

**SENATE BILL #2763**



**TITLE:** Special Projects Allocations for Fiscal Year 2022  
**DATE INTRODUCED:** November 30, 2021  
**AUTHOR:** Senator Talamantes  
**SPONSORS:** Budget and Planning Committee; President Swilling, Vice President Anderson

1. WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) Student Government to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible
3. through accurate representation and responsible, effective leadership; and,
4. WHEREAS, the ASUW Student Government allocated \$90,000 to be expended in the Fiscal
5. Year 2022 pursuant to the Special Projects Endowment and its governing language; and,
6. WHEREAS, the ASUW Finance Policy states, “the ASUW Special Project Endowment may
7. be used for one-time projects that will benefit a large population [of students] for several
8. years”; and,
9. WHEREAS, the ASUW Budget and Planning Committee accepted applications, reviewed
10. and assessed the viability of each, and determined which proposals met the specific
11. guidelines set forth by the Special Projects application; and,
12. WHEREAS, the ASUW Budget and Planning Committee received \$155,103 in application
13. requests; and,
14. WHEREAS, pursuant to the ASUW Finance Policy, Special Project allocations and
15. announcements thereof need to be made prior to the conclusion of the fall semester; and,
16. WHEREAS, the Committee’s goal this year was to fund projects that made themselves free
17. and available to all fee-paying students; and,
18. WHEREAS, the Committee met to determine which proposals would be the best use of

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19. funds; and,

20. WHEREAS, the Committee's rationale and a brief explanation of each request is outlined in

21. Addendum A.

22. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming

23. (ASUW) Student Government that \$90,000.00 be allocated from the Special Projects

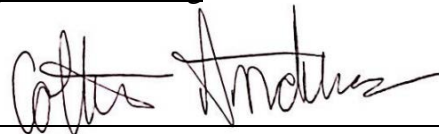
24. Endowment and its corresponding line in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget as outlined in

25. Addendum A.

**Referred to:** Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Budget and Planning

**Date of Passage:** December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Signed:**



(ASUW Chairperson)

**"Being enacted on** December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 **, I do hereby sign my name hereto and**

**approve this Senate action."**



ASUW President

**Addendum A**

<b>SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>FY2022</b>	
	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Approved</b>
ENDOWMENTS	90,000	90,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>90,000</b>
Ablution Basin	15,000	-
Backcountry Skiing Equipment	15,519	-
Campus Cruisers	6,250	6,250
Campus Safety Lighting Upgrades	43,750	43,750
CSIL Keynote Speaker	5,500	-
CSIL Marketing Office Materials	4,277	-
Gaming Lounge	46,450	21,643
Rape-Drug Prevention & Detection Products	11,500	11,500
VMX Tire Combo Trainer	6,857	6,857
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>155,103</b>	<b>90,000</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ (65,103)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**Applicant: Union Events & CSIL – Ablution Basin**

The Union Events office, in cooperation with the CSIL Office and International Student Scholars, requested \$15,000 to install a foot washing basin and provide renovations to the Reflection Room to accommodate students who need to wash before prayer.

While the committee found this project to be worthwhile and foster an inclusive and welcoming environment to international students on campus, Budget and Planning ultimately wanted to know how often the prayer room is being used and how many students would use this basin. We recommend that this project be funded through the ASUW Student Services (Facilities) Endowment.

**Applicant: Outdoor Program – Backcountry Skiing Equipment**

The Outdoor Program requested \$15,519 to purchase 36 backcountry Dynafit ski boots, 3 Black Diamond backcountry skis, 3 Dynafit pin bindings, and 3 Black Diamond skins. The Outdoor Program stated that the purchasing of new skis and boots would meet the demand they are getting from students, faculty, and staff. They also noted that students, faculty, and staff members can rent skis out for \$48 for the weekend.

Budget and Planning was concerned that the ski rentals would be too expensive for students to rent out, therefore it would not be accessible to all students. While ASUW has purchased rental items for the Outdoor Program in the past, the rental cost of those items are half of the cost of

what it is for a student to rent out backcountry skis. Additionally, the Outdoor Program would not consider renting these items out at a lower cost. The Outdoor Program also expressed that they need this equipment to meet demand. However, they did not specify how many students are renting these skis out and said that they would be stopping seasonal rentals. With the stopping of seasonal rentals, we anticipate that they will have enough skis and boots to meet demand.

