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**SENATE BILL #2853**

**TITLE:** Reforming Communications, Special Events, and the Order of Business for ASUW Senate Meetings

**DATE INTRODUCED:** January 31, 2023

**AUTHOR:** Vice President Swilling

**SPONSORS:** Senators Ewalt and McLean; Chief of Staff Skorecz

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 Senate meetings are often very long, and reducing their length would
4. save student fee dollars; and,
5. WHEREAS, ASUW Senate meetings can be reformed to maximize their efficiency; and,
6. WHEREAS, holding special events and communications only every other week, and
7. alternating between them so that they do not occur on the same week, will save significant
8. time; and,
9. WHEREAS, to prevent significant potential drawbacks of this change, the ASUW Steering
10. Committee could decide to hold a special event anyway, but only if they deem it crucial; and,
11. WHEREAS, switching the order of old and new business with communications will help
12. ensure that the most important aspects of the meetings, such as voting on legislation, take
13. place earlier in the meeting; and,
14. WHEREAS, eliminating committee and executive verbal communications, except for the
15. President and Vice President, shall also help to speed up meetings.
16. THEREFORE, be it enacted that the ASUW Rules and Procedures be amended to reflect the
17. changes outlined in Addendum A; and,

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18. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes shall take effect immediately upon  
19. passage of this bill.

Referred to: Program and Institutional Development

Date of Passage: February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Signed: *Hunter Swilling*  
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, I do hereby sign my name hereto

and approve this Senate action.” *Allan Bond*  
ASUW President

Addendum A

Article 2. Order of Business

Section 2.01 Order of Business

- I. The following shall be the order of business, unless amended on the floor of the Senate:
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Land Acknowledgement Statement: "We collectively acknowledge that the University of Wyoming occupies the ancestral and traditional lands of the Cheyenne, Arapaho, Crow, and Shoshone Indigenous peoples along with other Native tribes who call the Great Basin and Rocky Mountain region home. We recognize, support, and advocate alongside Indigenous individuals and communities who live here now, and with those forcibly removed from their Homelands."
  - C. Pledge of Allegiance (at individual member's discretion)
  - D. Mission Statement: "The purpose of the Student Government of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible through accurate representation, professional interaction with campus programs and organizations, and responsible, effective leadership."
  - E. Roll Call- all voting and non-voting members of the Senate.
  - F. Approval of the Minutes.
  - G. Approval of the Agenda.
  - H. Open Forum - Any persons who wish to address the Senate.
  - I. Special Event - Determined by Chairperson and if necessary. Shall only be held every other week, alternating with communications, unless decided otherwise by the Steering Committee for any specific meeting.
  - ~~J.~~ RSO Funding Board Requests - Listed by group name.
  - K. Old Business
  - ~~A-L.~~ New Business
  - ~~B-M.~~ Communications - Shall be restricted to what is pertinent to Senate business and shall not contain exorbitant or redundant information and shall exclude the announcement of events unless pertinent to the Senate business. Shall only be held every other week, alternating with the special event, unless decided otherwise by the Steering Committee. Executives and Committees shall not have verbal reports but shall have a written report sent with the agenda and other Senate materials.

1. President

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~~2.~~ ~~Executive Assistants~~

~~3.2.~~ Judicial Council

~~4.3.~~ Vice President

~~5.4.~~ Advisor

~~6.5.~~ Ex-Officio Communications

~~7.6.~~ Ad Hoc Committee Reports (PID)

~~8.~~ ~~Committee Reports - Steering first, followed by others in alphabetical order, followed by Ad Hoc Committees.~~

~~9.7.~~ College Council - Every representative from each college in attendance shall have the opportunity to provide a report. If a college representative is not in attendance, any reports shall be delivered by the chair of the college council.

~~C.~~ ~~Old Business~~

~~D.~~ ~~New Business~~

~~E.N.~~ ~~Announcements~~ - Any information not pertaining to the above items

~~F.O.~~ Processing

~~G.P.~~ Adjournment

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