



**SENATE BILL# 2907**

**TITLE:** Nomination Limit

**DATE INTRODUCED:** 10/17/23

**AUTHOR:** Senator Meester and Chief of Legislative Affairs Knopp

**SPONSORS:** Senators, Medina, Gomelsky, Hennigar, Mahoney,

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, the current ASUW Bylaws and ASUW Rules and Procedures do not
4. explicitly determine the limit of nominations for any given event in which a nomination
5. is appropriate; and,
6. WHEREAS, First-Year Senator Meester brought this to the attention of the First-Year
7. Senate during the 110<sup>th</sup> ASUW administration which formed a precedent for what
8. became known as “double nominations;” and,
9. WHEREAS, this precedent was later adopted by the 111<sup>th</sup> administration with a soft
10. limit of two nominations for any given event in which a nomination is appropriate; and,
11. WHEREAS, it has been established without codification that the chair of the senate
12. bears the soft discretion to determine the number of nominations that are time
13. appropriate for an event; and,
14. WHEREAS, the allowance of two nominations for nomination based events has not
15. positively contributed to the senate in a meaningful way and has instead exacerbated
16. and lengthened all events involving nominations; and,
17. WHEREAS, ASUW operated under a long-standing precedent that a single nomination
18. for any given nomination based event was the most efficacious and poignant way of

19. going about the nomination process; and,
20. WHEREAS, “double nominations” create an unnecessary workload for the ASUW
21. Chief of Legislative affairs; and,
22. WHEREAS, Robert’s Rules allows for a nomination to be seconded, which does not
23. give the seconding individual speaking rights on the nomination, but does indicate
24. support of the nominee, as stated in Chapter 14, Section 46:6, Clause 5 of the Newly
25. Revised 12<sup>th</sup> Edition of Robert’s Rules of Order; and,
26. WHEREAS, the seconding system allows for the support of nominees while avoiding
27. redundancy and giving an equal quantity of nominations to any and all candidates
28. allowing for a more democratic nomination process.
29. THEREFORE, be it enacted that only one nomination is allowed per any given nominee
30. in an event in which nominations are required; and,
31. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that this rule includes but is not limited to: Student-
32. At-Larges and Senators of the month, Head Table Officers, Steering Committee
33. Members, and any and all other nominees for various ASUW events and committees;
34. and,
35. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that rather than ASUW Bylaw or ASUW Rules and
36. Procedures codification, this document is simply accepted and enforced by current and
37. future ASUW administrations and to be monitored at the discretion of the chair; and,
38. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes take effect immediately upon
39. passage of this legislation.

*Passed 8-5-2*

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

**Date of Passage:** October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 **Signed:** Jessica Setra  
(ASUW Chairperson)

**“Being enacted on** October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, **I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this**

**Senate action.”** SABER SMITH

**ASUW President**