



**SENATE RESOLUTION #2831**

**TITLE:** ASUW's Support for Explicit Language Inclusion of Military-Connected Students and Non-Traditional Students

**DATE INTRODUCED:** October 18, 2022

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**SPONSORS:** Senator Engelby and Sapien; First-Year Senator Knopp; Director of Veterans Services Center & Veterans Programming Martinez; Non-Traditional Student Council

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 supports inclusivity for groups on campus; and,
4. WHEREAS, there is no standardized statement for those who are eligible for campus
5. resources; and,
6. WHEREAS, certain groups on campus don't feel that student resources are available to
7. them as they don't identify with the general student body; and,
8. WHEREAS, explicitly mentioning these populations creates a more welcoming
9. environment.
10. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Associated Students of the University of
11. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government that within student
12. resources at the University of Wyoming it is highly encouraged to explicitly clarify
13. eligibility as: "We welcome and encourage all fee-paying students, military connected
14. students, and non-traditional students to use campus-wide services"; and,
15. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that this statement should be included in all forms

- 16. of communications for student services/resources, such as, brochures, websites, etc. at
- 17. the University of Wyoming.

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

**Date of Passage:** October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 **Signed:**   
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, I do hereby sign my name hereto

and approve this Senate action.”

ASUW President



## **Addendum A**

### **Veteran's Center Statement of Support**

As Director of the UW Veterans Services Director and Veterans Programming, and speaking on behalf of the nearly 635 military connected students enrolled at UW, I extend our thanks and appreciation to ASUW for recognizing the importance of specifically addressing marginalized communities in general and campus communications. Military connected students often feel disconnected from their traditional student counterparts, usually due to age, military/life experience, family life, etc., which many times creates a feeling that campus resources and services are created for and offered to the younger, traditional age students. This simple inclusion of a few words will serve as a reminder that military connected students at UW are truly valued and counted in the UW community.

## **Addendum B**

### **Non-Traditional Student Council Statement of Support**

The Nontraditional Student council is appreciative of ASUW working toward inclusion and equity by addressing the needs of marginalized communities and effective campus-wide communication. For many traditional students, going to college is a full-time experience.

However, nontraditional students, many of whom are graduate students, married, single parents, military, etc., must deal with additional barriers and challenges when it comes to balancing their academic endeavors with their personal and professional obligations. This often leads to a sense of isolation from the campus life community and access to resources. Nontraditional students are grateful to be connected and valued as an integral part of the UW community.

## **Addendum C**

### **UW's Non-Traditional Student Resources: Non-Traditional Student Qualifications**

Nearly one in three students attending UW is a non-traditional student. These students make up a diverse group with a variety of life experiences, backgrounds, skills, responsibilities and needs.

- You are a non-traditional student if you are:
- 25+ years old
- Working on a Masters or Doctoral degree
- Married
- A parent
- Responsible for dependents
- A ward/dependent of the court
- A US Armed Forces Veteran
- A child of deceased parents

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