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**Senate Bill #2864**

**TITLE:** Amendment of the Bylaws to Remove Strategic Partnerships

**DATE INTRODUCED:** March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**AUTHOR:** Senator Meiklejohn

**SPONSORS:** Senators Ewalt and Gundling; First-Year Senator Keasling

1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of
2. Wyoming (ASUW) is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,
3. WHEREAS the ASUW By-Laws currently allow for the creation of strategic
4. partnerships with student organizations at the University of Wyoming; and,
5. WHEREAS the strategic partnership model has been utilized in the past but has not
6. fully served the needs of student organizations or the student body; and,
7. WHEREAS the strategic partnership model has been repeatedly problematic due to
8. ASUW budget constraints and difficulties with oversight; and
9. WHEREAS, upon the beginning of the 111th Administration, no strategic partnerships
10. between any UW student organizations and the ASUW will exist.
11. THEREFORE, be it enacted that the strategic partnership model be stricken from the
12. By-Laws as depicted in Addendum A and Addendum B; and,
13. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes take effect upon the
14. beginning of the 111th Administration.

**Referred to: Program and Institutional Development, Steering**

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**Date of Passage:** March 23, 2023

**Signed:** *Hunter Swilling*

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(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on March 23, 2023, I do hereby sign my name hereto and

approve this Senate action.”



ASUW President

## Addendum A

### Article 7. Programs, ~~and Services, and Strategic Partners~~

#### Section 7.02 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 regularly 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. Sustainability Coalition~~

##### 2. Creation of Partnerships

~~A. A Strategic Partnership may be created by the ASUW Student Government and a Strategic Partner, through a letter requesting the creation of a Strategic Partnership. The letter must be submitted to the ASUW President by the President or Student Leader of the organization. A meeting between the ASUW President, and relevant ASUW Executives, and the ASUW Advisor and the Strategic Partner's President or student leader and advisor must be scheduled within 15 business days. The organization must have evidence of how the Strategic Partnership aligns with the goals of the ASUW Student Government and how the partnership would benefit both the ASUW Student Government and the Strategic Partner. Potential Strategic Partners should outline a new program ASUW Student Government and their organization can build together to benefit the whole of campus. If at the end of the meeting about the creation of the partnership both parties are in agreement that the partnership is beneficial to both the ASUW Student~~

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~~Government and the organization, legislation should be drafted to amend 33 the list of Strategic Partners within these By-Laws. The letter requesting the creation of the Strategic Partnership and any other relevant documents submitted to the ASUW President should be included in the legislation as addendum.~~

### ~~3. Expectations of Strategic Partners~~

~~A. The expectations of the Strategic Partners defined above include:~~

~~a. The Strategic Partner must follow all rules outlined in the ASUW Finance Policies Article 9 Section 9.03 in regards to any monetary support supplied by the ASUW.~~

~~b. The Strategic Partner will use the ASUW sponsored logo on all printed material for public consumption advertisements where ASUW funds were used for printing (excluding recruitment and internal meetings). When ASUW and a Strategic Partner collaborate on events, both partner logos should appear on printed material.~~

~~c. The Strategic Partner will help advertise ASUW elections, vacancies, and ASUW events and initiatives when asked by the ASUW president or other relevant executives.~~

~~d. The Strategic Partner and ASUW shall cosponsor one event per semester, unless outside circumstances render this unfeasible. Collaboration on planning, funding, and advertising is expected.~~

~~e. The Strategic Partner and ASUW shall collaborate on one continuous campus wide program for the duration of the partnership. The Strategic Partner and ASUW shall work to expand the program each year of the partnership.~~

~~f. Fall semester requirements are as follow:~~

~~i. An introductory meeting between ASUW Executives and relevant strategic Partner leaders. This shall take place in the first three weeks after ASUW Executives are confirmed.~~

~~ii. The strategic partner will send a memo to the ASUW President and relevant ASUW Executive five days after the end of the semester detailing accomplishments of their organization during the semester, collaboration between the partners, and ways the partnership can improve next semester.~~

~~iii. A general update will be given to the Senate by relevant parties as proof the meetings and memos were completed.~~

~~g. Spring semester requirements are as follow:~~

~~i. Another introductory meeting will be held in the first three weeks of the semester, with any new relevant members of ASUW or Strategic Partner Leadership.~~

~~ii. The strategic partner will send a memo to the ASUW President and relevant ASUW Executive five days after the end of the semester detailing accomplishments of their organization during the semester, collaboration between the partners, and ways the partnership can improve next semester.~~

~~iii. A general update will be given to the Senate by relevant parties as proof the meetings and memos were completed.~~

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iv. If money is budgeted to the Strategic Partner, a fiscal report will be submitted to the ASUW President and relevant Executives at the end of the fiscal year detailing how ASUW money was used through the year. The fiscal report shall be distributed to the ASUW Budget and Planning Committee when the partner submits their budget request for the next fiscal year.

h. If there are concerns about a memo, the Strategic Partner's president or student leader and advisor must attend a meeting with the ASUW President, ASUW Vice President, and/or relevant ASUW executives in order to discuss the concerns and to create a strategy to remedy further concerns.

