



**SENATE BILL #2895**

**TITLE:** A Bill Reforming the Vacancy of Office Procedures  
**DATE INTRODUCED:** 09/12/23  
**AUTHOR:** Chief of Legislative Affairs Knopp  
**SPONSORS:** Senators Meester, Hennigar, and Medina

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, Senators are elected to certain positions on head table to maintain order
4. and structure of the senate; and,
5. WHEREAS, vacancies on the Head Table reasonably disrupt the senate and its
6. operations; and,
7. WHEREAS, this disruption would occur regardless of whether there was a line of
8. succession; and,
9. WHEREAS, the skills required to perform the duties of on head table position are not
10. necessarily the skills required to perform another position on head table; and,
11. WHEREAS, the senate believes that the senate at large has the right to challenge the
12. line of succession in pursuit of democratic values; and,
13. WHEREAS, the Parliamentarian would still assume the duties of the President Pro
14. Tempore in their absence, just not become the President Pro Tempore; and,
15. WHEREAS, a precedent has been set by the 111<sup>th</sup> Administration that democratically
16. electing a new Senator to fill a vacancy that has been created in the Head Table is the
17. preferable course of action; and,
18. WHEREAS, the codification of precedent is of the utmost importance in order to

19. maintain a smoothly run senate.
20. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of
21. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government that the By-Laws be amended as reflected in
22. Addendum A; and,
23. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes take effect upon this bills
24. passage.

Referred to: Program and Institutional Development ,Outreach Programing and Elections

Date of Passage: September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Signed: 

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, I do hereby sign my name hereto

and approve this Senate action.” 

ASUW President

## Addendum A

### Article 4. Vacancy of Office

#### Section 4.01 Executive Officers

##### 1. Executive Vacancy Procedure

A. Upon the resignation, permanent absence, or incapacity of the President, the Vice President shall become president.

B. Upon the resignation, permanent absence, or incapacity of the Vice President, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall become Vice President.

~~C. Upon the resignation, permanent absence, or incapacity of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Senate Parliamentarian shall become the President Pro Tempore.~~

C. Upon the resignation, permanent absence, or incapacity of the aforementioned members of ASUW, the following order of offices shall assume the executive responsibilities until a special election within the Senate will be held to fill the open position with current senators;

a. Senate Sergeant at Arms

b. Senate Marshal

c. **Senate Parliamentarian**

d. Chief of Staff

D. Any further line of succession may be outlined by the President and approved by the ASUW Senate.