

SENATE BILL #2727

TITLE: Creation of an ASUW Set of Core Principles Based on the Daniels Fund Code of Ethics

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SPONSORS: Senators Anderson and Pierson

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, a code of ethics should be observed and maintained by any organization; and,
4. WHEREAS, just like the other working documents of the ASUW, the Code of Ethics should
5. also be updated; and,
6. WHEREAS, the Daniels Fund Principles are a highly accredited code of ethics; and,
7. WHEREAS, Article 6 of the By-Laws has not been updated for several administrations of the
8. ASUW Student Government; and,
9. WHEREAS, the Daniels Fund Principles, as outlined in Addendum A, are a renowned set
10. of guiding principles that allow for a more just and equitable organization; and,
11. WHEREAS, the Daniels Fund Principles can be adapted into an ethics code for all ASUW
12. members to follow.
13. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
14. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW By-Laws be amended to reflect the
15. changes outlined in Addendum B; and,
16. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes take effect immediately upon
17. passage of this bill.

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

Date of Passage: _____ **Signed:** _____
(ASUW Chairperson)

**“Being enacted on _____, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action.” _____**

ASUW President

Addendum A



DANIELS FUND
ETHICS INITIATIVE

PRINCIPLES

Integrity

Act with honesty in all situations

Trust

Build trust in all stakeholder relationships

Accountability

Accept responsibility for all decisions

Transparency

Maintain open and truthful communications

Fairness

Engage in fair competition and create equitable and just relationships

Respect

Honor the rights, freedoms, views, and property of others

Rule of Law

Comply with the spirit and intent of laws and regulations

Viability

Create long-term value for all relevant stakeholders

Addendum B

Section 6.01 Preamble

1. We, the elected and/or appointed representatives of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming Student Government seek to promote the interests and well-being of all students, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, political belief, veteran status, disability, national origin, relationship status or gender identity. In doing so, we will respect the integrity, dignity and worth of individual students and will recognize and acknowledge the differences in each. We will be sensitive and protective of the liberties and respect to which each individual student is entitled. We will refrain from and discourage behaviors that threaten these ideals, freedom, and civility that every individual deserves.

Section 6.02 Standards of Behavior

1. As an elected and/or appointed representative of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming Student Government (ASUW):

A. I will not misuse my position as an elected representative or the resources of ASUW for personal gain.

2. I will express my opinions and views on subjects brought before this governing body in a professional and civil manner and will respect and objectively evaluate the opinions and views of others.
3. I will not tolerate language or actions that may discriminate against or discredit any individual student, group of students, or student organization(s).
4. I will endeavor to allow the presentation of all views, however diverse, of any student, group of students, or student organization(s) or subject, which may come before this governing body.
5. I will actively promote open two-way communication between the ASUW leadership and the students we serve.

Section 6.03 Obligations and Duties

1. As an elected and/or appointed representative of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming Student Government (ASUW):

1. I will at all times, refrain from conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, discrimination or other actions contrary to the spirit or intent of this Code of Ethics.
2. I will familiarize myself with the Constitution, By-laws and other rules and procedures of this governing body and will act within the spirit and intent of these documents.

3. I will endeavor to advance and promote the interests of the students of the University of Wyoming, taking into account their diverse needs and views.
4. I will acknowledge and make public any potential conflict of interest arising from my other involvements and will abstain from voting in the matter and refrain from misusing my position in ASUW Student Government to influence the vote of any voting member.
5. I will present an accurate portrayal of the nature and extent of my qualifications and competencies when applying for positions within ASUW Student Government and when representing ASUW.

Section 6.04 Procedural Requirements for Violations

1. Proceedings against an individual for an alleged violation of the Code of Ethics may be initiated by the following methods upon receiving a written complaint from any source indicating that a violation may have occurred.
 1. Senate Violations: complaints pertaining to Code of Ethics violations committed by members of the Senate shall be presented to the ASUW Vice President.
 2. Executive Violations: complaints pertaining to Code of Ethics violations committed by the members of the executive board shall be presented to the Judicial Council.
2. Upon delivery of a complaint, the ASUW Vice President or the Judicial Council shall meet with the alleged violator and discuss why the action of the individual was not appropriate. It is then up to the discretion of the recipient to refer the complaint directly to the Judicial Council for their review, if the complaint is egregious enough to merit such a decision.

Section 6.05 The ASUW Core Principles

1. In acting as official representatives of the student body, we urge all elected/appointed members of the ASUW to live by the following core moral principles as outlined by the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative:

1. Integrity - act with honesty in all situations
2. Trust - build trust in all relationships
3. Accountability - accept responsibility for all decisions
4. Transparency - maintain open and truthful communications
5. Fairness - engage in fair debate and create equitable and just relationships
6. Respect - honor the rights, freedoms, views, and property of others
7. Rule of Law - comply with the spirit and intent of laws and regulations
8. Viability – promote the longevity of ASUW through action and long-term thinking