

SENATE BILL #2768



TITLE: Changes to the ASUW Finance Policy for Strategic Partners

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SPONSORS: Senators Ewalt, Houghton, and Talamantes

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, the ASUW Strategic Partners have currently been exempt from processes
4. and evaluations for events and event funding that student organizations must go through
5. when receiving funds from the ASUW; and,
6. WHEREAS, the ASUW is responsible for the allocation of student fee dollars given to
7. strategic partners; and,
8. WHEREAS, requiring strategic partners to receive event funding through the ASUW
9. Student Organization Funding Board and not through their supported budget given by the
10. ASUW each fiscal year will allow for these evaluations and procedures to occur; and,
11. WHEREAS, this will allow for the ASUW and its branches to have more insight into
12. how funds are spent, and bring awareness on collaboration opportunities between the
13. strategic partner and ASUW efforts; and,
14. WHEREAS, this new process will allow for strategic partners to have more flexibility
15. and ability to create specific funding requests around the time of these events, thus
16. avoiding limits imposed by the necessity of planning events a year out; and,
17. WHEREAS, the changes outlined in Addendums A and B change the language in the
18. ASUW finance policy requiring strategic partners to receive their event funding through
19. the ASUW Student Organization Funding Board and not through the strategic partnership

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20. budget portion provided by the ASUW funds.

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

22. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW Finance Policy be amended to

23. reflect the changes outlined in Addendums A and B; and,

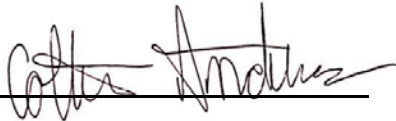
24. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes take effect upon the start of Fiscal

25. Year 2023.

Referred to: Budget and Planning; Program and Institutional Development; Student
Organization Funding Board

Date of Passage: December 7th, 2021

Signed:



(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on December 7th, 2021

name hereto and approve this Senate action.”



ASUW President

Addendum A

Article 3. ASUW SO FUNDING BOARD AUTHORITY AND GUIDELINES

Section 3.01 SO Funding Board Authority

1. ASUW programs, ~~Services, and Strategic Partners~~ shall not receive any funding from the ASUW RSO Funding Board. ~~This does not prohibit the SOs that are related to and represented by the Strategic Partners, including but not limited to: all fraternities and sororities associated with the Interfraternity Council and the College Panhellenic Council, the Sustainability Club, ENR Club, and ACRES. These student organizations are still permitted access to the SO Funding Board, so long as the funds they are requesting are not for events, conferences, and/or competitions that are already budgeted for in any ASUW operating budget, including the ASUW budgets granted to the Strategic Partners. In the event that any SOs plans to financially partner with a Strategic Partner on any event, conference, and/or competition, those funds shall only come from the SOs and the Strategic Partner's allotted monies.~~
2. The ASUW Senate through the SO Funding Board possesses sole authority to allocate ASUW funds directly to SOs which are not community or service based programs, ~~Services, or Strategic Partners~~ of the ASUW.
3. Only the ASUW SO Funding Board shall have authority to allocate ASUW funds directly to a SO.
 - A. If an ASUW Program, ~~Service~~, or Strategic Partner wishes to forfeit a portion of its allocated budget to support SO programming it may transfer those funds directly to the SO Funding Board.
 - B. Funds transferred to the SO Funding Board from any ASUW Program, Service, or Strategic Partner become part of the general fund of the SO Funding Board.
 - C. The ASUW entity that forfeits funds shall have no influence as to the group or program to which the transferred funds are reallocated by the SO Funding Board.
4. SOs shall not receive funding from ASUW for normal operating expenses, membership fees, dues, or organizational publications unless the SO is deemed a Strategic Partner, as outlined by the ASUW By-Laws.
5. The SO Funding Board shall have the authority to approve requests totaling less than \$3,500.00.
6. Any request of \$3,500.00 or more that is approved by the SO Funding Board shall be subject to final approval by the ASUW Senate.
7. All votes concerning final funding allotments by the ASUW Senate shall be conducted via a standing vote.

