



**SENATE Bill #2917**

**TITLE:** A Bill to Recognize the FYS Steering Committee Liaison in the ASUW By-Laws

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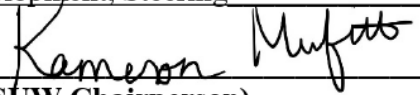
**AUTHOR:** Chief of Legislative Affairs Knopp, First-Year Senate Advisor Schliebe

**SPONSORS:** Senators Anderson and Medina; First Year Senators Shosh and Fink

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 First-Year Senate is an incredible program that prepares members for their
4. future roles in ASUW and beyond; and,
5. WHEREAS, there has been a precedent set by previous administrations that the “Steering
6. Committee Liaison” serves on the steering committee as an ex-officio; and,
7. WHEREAS, ASUW’s current By-Laws do not recognize this position under
8. The composition clause of the Steering Committee; and,
9. WHEREAS, The First-Year Senate’s By-laws does recognize this position stated as
10. follows: “The Steering Committee Liaison shall serve on the full ASUW Steering
11. Committee.”; and,
12. THEREFORE, be it enacted/resolved by the Associated Students of the University of
13. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government that the By-Laws be changed as reflected in
14. addendum A; and,
15. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes take effect on this bill’s passage.

Passed on 20-0-2

Referred to:           Programs, and Institutional Development, Steering          

Date of Passage: November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Signed:   
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 , I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this  
Senate action.” SABER SMITH

ASUW President

## Addendum A

### 10. Standing Committees

#### F. The ASUW Steering Committee

- a. Purpose: The Committee shall provide coordination for the various issues, legislative activities, program involvements of the ASUW Executive and Legislative branches, and serve to pursue ASUW recommendations and actions that are referred to, or require action by the University Trustees, the faculty, or administrative units of the University. The Committee shall also organize an informational meeting for Senators serving their first term in office before the first meeting of the new Senate. The Committee shall evaluate the efficacy of the senatorial scholarship program and work with to recommend the amount allocated toward the senatorial scholarship as outlined in Section 2.02, subsection 5 of the ASUW Bylaws.
- b. Powers: The Committee shall refer proposed ASUW legislation to ASUW standing or special committees for specified action or recommendation prior to final consideration by the Senate. The Committee may refer bills to itself as long as the legislation is steered to at least one (1) other committee or to itself except when:
  - i. Legislation that oversees Articles of Impeachment and direct discipline of an ASUW member is introduced.

The Committee shall have the power to change any formatting, grammar, and spelling errors of proposed legislation. These changes will be made with Committee consensus, as long as these edits do not change the intent or function of the proposed legislation as written by the author(s). The committee shall have the power to determine whether or not submitted legislation follows the "Sole Subject" Rule and furthermore shall have the power to return the legislation to the author if the committee finds that it violates the "Sole Subject" Rule. The committee shall submit a written rationale to the author as well as recommendations for how to amend the bill in accordance with the ruling interpretation of the "Sole Subject" Rule. The committee shall have the power to compose an interpretation to be voted on by the committee, this interpretation shall be the ruling interpretation of the "Sole Subject" Rule and govern whether or not a Bill/resolution follows the Rule. Further, the Committee may recommend the procedure for implementing consideration of ASUW decisions, actions, or legislation after final action by the Senate, and the committee shall provide regular reports to the Senate on the status or final outcome of all matters that require action by officials outside of the ASUW. The Committee will be responsible for the review of all proposed amendments to the ASUW Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules and Procedures to ensure that those working documents remain consistent with the purpose of the

ASUW and its Constitution. The Committee shall review all ex-officio applications and submit approved applications to the ASUW Senate. The Committee shall have the power to investigate and administer warnings and take disciplinary actions against violations of the ASUW By-laws, Rules and Procedures and Senator Handbook. The Committee shall have the power to review any legislation regarding roles, reformation, and duties of committees. The Committee shall also make a bi-monthly report of those Senators who have failed or are currently failing to meet their Senatorial duties as outlined in the By-Laws. The Committee shall be vested with all necessary and appropriate powers to carry out its purpose under these rules. The Committee shall serve to reevaluate the senatorial scholarship on a yearly basis. The committee shall evaluate this prior to the legislative budget submission deadline and make a recommendation to the Budget and Planning Committee.

- c. Composition: The Committee shall consist of the ASUW Vice President, who shall serve as chairperson, the ASUW President Pro Tempore, the ASUW Parliamentarian, the ASUW Sergeant at Arms, the ASUW Marshal, two (2) ASUW Senators; to be elected by the senate, the ASUW Advisor, ~~and~~ (1) Executive appointed by the Vice President to serve as an ex-officio on the committee, **and the First-Year Senate Steering committee liaison to serve as a voting member on the committee.** role.