



SENATE BILL #2760

TITLE: Program Revisions to Section 8 of the ASUW By-Laws

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1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,
3. WHEREAS, student fee dollars are used to fund ASUW programs; and,
4. WHEREAS, ASUW is responsible for stewarding the appropriate allocation of student
5. fee dollars; and,
6. WHEREAS, the ASUW By-Laws are currently lacking in definitive language regarding
7. the processes and supervisory expectations of the ASUW programs; and,
8. WHEREAS, Section 8.01 of the By-Laws has not been updated since the 104th
9. Administration of the ASUW; and,
10. WHEREAS, Addendum A outlines the abilities of and processes through which the
11. ASUW Executive branch will manage, create, and evaluate programs with the consent of
12. the ASUW Senate; and
13. WHEREAS, changes to the ASUW By-Laws will alter the stewardship process so that
14. ASUW is actively engaged in and responsible for supporting programmatic
15. endeavors; and,
16. WHEREAS, programs will be identified and categorized under community and service
17. based program titles in recognition of specific student needs respective programs

18. address; and,
19. WHEREAS, updates to Section 8 of the ASUW By-Laws will generate sustainable
20. growth within ASUW and expand external student outreach efforts; and,
21. WHEREAS, the passage of this bill will derive legitimacy for ASUW programs’
22. constitutions and missions statements to be reevaluated in alignment with ASUW’s
23. strategic planning calendar, and leadership receiving critical feedback on a yearly
24. basis; and,
25. WHEREAS, the ability for official review processes, including checks and balances, is a
26. crucial component that ASUW as a whole is responsible for while housing these
27. programs and their leadership.
28. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
29. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW By-Laws be amended to reflect the
30. changes outlined in Addendum A; and,
31. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the ASUW Project Coordinator and relevant
32. ASUW executives work with ASUW programs to uphold these expectations in the 109th
33. Administration; and,
34. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes take effect immediately upon
35. passage of this bill.

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

Date of Passage: November 30, 2021

Signed:


(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on November 30, 2021 **, I do hereby sign my name hereto**
and approve this Senate action.”


ASUW President

Addendum A

8.04 Community Programs

1. ASUW Programs are student run organizations completely funded by ASUW and are subject to appropriate adjudication by the ASUW Executive Branch under the advice and consent of the ASUW Senate. ASUW Programs are split into two categories: community-based and service-based programs.

2. Community based programs are student-led organizations that exist to provide space and opportunities for specific groups on campus. Current ASUW community-based programs are listed below.

Community

1. Non-Traditional Student Council

2. United Multicultural Council

3. First Year Senate

1. Creation or adoption of a community-based program must be brought before the Program and Institutional Development Committee for a formal recommendation.
2. The Committee's formal recommendation will be sent by memo to the petitioning party. The memo shall consist of thoughts, findings, estimated expenses and a recommendation to the ASUW Senate.
3. The program adoption or creation must be drafted into legislation with the following contents and passed by a 2/3 majority of the Senate.

I. Mission statement

II. Memo from the Program and Institutional Development Committee

3. All ASUW community-based programs must have a constitution and mission statement that aligns with the following process.

- A. Creation of a constitution for a community-based program must be passed first by a majority vote of the Program and Institutional Development Committee and then by a majority vote of the ASUW Senate.
- B. Amendments of an ASUW community based program constitution must be passed first by a majority vote of the Program and Institutional Development Committee and then by a majority vote of the ASUW Senate.
- C. An appeal of the decision of the Program and Institutional Development Committee may be made for the above process by any member of the community-based program, and sent to the ASUW Senate for a majority vote

4. ASUW community-based programs will be reassessed each time ASUW conducts the Strategic Planning process. At this time ASUW community-based programs will need to have

legislation passed for a renewal of their program until the next ASUW Strategic Plan is created. Continuations will require a majority vote of the ASUW Senate while dissolution will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASUW Senate. The addendum shall contain an evaluation of the community-based program by the current administration and the Program and Institutional Development Committee evaluation from each academic year since the last legislative renewal.

5. ASUW community-based programs that elect co-chairs and leadership positions must have their chosen or elected candidates brought forth before the Program and Institutional Development committee. These programs consist of:

1. Nontraditional Student Council

2. United Multicultural Council

1. The selected candidate will be screened by the Program and Institutional Development Committee, and then confirmed by a 4/5 vote of the committee. If not confirmed by the Program and Institutional Development Committee, another candidate or candidates will need to be chosen or elected by the program for screening. This process applies to all replacement candidates. An appeal may be made by any member of the program, which will be brought before the ASUW Senate for a majority vote on the appeal.

