



**SENATE BILL #2829**

**TITLE:** Codifying ASUW Policy on Pronouns and Use of Gender-Neutral Language

**DATE INTRODUCED:** October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**AUTHOR:** Senator Swilling and Director of Diversity and Inclusion Lin

**SPONSORS:** Senators Etchepare, McLean, Petri, and Sapien; President Brown; Chief of Staff Skorcz; First-Year Senator Knopp; Student-at-Large Ewalt

1. (ASUW) is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,
2. WHEREAS, ASUW supports and encourages inclusivity for groups on campus; and,
3. WHEREAS, ASUW has no current internal standard for introducing individuals’
4. preferred pronouns; and,
5. WHEREAS, instituting a consistent standard will encourage the use of pronouns for all
6. ASUW members and employees during introductions and especially for retreats; and,
7. WHEREAS, creating a requirement to include a designated spot for pronouns on all
8. applications shall further ensure we can respect individuals’ preferred pronouns and
9. identities; and,
10. WHEREAS, it will also ensure that future applicants understand that we prioritize and
11. promote inclusivity of all identities; and,
12. WHEREAS, including pronouns on all ASUW purchased nametags will also further
13. ensure that we can respect individuals’ preferred pronouns; and,
14. WHEREAS, ensuring that ASUW communications and legislation use gender-neutral
15. language, such as “committee chair” instead of “chairman” will also help ensure ASUW
16. is inclusive.

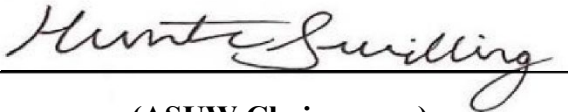
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17. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of
18. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW Rules and Procedures be amended to
19. reflect the changes outlined in Addendum A; and,
20. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes shall take effect immediately upon passage and enactment of this bill.

**Referred to:** Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Steering

**Date of Passage:** October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022


**Signed:**



**(ASUW Chairperson)**

**"Being enacted on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, I do hereby sign my name hereto and**

**approve this Senate action."**



**ASUW President**

## **Addendum A**

### **Article 10. ASUW Language Inclusivity**

#### **Section 10.01 Pronouns**

1. At the first ASUW Senate meeting of the year, as well as any retreats that are held for training purposes in any part of ASUW, individuals will be given the option to include their personal pronouns with any introductions that they give.
2. All ASUW applications, including those for Senatorial vacancies, elections, the Judicial Council, and ASUW programs shall have a designated place for an individual to include their pronouns.
3. All nametags purchased by ASUW shall include the individual's pronouns, unless they request otherwise.
4. New nametags shall be purchased if an individual's pronouns change.

#### **Section 10.02 Gender Neutral Language**

1. All ASUW marketing, communications, and legislation shall, to the greatest possible extent, use gender-neutral language, except when such a stipulation would not be conducive to the purpose of the communication or legislation.

### **Article 11. Suspension**

#### **Section 10.01 Suspension of the ASUW Rules and Procedures**

1. These rules, or any portion thereof, may be temporarily suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASUW Senate with the exceptions of Article 6, Sections 2, 3, and 4, which require a four-fifths (4/5) vote.

### **Article 12. Revisions and Adoption**

#### **Section 10.01 Revision and Adoption**

1. Upon approval of these Rules and Procedures by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the current ASUW Senate membership, changes shall require a vote of the same before adoption.