

**SENATE BILL #2803**



**TITLE:** Dissolution of the Strategic Partnership Between the Interfraternity Council and ASUW in Accordance with their Request

**DATE INTRODUCED:** April 19, 2022

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**SPONSORS:** Senators Castronovo and Ewalt; The Delegates of Interfraternity Council

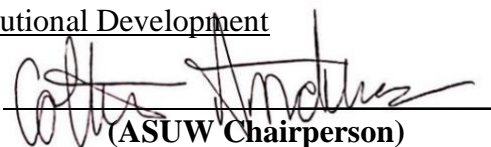
1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,
3. WHEREAS, the Interfraternity Council Executive Council (IFC), on March 30<sup>th</sup> of
4. 2022, sent a letter to the ASUW Executive Branch that expresses their wish to dissolve
5. the strategic partnership that currently exists between the ASUW and the IFC; and,
6. WHEREAS, in accordance with Article 8, Section 8.02, Subsection 5b of the
7. ASUW By-Laws, this begins the formal dissolution process outlined therein; and,
8. WHEREAS, meetings will be held between the two partners prior to the
9. dissolution taking place; and,
10. WHEREAS, many years of mutual evaluations between the two partners shows evidence
11. of the issues that have plagued the strategic parentship model since its inception in the
12. 104<sup>th</sup> ASUW Administration; and,
13. WHEREAS, while it was the sincere wish of the ASUW Senate and Executive Branch to
14. restructure the strategic partnership model without having to dissolve the partnership,
15. the Executive Branch does not feel it would be appropriate to deny a dissolution request
16. given the extensive history of issues that have arisen from the poor structure of this

17. partnership; and,  
18. WHEREAS, despite this dissolution, ASUW recognizes the enormous benefits and  
19. leadership that the fraternity and sorority communities provide to students at UW, and is  
20. committed to working with them to find future, productive ways to benefit students; and  
21. WHEREAS, both the ASUW Executive Branch and Interfraternity Council have  
22. expressed interest for the expansion of the ASUW Liaison position for the Interfraternity  
23. council to become a position concerned with outreach for the general UW community;  
24. and,  
25. WHEREAS, the current or future aforementioned position for the Interfraternity Council  
26. would continue its duty as an ex-officio on the ASUW senate floor despite what is stated  
27. in the dissolution letter seen in Addendum A if the dissolution process is successful as  
28. this would still allow for collaboration between the two groups.  
29. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of  
30. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government that the strategic partnership that currently  
31. exists between the Interfraternity Council and the Associated Students of the University  
32. Of Wyoming be dissolved; and,  
33. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the ASUW By-Laws be amended to reflect  
34. the changes outlined in Addendum B; and,  
35. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes take effect immediately upon  
36. passage of this bill.

**Referred to:** Ad-hoc Restructuring; Program and Institutional Development

**Date of Passage:** April 26, 2022

**Signed:**

  
(ASUW Chairperson)

PASSED 20-0

“Being enacted on April 26, 2022, I do hereby sign my name  
hereto

and approve this Senate action.”   
ASUW President

## Addendum A

### IFC Letters of Intent of Dissolution and ASUW Director Hacke Response



## Interfraternity Council

To whom it may concern,

Over the last several years, the strategic partnership between the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming and the Interfraternity/Panhellenic Councils has had both its benefits and challenges but has struggled to make progress towards a healthy working relationship. There have been dozens of attempts at resolving issues that were pointed out such as end of semester evaluations, ongoing communication/miscommunication, unanswered requests, presumptive natures, and false promises. However, very little progress has been made. Blame has been put on both parties over the years and has built up to the point where we feel stagnant in trying to resolve the fundamental issues at hand. More communication and restructuring seem excessive.

ASUW Liaison McEndree and I had the opportunity to meet with Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke and voice these concerns to him. Director Hacke understood these concerns and agreed that the relationship had become extremely toxic and does not have the potential to change under the current climate or defining language.

With that being said, we have had to make the difficult decision to move forward with dissolving this strategic partnership. This came with much thought and consideration and ultimately, we feel that this is best for our community to focus on the health of our chapters and work towards the goals that we have set as a council. We feel that moving forward and partnering with you in more organic ways with less structure would be in the best interest for both of our organizations. I hope that we will be able to come to a mutual understanding and agreement about this dissolution.

Respectfully,

**Carson Stinson**  
Interfraternity Council President



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Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

To whom it may concern,

On March 25<sup>th</sup> of 2022, I, ASUW Director of Strategic Partners, Programs, and Events Ashton Hacke, met with Interfraternity Council President Carson Stinson and College Panhellenic ASUW Liaison Payton McEndree.

In this meeting, it was mutually agreed upon that the current Strategic Partner model is a broken system that facilitates an unhealthy relationship and has not met all the needs of the parties involved in its five (5) years of existence.

Operating under this framework, the Interfraternity and College Panhellenic representatives put forth a request for the dissolution of their respective Strategic Partner relationships with ASUW based on the agreed failures of the model, and intend to pursue the dissolution process outlined in ASUW By-Laws 8.02, section five (5), subsection B. This process requires both the Strategic Partner and ASUW to agree upon the act of dissolution.