Section 3.02 General Application Procedure for Programmed Events

1. Application forms for ASUW funding for SOs shall be made available online.
2. Only currently registered SOs may seek funding for activities and programs by submitting an application to the SO Funding Board.
 - A. For events sponsored by multiple SOs, a single request must be submitted to the SO Funding Board, accompanied with multiple budget sheets, one for each SO sponsoring the event.

3. SOs may only receive funding when the program or activity is open to the entire student population and has a valid educational and/or enrichment purpose.
4. The SO shall submit an application request to UW Connect no less than five (5) weeks prior to the event. The ASUW Business Office will forward the application to the Chairperson of the SO Funding Board and provide a copy of the request to each member of the SO Funding Board.
 - A. Exceptions to this rule for requests under \$3,500.00 shall be at the discretion of the ASUW SO Funding Board.
 - B. All requests of \$3,500.00 and over shall be allowed no exception to the five (5) week application deadline and will be denied a meeting with SO Funding Board and/or funding for the event.

Addendum B

Section 9.03 ASUW Strategic Partners

1. Strategic Partners may receive a portion of their budget from the ASUW by following the budget process outlined in Section 2.01 of this document.
2. Strategic Partners may utilize the Student Organization Funding Board. All rules and regulations which are held binding on student organizations shall be held the same for strategic partners. Strategic Partners may only receive ASUW funds for the purposes of events, competitions, and conferences through the Student Organization Funding Board.
3. Strategic Partners will use the Realignment request function per Sections 2.04 and 2.05 of this document.
4. No more than 10% of event budget from ASUW monies may be for decorations for the event. Partners shall make a good faith effort to use the decorations the ASUW or their organization already own.
5. Strategic Partners may receive funding for programs or activities that have the potential of generating revenue.
 - A. Strategic Partners may not generate any revenue through charging admission or registration fees to students.
 - B. Strategic Partners may generate revenue by charging admission or collecting registration fees from anyone who is not a UW student.
 - C. Strategic Partners may generate revenue by holding auctions or selling goods or services (if in accordance with city laws and all University regulations).
 - D. Regardless of their charitable nature, any fundraisers shall be required to also be educational and/or enriching in nature.
 - E. Circumstances Under Which Funding Shall Not Be Awarded
 1. Strategic Partners shall not receive funding for any program or event that includes any illegal substances or related paraphernalia.
 2. Strategic Partners shall not allocate ASUW funds for charitable donations including donations that support charity organizations and fundraising activities. Regardless of their charitable nature, any fundraisers shall be required to also be educational in nature.
 3. Strategic Partners shall not use ASUW funds to bestow gifts on individuals.
 4. Strategic Partners shall not use ASUW funds to pay for national membership dues and fees.

F. Payment cannot be allotted for:

1. Donations.
2. Flowers.
3. Tangible Prizes.
4. Expenses for funerals.
5. Personal memberships in social, professional, or fraternal organizations, ~~unless the membership is required by specific job descriptions~~
6. Expenses related to social events for retiring employees.
7. Expenses for refreshments for employee or guest consumption unless directly related to a university business purpose.
8. Purchase of appliances for preservation, preparation, or conditioning of food products for employee consumption.
9. Purchase of alcohol.

G. ~~Allocations for Conference Registration Fees~~

1. ~~Strategic Partners may request funds for conference registration fees during their budget request. Partners may only receive \$750 per semester for conference registration:~~
 - a. ~~“Per Semester” is determined by conference date;~~
 - b. ~~Conferences occurring between July 1st and December 31st shall be defined as occurring in the Fall Semester;~~
 - c. ~~Conferences occurring between January 1st and June 30th shall be defined as occurring in the Spring Semester.~~
2. ~~Only those who are members of the ASUW are eligible to receive monies for registration fees.~~

H. ~~Funding for Travel~~

1. ~~Partners shall be held to the rules outlined in Article 6 of this document for travel funding.~~

G. Only funding allocated to the Strategic Partner from ASUW shall fall under this policy.