#### 4. Expectations of the ASUW Student Government

A. The expectations of the ASUW Student Government in relation to Strategic Partners defined above include:

a. The ASUW Student Government may financially support a Strategic Partner as defined by the ASUW Finance Policies.

b. The ASUW Student Government will help advertise a Strategic Partner's events and initiatives.

c. If requested by the Strategic Partner, relevant ASUW Executives will work together with the President or Student Leader from the Partner organization to write legislation.

d. ASUW will send a memo to the appropriate Strategic Partner leadership five days after the end of the semester detailing accomplishments of ASUW during the semester, collaboration between the partners, and ways the partnership can improve next semester.

e. If there are concerns about a memo, the ASUW President and relevant ASUW Executives and the ASUW Advisor must attend a meeting with the Strategic Partner's President or Student Leader in order to discuss the concerns and to create a strategy to remedy further concerns.

#### 5. Dissolution

A. A Strategic Partnership may be dissolved by the ASUW Student Government or a Strategic Partner through the following steps:

a. If the ASUW Student Government wishes to dissolve the partnership: A letter requesting the dissolution of the partnership must be submitted to the relevant student leaders and advisor. A meeting between the ASUW President, relevant ASUW Executives, the ASUW Advisor, the Strategic Partner's Student Leaders, and Advisor must be scheduled within 10 business days. At this meeting, the ASUW must show proof of a meeting where a concern recognized by a memo was discussed and a strategy was developed to remedy further concern. In addition, there must be proof the strategy was not followed, and the concern was not remedied by the ASUW Student Government. The dissolution of a partnership requires amendment to the list of Strategic Partners in these By-Laws, and the legislation for the dissolution must show proof of a meeting where a concern recognized by a memo was discussed and a strategy was developed to remedy further concern. In addition, there must be proof the strategy was not followed, and the concern was not remedied by the Strategic Partner. If a meeting was

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~~requested and no response was given within 5 business days, or if the meeting could not be scheduled within 15 business days, or if a meeting was scheduled and the Strategic Partner did not attend then the legislation for the dissolution only needs proof of the concern recognized by a memo. Dissolution of the partnership will require two-thirds vote of the current ASUW Senate membership.~~

~~b. If both the Strategic Partner and ASUW would like to dissolve the partnership for reasons unrelated to meeting expectations outlined above: the dissolution of the partnership will require a simple majority vote of the current ASUW Senate body. The legislation dissolving the Strategic Partnership shall contain the rationale for the dissolution and must have the Strategic Partner as a sponsor.~~

~~c. If a Strategic Partnership is dissolved the partner will be allowed to finish using the money allocated to them for the current Fiscal Year, as a partner with the expectation money still be used for the designated line items. They will not be allowed to request funding for the next Fiscal Year, as a partner. If the Partner has already been awarded money for the next Fiscal Year, when the partnership is dissolved the leadership members of the partner shall collaborate with Budget & Planning and the Executive branch to establish a revised budget allocation with the goal of reducing their budget while supporting their organizational activities during the transition.~~

#### Section 7.032 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
  - i. First-Year Senate (business meetings only)
  - ii. United Multicultural Council (business meetings only)
- c. ASUW Student Organization Funding Board
- d. Mandatory Student Fee Committee
- e. Strategic Partners

### **Addendum B**

#### Article 2. Legislative Branch

##### Section 2.02 The ASUW Senate

###### 10. Standing Committees

###### D. The ASUW Program and Institutional Development Committee

a. 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, and services and strategic partners. Furthermore, the committee

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shall be responsible for ensuring that the ASUW is constantly developing into a more effective organization.

b. Powers: The Committee shall advise and assist all ASUW Programs, ~~and Services, and Strategic Partners~~ of the ASUW and shall formally and evaluate aspects of ~~the~~ each and provide recommendations on how they can best fulfill their mission and goals. The Committee will maintain regular contact with all Programs, ~~and 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 16 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, ~~and Services, and Strategic Partners~~. To this end, it shall conduct an annual review of the current ASUW Strategic Plan, with the ASUW President and ASUW Assistant Director also assisting. If necessary, this report shall contain recommended changes to the strategic plan to ensure its continued relevance, which can be passed through the legislative process. PID 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.