



SENATE BILL #2792

TITLE: Affirming that Distance Students Can Run for ASUW Senate
Starting in Fiscal Year 2023

DATE INTRODUCED: March 22, 2022

AUTHOR: President Swilling

SPONSORS: Senators Castronovo, Ewalt, and Rhymes

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, in accordance with the University of Wyoming Fee Book for Fiscal Year 2023
4. that was passed by the Board of Trustees in January 2022, distance students who attend the
5. University of Wyoming shall pay a portion of the ASUW fee, \$1/credit hour; and,
6. WHEREAS, this means that, beginning in Fiscal Year 2023, distance students shall be
7. ASUW-fee paying students; and,
8. WHEREAS, currently distance students cannot run for Senate because they are not ASUW
9. fee-paying students, though they are eligible to vote; and,
10. WHEREAS, distance students represent an important portion of our student body, and they
11. deserve to be able to have their voices heard and have voting rights on the ASUW Senate;
12. and,
13. WHEREAS, this change should be reflected with appropriate legislation.
14. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
15. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW By-Laws be amended to reflect the
16. changes outlined in Addendums A and B; and,
17. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that this change shall take place at the start of Fiscal
18. Year 2023.

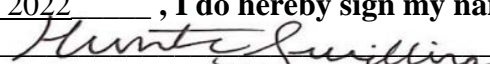
PASSED 22-0

Referred to: Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Program and Institutional Development;
Outreach, Programming and Elections;

Date of Passage: March 29, 2022

Signed: 

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on March 29, 2022, I do hereby sign my name hereto
and approve this Senate action.” 

ASUW President

Addendum A

Section 5.04 Candidate Requirements

1. Senator Candidates

A. A candidate for Senator must meet the following requirements:

- a. They must be a full-time ASUW fee paying student and maintain this status. Distance students shall be eligible under this rule, as long as they pay the \$1/credit hour ASUW fee for distance students.
- b. They must have and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average as an undergraduate and a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average as a graduate or professional student or a 2.0 if the program does not require it.
- c. They must have completed no less than twenty-four (24) hours of university credit at the beginning of the academic year of their term of office as an undergraduate student, or eighteen (18) hours as a graduate or professional student.
- d. They must have completed no less than twelve (12) of those hours at the University of Wyoming as an undergraduate student, or nine (9) hours as a graduate or professional student at the University of Wyoming.
- e. They must submit an application by the required deadline (as outlined in Article 5, Section 5.01, Subsection 1, Clause A of these By-Laws) provided by the Elections Committee.
- f. They cannot be a currently serving member of the ASUW Judicial Council. In the event that an individual who wishes to declare their candidacy for Senator and is currently serving as the ASUW Chief Justice or a Justice, they must resign as a member of the ASUW Judicial Council in order to officially declare their candidacy when filing closes.

B. The ASUW Advisor will automatically verify that all candidates are not on Conduct Probation as assigned by the Assistant Dean of Students for Judicial Affairs or designee in the Dean of Students Office. If a candidate is on Conduct Probation, they will be ineligible for the election. All candidates for Senator will run individually.

C. Senate candidates shall not be allowed to change the college for which they wish to run after the final filing date of their application. If Senate candidates wish to change colleges after the submission of their application, they shall be required to run as a write-in candidate for their respective new college.

2. President and Vice President Candidates

- A. Both candidates on a ticket for ASUW President and Vice President must meet the following requirements:

~~They must be a full-time student at the University of Wyoming and maintain this status.~~

- a. They must be a full ASUW fee paying student and maintain this status. Distance students may not run for ASUW President or Vice President.
- b. They must have and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average as an undergraduate and a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average as a graduate or professional student or a 2.0 if the program does not require it.
- c. They must submit an application by the required deadline (as outlined in Article 5, Section 5.01, Subsection 1, Clause A of these By-Laws) provided by the Elections Committee.
- d. They must have completed no less than sixty (60) hours of university credit by June 10 of the calendar year in which they were elected as an undergraduate student, or, as a graduate or professional student, they must have completed no less than eighteen (18) hours of university credit by June 10 of the calendar year in which they were elected.
- e. They must have completed no less than twenty-four (24) of those hours as an undergraduate student, or eighteen (18) hours as a graduate or professional student at the University of Wyoming.
- f. They cannot be a currently serving member of the ASUW Judicial Council or the ASUW Elections Committee. In the event that an individual who wishes to declare their candidacy or is currently serving in one of these capacities, they must resign as a member of the ASUW Judicial Council or the ASUW Elections Committee in order to officially declare their candidacy when filing closes.
- g. The ASUW Advisor will automatically verify that all candidates are not on Conduct Probation as assigned by the Assistant Dean of Students for Judicial Affairs or designee in the Dean of Students Office. If a candidate is on Conduct Probation, they will be ineligible for the election.

- B. Candidates for President and Vice President will run jointly on a combined ticket. Students will not be able to vote for a President and Vice President individually but must instead vote for a ticket. All election rules will apply jointly to candidates for President and Vice President running on the same ticket.

- C. Candidates for President and Vice President who wish to be eligible as candidates for Senator must submit a separate application (by the required deadline as outlined in Article 5, Section 5.01, Subsection 1, Clause A of these By-Laws) to run for Senate.

Addendum B

6. Membership

A. Membership in the ASUW Senate shall consist of:

a. Twenty-one (21) elected, or, if filling vacancy, appointed Senators, each of whom shall represent all students at the University of Wyoming, and who shall be annually elected by the same.

B. All distance students who pay the ASUW distance student fee shall be eligible to run for the position of ASUW Senate. An option shall be provided to allow them to join meetings, both Senate and committee, virtually, if so required. This option need not be provided to Senators who attend the UW Laramie campus.