6. Section 6 outlines the process by which a student advisor will be chosen to serve the ASUW First Year Senate. In selecting a student advisor, the Program and Institutional Development Committee will serve as the search committee alongside the ASUW Advisor, appropriate executives, and the outgoing First-Year Senate advisor if attendance is available and appropriate. The ASUW Advisor will serve as chairperson of the search committee.

- A. The Program and Institutional Development Committee shall conduct an evaluation at the end of September on the First Year Senate Advisor's ability to carry out their duties as prescribed by the ASUW Advisor.
- B. The ASUW Advisor shall use the evaluation to determine whether the current First Year Senate Advisor is to be retained or relieved of their duties.
- C. If the ASUW Senate and, by extension, its standing committee are in recess, select members chosen by the ASUW Advisor from the Intersession Oversight Committee will assume the responsibilities of the Program and Institutional Development Committee on the above tasks outlined in section 8.04.
- D. The First-Year Senate Advisor may serve as a Senator on the ASUW Senate concurrently while fulfilling their duties as Advisor to the First-Year Senate. They shall not in any way attempt to unduly influence the First-Year Senate while fulfilling the duties of their office. Any violation of this clause shall be treated as an offense in Subsection 7 of this Section.

7. Articles of Dissolution may be drafted and submitted by the Program and Institutional Development Committee against any elected or chosen student-run position of a program for any

of the following offenses, as well as other unlisted offenses deemed to be appropriate by the Program and Institutional Development Committee.

1. Violation of the ASUW Code of Ethics
 2. Violation of the ASUW By-Laws
 3. Violation of the ASUW finance policy
 4. Violation of the Specific Programs values, ideals, and mission statement
 5. Any conduct with the dean of student's office
 6. Conduct or confidence issues brought before the ASUW Executive Branch
8. The Program and Institutional Development Committee shall have the responsibility of initiating and managing all dissolution processes for program's elected or chosen student run positions.
9. The Program and institutional Development Committee will hold hearings regarding any possible violations of the above conditions.
10. Any violation found will be investigated by the Program and Institutional Development Committee, if any violation is discovered, a trial will commence at the next possible regularly scheduled Program and Institutional Development Committee meeting.
11. The accused shall have a fair trial consistent with the concept of due process. In this time, if the individual is serving as an Ex-Officio on the ASUW senate, a replacement from the program must fill this position.
- A. The trial of dissolution shall consist of the following proceedings:
- a. The ASUW Advisor or Project Coordinator shall preside over all trials of dissolution.
 - b. The Program and Institutional Development Committee chair shall present the findings of the violation discovered by the committee.
 1. The charged may then plead guilty or not guilty to any allegations or charges and address or present a letter to the committee addressing concerns or a list of reasons why the committee should not vote for the finding of a violation.
 2. The committee will then debate the matter, requiring a majority for the person to be found in violation of the above offenses.
12. The verdict must be posted under the programs ASUW website page and sent out to the program's members directly by memo.
13. If found guilty, the violation then must be turned into legislation providing all the committee's findings and conclusions and submitted to Steering to be brought before the ASUW Senate consistent with standard legislative processes.

14.The piece of legislation will be read before the senate and voted on in its second reading. A 2/3 vote of the ASUW Senate is required for the individual to be fully removed from the position.

15.If the dissolution legislation is approved, there shall be no punishment other than removal of the individual from the position and the removal of the ability to serve as an Ex-Officio of the program. This verdict does not pertain to membership status or the ability to participate as a member of the program.

16.If dissolution legislation fails on the floor, the individual shall still be found guilty but cannot be removed from their position in the program for the stated offenses.

17.Vacancy processes will be determined by the program itself and the ASUW Advisor, in accordance with the screening process outlined in section 8.04.

8.05 Service-Based Programs

1. Service based programs are pro staff or faculty run organizations offering opportunities and service to the student body.

The following are the current service-based programs at ASUW:

1.Student Legal Services

2.ASTEC

2. ASUW service-based programs will be assessed each time ASUW conducts the Strategic Planning process. At this time ASUW service-based programs will need to have legislation passed for a renewal of the next four years. Continuations or dissolution will require a 2/3 vote of the ASUW Senate.