Ultimately, there were other projects that served a larger population of students and made themselves free and accessible to fee-paying students. Therefore, Budget and Planning decided to not fund this request.

**Applicant: Residence, Life, & Dining Services – Campus Cruisers**

Residence, Life, & Dining Services requested \$6,250 to purchase 20 campus cruisers for the Residence Halls. Campus cruisers are weather-resistant, durable, collapsible carts that students can utilize during move-in. Unlike the old yellow carts, they are easy to clean, easy to steer, and can fit through front doors, hallways, and inside residents rooms. These 20 campus cruisers would replace the yellow carts.

Budget and Planning found that this would be a good use of student fee dollars because it makes the already stressful moving process more convenient and efficient. Additionally, all students in the residence halls would have access to these carts when they move in and out of their residence hall room.

**Applicant: Student – Campus Safety Lighting Upgrades**

A student-at-large requested \$43,750 to improve campus safety by upgrading the lighting for the crosswalk on Harney and 19<sup>th</sup> and to install a flashing crosswalk. This is a crosswalk that is on the edge of the university, and near apartments that many students live in such as the Quarters. A student-at-large came to ASUW with this request due to safety concerns that he and other students had been having on this street. The bike path that intersects with 19<sup>th</sup> and Harney is very dark and difficult to traverse at night, making it dangerous for students walking or riding their bikes down this path. Collisions and other accidents are large concerns students have in this area. The request would upgrade the lighting for the crosswalk which would cost \$12,500 and it would install a flashing crosswalk on that street which will force cars to stop so students and other members of the Laramie community can cross safely. The flashing crosswalk would cost \$31,250.

Budget and Planning decided unanimously to fully fund this project for two reasons. First, is that it is in line with ASUW's 2018-2022 strategic planning goals on improving campus safety through lighting upgrades. Secondly, many students live north of Harney and must cross this street in the dark everyday. With Daylight Savings Time making it darker earlier in the evening, it will increase the possible risk of accidents for students. The committee decided to use special projects funding instead of funding from the Facilities Endowment because it is on the edge of campus and members of the Laramie community can also utilize this cross walk.

**Applicant: CSIL Office – Keynote Speaker**

The Director of CSIL requested \$5,500 to pay for the hotel and travel of Vernon Wall, a speaker for the Student Leadership Conference CSIL is hosting in February. Unfortunately, Budget and Planning could not approve allocating funds to this project since the Special Projects application explicitly states that we cannot fund traveling expenses per the ASUW Finance Policy.

**Applicant: CSIL Office – Marketing Office Materials**

The CSIL Office requested \$4,277 to purchase a new iMac with upgrades and software. They wanted to use this new iMac to produce more video work to market student organizations and involvement and engagement opportunities. While the committee understands that a new computer would be a great resource for the CSIL office to create videos, we felt as though a computer would only be used by a couple of people within the CSIL team and not something every student could use directly. Therefore, Budget and Planning decided to not fund this project.

**Applicant: Student Organizations & Entertainment – Gaming Lounge**

The Student Organizations and Entertainment Office, in cooperation with the Esports Team, requested \$46,450 to build a gaming lounge in the basement of the union in Pete's Game room with \$25,000 going towards infrastructure (walls, paint electric hookups, and TV mounting) and \$21,450 going towards data (\$5,000), furniture (\$12,750), half the cost of the television monitors (\$2,700), and aesthetic "gaming" lighting (\$1,000).

The gaming lounge would be an extension of Pete's Game room, where any student can come to the union to play video games and other online games. Gaming has become incredibly popular over the last year due to the pandemic and the space has been requested to be built by multiple students. In addition to it being open to all students, the Esports Team will utilize the lounge for tournaments and practices they host each week. Many other institutions have gaming lounges and is a great recruitment tool to bring new students to UW.

