



SENATE BILL #2842

TITLE: Implementation of a Senator Vacancy Board

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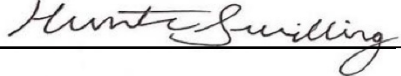
AUTHOR: Senators Bouma and Grimm; Chief of Legislative Affairs Smith;
The Ad-Hoc Restructuring Committee

SPONSORS: Senators Almejo-Ponce, Ewalt, and Stadler

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, ASUW's run off model for vacancies ought to be reformed to allow for a
4. more representative model; and,
5. WHEREAS, SB #2828 outlined a proposed model, but was withdrawn because of
6. Various errors and a higher workload for the Outreach, Programming, and Elections
7. Committee; and,
8. WHEREAS, instituting an ASUW Vacancy Board mends the previous concerns and
9. allows for elections to have higher stakes and legitimacy.
10. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of
11. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government that ASUW By-Laws be amended to reflect the
12. changes in Addendum A; and,
13. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes take effect at the start of the
14. 111th ASUW Administration.

Referred to: _____ **Steering; Outreach, Programming, and Elections; Ad Hoc Restructuring** _____

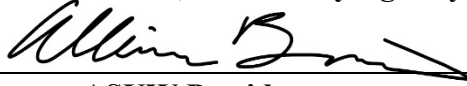
PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

Date of Passage: December 6th, 2022 Signed: 

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on December 6th, 2022, I do hereby sign my name hereto

and approve this Senate action.”



ASUW President

Addendum A

Section 4.02 Senate

1. Senate Vacancy Procedure

- A. At the beginning of each ASUW Administration, a list of potential ASUW candidates ~~will be created~~, including the senatorial candidates who were elected in the initial student representative election. This shall include write-in candidates.
- B. Upon the resignation, permanent absence or incapacity of any Senator, ~~the ASUW Senate Vacancy Board (outlined in Article 4, Section 4.02, Subsection 2) will be enacted to fill the vacancy except: the senatorial candidate who received the next highest number of approval votes shall fill the vacancy.~~
 - a. Eligible students applying to fill vacancies are outlined within the ASUW Elections Policy, Section 1.05.
 - b. When the vacancy occurs in the Summer months, while the Intercession Oversight Committee is invoked. Vacancies during this period of time will have the following proceeding:
 1. Upon the resignation, permanent absence or incapacity of any Senator, during the Summer months, the senatorial candidate who received the next highest number of approval votes shall fill the vacancy.
 2. The ASUW Vice President will notify the person with the next highest number of votes as soon as a Senator's resignation, permanent absence or incapacity takes place. The person notified will have two business days to accept or refuse the Senate position. Upon acceptance, the person will be sworn in at the next ASUW Senate meeting. In the event of refusal, the same procedure will be followed with the next available candidate. This process will include write-in candidates, if applicable.
- C. ~~If a vacancy occurs and the list of eligible candidates from the preceding Election has been exhausted, the ASUW Vice President will direct the ASUW Elections Committee to begin an application and election process to fill the vacant seat. The application shall require a cover letter and a résumé.~~
 - a. ~~As soon as possible after the vacancy occurs, a call for applicants will be made with the application period determined by the ASUW Elections Committee.~~
 - b. ~~At the close of the application period, the ASUW Advisor, will review the applications for a candidate's eligibility as stipulated by the ASUW Election Policy.~~
 - c. ~~The ASUW Elections Committee shall interview all eligible candidates. After the interview process has completed, the Committee shall select a candidate to fill the vacant seat.~~

- ~~d. Candidates shall be subject to a confirmatory vote by the ASUW Senate. Two-thirds (2/3) of present voting members shall be the threshold for confirmation.~~
- ~~e. The ASUW Vice President will notify the chosen candidate as soon as they are confirmed by the Senate. Upon acceptance, the candidate will be sworn in immediately after being confirmed by the ASUW Senate.~~
- ~~f. This system will not be used once applications for the ASUW Student Representative Election open.~~
- ~~g. All Senate Vacancy elections shall follow the above outlines procedures and adhere as closely as possible to the policies outlined in the ASUW Elections Policy.~~

