

A. Addition of New Ex-Officios to the ASUW Senate

a. All University organizations seeking an ex-officio position on the ASUW Senate must have that position approved by the Steering Committee and further approved by the ASUW Senate by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

1. The organization seeking an ex-officio position will submit a written letter of intent to the Steering Committee.

2. The Steering Committee will review the request. Upon approval, the Chairperson will submit the letter of intent to the ASUW Senate for approval.

b. Organizations seeking an ex-officio position must exhibit the following qualifications:

1. The organization must utilize educational opportunities, which promote growth and involvement enriching daily life.

2. The organization must demonstrate a need for representation in their area of focus that is not being adequately represented by the existing speaking members of the ASUW Senate.

B. Representatives' Rights and Responsibilities

a. The ex-officio position cannot be represented by current senators, executives or other ex-officio representatives.

b. The ex-officio shall serve on committees at the request of the ASUW Vice President and/or committee chairs.

c. Ex-officio members who shall enjoy all rights of Senate membership, except the right to vote include:

1. Representatives from organizations approved by the ASUW Senate.

~~d. Ex-officio members who shall enjoy all rights of Senate membership, including the right to vote include:-~~

~~1. First Year Senate.-~~

Addendum E

K. Communications- Shall be restricted to what is pertinent to Senate business and shall not contain exorbitant or redundant information and shall exclude the announcement of events unless pertinent to the Senate business...

1. President
2. ASUW Executives ~~Assistants~~
3. Vice President
4. Judicial Council
5. Advisor(s)
6. ASUW Programs
7. ASUW Partners
8. ASUW Ex-Officios
9. Committee Reports- Steering first, followed by others in alphabetical order, followed by Ad-Hoc Committees.
10. College Contact Reports- Information of consequence to the greater University.