Budget and Planning thought that this would be a great addition to the union. We were comfortable with funding various pieces of this proposal because it would be free and accessible to all University of Wyoming students on the Laramie campus. Budget and Planning decide to fund half of the project with \$20,450 going towards data, furniture, half television monitor cost, and \$1,193 going towards their fund to buy PC gaming systems. We were not sure why the gaming lighting was necessary, so we did not fund that portion of the request. The infrastructure piece of this project will be funded through the ASUW Facilities Endowment.

**Applicant: ASUW Standing Committee, Advocacy, Diversity, & Policy**

ASUW's Standing Committee, Advocacy, Diversity, & Policy requested \$11,500 to purchase a variety of date-rape drug prevention products that can be freely distributed to UW students. Below is a chart of their budget that includes the products that will be purchased and the outreach/contingency budget.

Item	Quantity	Cost per item	Shipping	Total
My Cup Condom	1000	Custom: \$0.90 Customization fee: \$150	\$50 N/A	\$950 \$150
				\$1,100
NightCap Drink Cover Scrunchie	900	Custom: \$5.50	\$50	\$1,850
NightCap Drink Cover Keychain	700	Custom: \$5.50	\$0	\$3,850
				\$5,500
Rape Drug Detection Coasters	2000	Custom: \$1.13	\$20	\$2,260
	0	Standard: \$0.64	\$0	\$0
				\$2,260
Plastic Cover Test My Drink	0	Custom: \$1.30	\$0	\$0
	900	Standard: \$0.95	\$50	\$905
Plastic Cover Test My Drink - SPANISH	0	Custom: \$1.30	\$0	\$0
	100	Standard: \$0.95	\$0	\$95
				\$1,000
			Total cost for items	\$9,860
Outreach/Contingency Budget		Cost		
Promotional materials		\$1,200		
Risk Cost		\$300		
Social media promotions		\$140	Total cost for outreach	\$1,640
			Total cost	\$11,500

The Committee had a very thorough proposal that highlighted the need for these products at UW and in the Laramie community. Furthermore, the recent student issues survey distributed by ASUW found that 77% respondents would utilize rape-drug prevention/detection products while drinking if these products were available for free. This includes 60.24% of male respondents, 86.88% of female respondents, 97.77% of non-binary/gender non-conforming respondents, and 93.03% of LGBTQ respondents. The proposal was endorsed by several campus partners and organizations such as the University Counseling Center, the Queer Community Coalition, the Wyoming Honors Organization, The A-Team, UW Wellness Ambassadors, and the College Panhellenic Council. Faculty member Dr. Matthew Gray in the Psychology Department also endorsed this proposal.

While not all members of Budget and Planning felt this would have a unique impact in curbing the issue of rape and sexual assault, Budget and Planning voted to fund this project in full with a vote of 4-1. The members that voted in affirmation felt comfortable funding this project for several reasons. First, the products would be free and accessible for the student body to use. Second, the project is endorsed by several campus partners and statistically speaking, many UW students would utilize these products. Third, the student issue survey indicated that these products would be utilized by the student body. Lastly, with date rape being an issue that happens in Laramie bars, these products could create a substantial impact for students and make them feel comfortable going out and being safe.

### **Applicant: Campus Recreation – VMX Tire Combo Trainer**

Campus Recreation requested \$6,857 to fund a piece of CrossFit equipment in Campus Recreation that is known as the VMX/Tire Combo Trainer. The VMX/Tire Combo Trainer consists of two pieces of equipment. The VMX is a continuous rope-pulling device that involves a high-quality rope seamed together into a continuous loop that runs through two rollers, one on the top and the other on the bottom that turns a flywheel operating on magnetic resistance. The resistance can be adjusted by moving a lever, creating a smooth and maintenance-free interface.

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The Tire portin consists of half of a large tire and is anchored at the middle that allows users to flip the tire over and have it return to them for multiple repetitions. A video link is below to see how this piece of equipment works in action.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FAxOfNmNAjY>

As of now, Half Acre does not have much CrossFit equipment which is something students have been requesting of Campus Recreation. Additionally, Half Acre does have the space on the third floor for students to utilize this piece of equipment, with multiple students using it as a time.

Budget and Planning found that the request would be a great addition to Half Acre and would be a piece of equipment that is free and accessible to use for all fee-paying students on the Laramie Campus. Therefore, Budget and Planning voted unanimously to fund this project in full.