Section 4.02 Senate

2. ASUW Senate Vacancy Board

- A. The board shall, in conjunction with the ASUW Vice-President, oversee the process by which senatorial vacancies are filled as outlined by Article 4, Section 4.02, Subsection 1 of the ASUW By-Laws.
- B. Composition: The board is composed of five (5) voting members; The ASUW Vice-President, The OPE Committee Chairperson, and three (3) randomly selected Students-at-Large (SAL) or ASUW ex-officios. The board shall be presided/chaired by the ASUW President who will not have a vote, nor can they break any ties.
 - a. The selection of SALs and/or ex-officios shall be randomly appointed by a circulated list of interested students that are not ASUW Senators, Executives, or apart of the Judicial Council.
 - b. The three (3) SAL and/or ex-officio members shall be newly selected, if possible.
 - c. If this list of interested SALs or ex-officios is exhausted, programs of ASUW must select a member to represent the board organized by the ASUW Project Coordinator.
- C. If a vacancy occurs, the board will begin an application and election process to fill the vacant seat. The application shall require a cover letter and a résumé.
 - a. As soon as possible after the vacancy occurs a call for applicants will be made with the application period determined by the ASUW Vacancy Board.
 - b. At the close of the application period, the ASUW Advisor will review the applications for a candidate's eligibility as stipulated by the ASUW Election Policy.
 - c. The ASUW Senate Vacancy Board shall interview all eligible candidates. After the interview process has been completed the Committee shall select a candidate to fill the vacant seat.
 - d. Candidates shall be subject to a confirmatory vote by the ASUW Senate. Two-thirds (2/3) of present voting members shall be the threshold for confirmation.

- e. The ASUW Vice President will notify the chosen candidate as soon as they are confirmed by the Senate. Upon acceptance, the candidate will be sworn in immediately after being confirmed by the ASUW Senate.
- f. This system will not be used once applications for the ASUW Student Representative Election open.
- g. All Senate Vacancy elections shall follow the above outlines procedures and adhere as closely as possible to the policies outlined in the ASUW Elections Policy.

Section 2.02 The ASUW Senate

10. Standing Committees

A. The ASUW Outreach, Programming, and Elections Committee

- a. Purpose: The Committee shall assist in organization and execution of events, workshops, and all outreach including but not limited to all events involving elections and Homecoming. It shall also have the ability to come up with new programming and shall be responsible for the review of the effectiveness of such programming, determining whether a particular event will continue to be sustainable, and formulating proposals for future programming. The committee will also serve to promote ASUW Elections and conduct outreach to promote participation. The committee shall help plan and execute Homecoming events. It must discuss Homecoming within the first full week of the Fall Semester and shall continue to plan and discuss it at least once per week up until Homecoming Week. The committee shall help promote and conduct outreach for homecoming events as the committee deems most beneficial for the student body. It shall help promote other homecoming events not associated with ASUW as it deems necessary. The committee shall also work on homecoming events in conjunction with other departments and organizations on campus, including but not limited to: UW Athletics, Fraternity and Sorority Life, the Alumni Association, and Student Affairs as deemed appropriate by the committee and the ASUW Vice President. The Committee shall then meet at least once after Homecoming Week to discuss the outcome of the Homecoming events. The committee shall meet in the spring semester to discuss budgetary needs of events for Homecoming. ~~The committee shall, in conjunction with the ASUW Vice President, oversee the process by which senatorial vacancies are filled, as outlined by Article 4, Section 4.02 of the ASUW By Laws.~~ The Committee shall also work with the Executive Branch to promote the current services, actions, and happenings of the ASUW, to consistently outreach to individual students and student organizations annually.

PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY