

SENATE BILL #2904



TITLE: Committee Time Overlap

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AUTHOR: Senator Meester

SPONSORS: Senators Keasling, Mahoney, Hulen and Gomelsky

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, it is in the best interest of both senators, first-year senators, and any
4. students who wish to attend committee meetings, that committees are time accessible to
5. all of these individuals to the best of ASUW's abilities; and,
6. WHEREAS, currently the ASUW Bylaws do not have any restrictions or codified
7. procedures on when standing committees can meet; and,
8. WHEREAS, currently standing committees can both meet at the same time and meet
9. during First-Year Senate which negates First-Year Senators' abilities to attend any
10. standing committee that meets during that time; and,
11. WHEREAS, First-Year Senators should have the opportunity to serve on any ASUW
12. Committee as assigned by the ASUW Vice President; and,
13. WHEREAS, ASUW Senators should have the opportunity to serve on any ASUW
14. Standing committee should their personal schedule allow it; and,
15. WHEREAS, overlapping committee times should not restrict ASUW Senators' ability
16. to attend their standing committees of choice; and,
17. WHEREAS, overlapping committee times also negate students' ability to attend
18. multiple committees should any Student-At-Large wish to attend which goes against the
19. precedent set that ASUW encourages Students-At-Large to attend committee meetings

20. should they so choose.

21. THEREFORE, be it enacted that standing committees may no longer have overlapping

22. meeting times nor meet during the duration of the First-Year Senate meeting; and,

23. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes are reflected in the ASUW

24. Bylaws as reflected in Addendum A; and,

25. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes take effect January 16th, 2024.

Referred to:

Date of

Passage: _____ **Signed:** _____

(ASUW Chairperson)

**“Being enacted on _____, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve
this Senate action.”**

ASUW President

Addendum A:

- A. Each standing committee shall establish regular meeting times **that do not overlap with other committee times and do not occur during the designated First-Year Senate meeting time.** The regular meeting time and place shall be permanently posted in the ASUW Senate Office and on the ASUW website during the academic year.
- B. Each ASUW Standing Committee shall be responsible for any and all outreach it deems necessary to complete the purpose it has been tasked with, and shall make all possible attempts within its jurisdiction to successfully carry out that purpose.
- C. All standing committees shall endeavor to publicize in advance their meetings and the matters they may have under consideration. Any member of the ASUW shall be entitled to appear before any standing committee and be heard upon any pending matter or upon matters within the functions and duties of the committee under the same procedures as established for any ASUW member to appear before the ASUW Senate.
- D. Members of the ASUW Executive Branch shall not serve as chairperson of any ASUW standing committee.