I provided insight regarding the effects of immediate dissolution with President Carson and Liaison McEndree. Namely, we discussed the ways in which dissolution would result in the IFC and CPH losing prioritization in ASUW's Ad-Hoc Restructuring Committee and that the loss of partnership would include IFC and CPH losing their Ex-Officio rights on the ASUW senate floor. I suggested that all parties would benefit from first establishing a more appropriate Strategic Partner model before the dissolution of the current strategic partnership in an attempt to retain elements of collaboration.

Concluding these discussions, the IFC and CPH representatives acknowledged the consequences of dissolving the strategic partnership and insisted that we move forward with the dissolution process.

I, Director of Partners, Programs, and Events Hacke, verbally agreed on behalf of the 109<sup>th</sup> ASUW Executive Branch on the joint dissolution of the partnership. With this being an equal partnership between autonomous organizations, I do not think it would be right to force a student organization to stay in a partnership that it does not want to be a part of and I respect the decisions made by the IFC and CPH representatives.

As such, ASUW will engage in the dissolution process through passage of legislation in which the Interfraternity Council and the College Panhellenic Council current partnership status with ASUW will be dissolved.

Signed,



Ashton Hacke

## Addendum B

d. The ASUW Program and Institutional Development Committee

i. Purpose: The Program and Institutional Development Committee shall serve as a means by which the ASUW Senate shall advise and assist with all ASUW programs, services and strategic partners. Furthermore, the committee shall be responsible for ensuring that the ASUW is constantly developing into a more effective organization.

ii. Powers: The Committee shall advise and assist all ASUW Programs, Services, and Strategic Partners of the ASUW and shall formally and evaluate aspects of the each and provide recommendations which include but are not limited to the budget, student fee allocation, and staffing. The Committee will maintain regular contact with all Programs, Services, and Strategic Partners of the ASUW and will regularly provide institutional and programmatic support to each. The Committee will be responsible for submitting yearly reports to the Budget and Planning Committee pertaining to the effectiveness and need for funding in specific areas for each ASUW program. Additionally, the Committee shall be responsible for the formulation and execution of long term policies and goals for the ASUW Student Government and its Programs, Services, and Strategic Partners. It shall have the authority to request any information it deems necessary of other ASUW Committees and entities, and it shall use this information to determine areas that require additional focus. Subsequently, the Committee will be responsible for formulating action plans to address these areas of concern. The Committee shall be vested with all necessary and appropriate powers to carry out its purpose under these rules.

iii. Composition: The Committee shall consist of a minimum of six (6) Senators of the ASUW, one (1) of whom shall serve as chairperson, three (3) ASUW Students-at-Large, one (1) being a First-Year Senator, and a unique student representative of each ASUW program or service shall have the opportunity to serve as a voting member. All these program and service representatives are subject to the final approval of the ASUW Vice President. All program and service representatives will have the right to vote in this Committee. The ASUW Vice President shall appoint at least one (1) Executive to serve as an ex-officio on the committee.

The program and service representatives may be, but are not limited to the following:

1. Associated Students Technical Services (ASTEC)
2. United Multicultural Council
3. A.L. Lupton Financial Literacy Program
4. First-Year Senate
5. Students' Legal Services
6. Non-Traditional Student Council
7. Panhellenic Council
8. ~~Interfraternity Council~~

### Section 8.02 Strategic Partnerships

1. Strategic Partners
- A. These strategic partners must have direct oversight through a Dean of Students Office staff member or be advised by a faculty or staff member who must have scheduled

meetings with the ASUW Advisor. The organization must be student-run, and there must be a direct advantage to both ASUW and the organization throughout the partnership. Strategic Partnerships are not ASUW Programs, and as such they shall not experience oversight by the ASUW Executive Branch, or by the ASUW Programs and Institutional Development Committee. However, there shall be an expectation of collaboration with the ASUW Executive Branch and relevant ASUW standing Committees in order to maximize the potential of the partnership and uphold the expectations of Strategic Partners. These include:

- a. ~~Interfraternity Council~~
- b. College Panhellenic Council
- c. Sustainability Coalition

### Section 8.03 Scheduling

1. Priority Scheduling
  - A. Because of the highly interactive nature of High Interaction Governance Groups and Strategic Partnerships, these groups require consistent public visibility, especially of their meetings times and locations. Therefore, the following groups will be considered to have first priority when the ASUW schedules meeting times and locations with the Union during the first week of priority scheduling. These include in specific order:
    - a. ASUW Senate
    - b. All Traditionally Sponsored ASUW Programming
      1. First-Year Senate (business meetings only)
      2. United Multicultural Council (business meetings only)
    - c. ASUW Student Organization Funding Board
    - d. Mandatory Student Fee Committee
    - e. Strategic Partners
  2. College Panhellenic Council (business meetings only)
  - B. This privilege will be granted to programs and partners if they meet the following criteria:
    - a. Meeting times and places must be visible to the student body, and must appear on the program or partner's website.
    - b. At least half of the program or partner's meeting time must be open to the general student body. During this time, students must have the ability to address the group and raise concerns to be discussed.
  - C. This section shall become effective upon approval of related policy changes to the Union Events Office scheduling policy.