



SENATE RESOLUTION #2795

TITLE: ASUW Concern Regarding Icy Campus Sidewalks
DATE INTRODUCED: March 29, 2022
AUTHOR: President Swilling
SPONSORS: Senators Castronovo, Ewalt, Laverell, and Smith; Director of Wellness and Sustainability McLean

1. Student Government is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,
2. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming Laramie campus receives, on average 162.56
3. centimeters (64.0 inches) of snowfall per year, has an average of 210.7 days per year in
4. which the temperature falls below freezing, and a climate analysis of Laramie notes that
5. “April is the snowiest month in Laramie with 12.1 inches of snow, and 9 months of the year
6. have significant snowfall.”; and,
7. WHEREAS, this snow accumulates on sidewalks and often melts and refreezes, forming
8. dangerous patches of ice that can persist on campus sidewalks for weeks or even months at
9. a time, as exemplified by images in Addendum A; and,
10. WHEREAS, these icy sidewalks pose many challenges for students, staff, and faculty by
11. making it difficult and potentially hazardous to walk across campus; and,
12. WHEREAS, this further presents an accessibility issue for many members of our campus
13. community who have mobility struggles; and,
14. WHEREAS, as stated on the Disability Support Services website: “Physical and program
15. accessibility at the University of Wyoming is a joint responsibility and can be achieved only
16. through cooperative efforts of University faculty, staff, and students”; and,
17. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming is transitioning to emphasizing a “walking
18. campus” mentality through the creation of additional green space in what is currently the
19. parking lot in front of the Wyoming Union; and,

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20. WHEREAS, this will make icy sidewalks potentially become an even larger challenge
21. for the University in the future; and,
22. WHEREAS, these icy sidewalks also present potential liability issues for the University;
23. and,
24. WHEREAS, there has been significant student concern over these icy sidewalks, as
25. demonstrated by the poll results taken from ASUW's spring 2022 student issues survey, as
26. shown in Addendum A; and,
27. WHEREAS, according to these survey results, 73.06% of students report that they either
28. "definitely" or "somewhat" have a problem with icy sidewalks on campus; and,
29. WHEREAS, when asking the question "What are some small-scale projects you
30. would like to see ASUW pursue?" in an open-ended format, we received 214 unique
31. student comments specifically asking that we address icy sidewalks on campus; and,
32. WHEREAS, responding to this simple student need would be a positive example of the
33. University of Wyoming caring for its campus community and taking proactive steps based
34. on campus feedback.
35. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
36. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW urges the University of Wyoming (UW)
37. Administration to investigate this issue, and, if possible, take proactive steps towards
38. reducing the prevalence of icy sidewalks and walkways on campus; and,
39. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that this resolution shall be sent to the UW President,
40. the Executive Director of UW Operations, and the Vice President for Students Affairs; and,
41. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that ASUW will be open to discussing providing
42. financial resources to fix this problem through the ASUW Facilities Endowment.

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Referred to: Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Budget and Planning; Safety and Wellness

Date of Passage: April 5, 2022 **Signed:** _____

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on April 5, 2022, I do hereby sign my name
hereto

and approve this Senate action.”


ASUW President

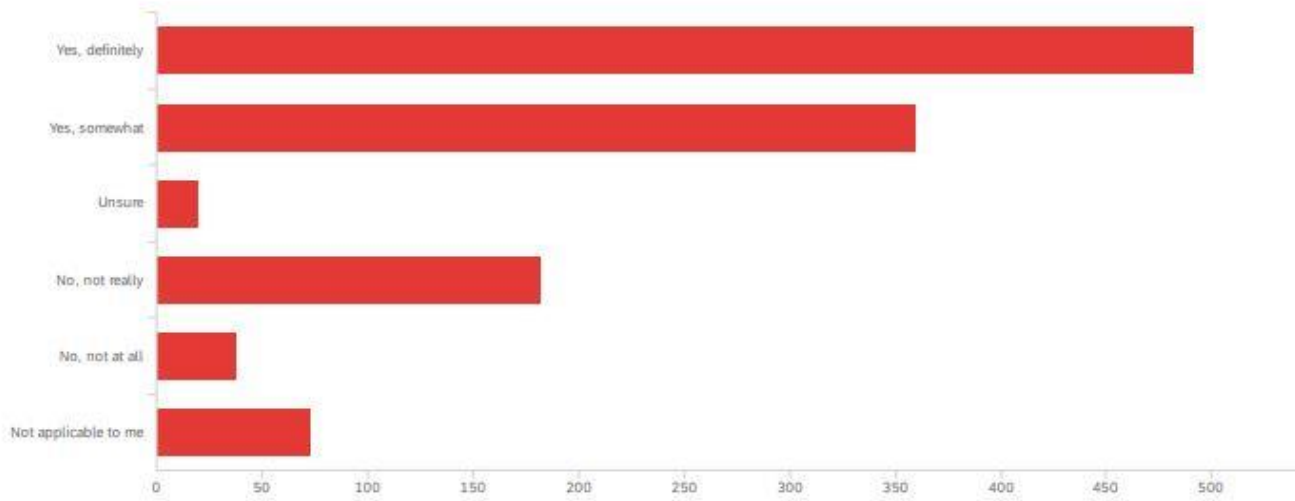
Addendum A

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Addendum B

Q56 - Do you have a problem with icy sidewalks on campus?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Do you have a problem with icy sidewalks on campus?	1.00	6.00	2.25	1.51	2.29	1,162

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Yes, definitely	42.25% 491
2	Yes, somewhat	30.98% 360
3	Unsure	1.64% 19
4	No, not really	15.66% 182
5	No, not at all	3.18% 37
6	Not applicable to me	6.28% 73

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