



SENATE BILL #2944

TITLE: Additional Powers of the Chair
DATE INTRODUCED: TBD
AUTHOR: Senator Knull
SPONSORS: Senator(s) Hennigar, Hulen, Culp, Hulen, First Year
Senator(s) Morales, Chief of Legislative Affairs
Knopp, Vice President Anderson,

1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of
2. Wyoming is to serve the students in the best manner possible; and,
3. WHEREAS, recent Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)
4. senate meetings have seen extraneous, frivolous, and tedious debate, pushing
5. meetings not related to the budget in excess of 5 hours; and,
6. WHEREAS, many bills finding their way to the floor lack critical amendments
7. and are rife with errors—either grammatical, structural, or functional—that require
8. extensive amendments and debate on the floor; and,
9. WHEREAS, this has been shown to grind senate to a standstill on bills that should not
10. have been presented on the floor due to not yet being ready or otherwise lacking; and,
11. WHEREAS, debating bills that are not prepared adequately, either by authors or
12. by revision in committee, has greatly increased time spent per bill that does not
13. directly impact students, while driving down overall productivity of the
14. Legislative body; and,
15. WHEREAS, the chair as vice president should have the power and liberty to
16. move to a different agenda item should they deem debate has reached stalemate or
17. too much time has been spent on one bill or to send a bill back to committee given
18. deadlock or the need for an excess of amendments to said bill.
19. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of
20. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW Rules and Procedures
21. be amended as shown in Addendum A to grant additional powers to the chair to
22. limit debate, and kick bills that do not pass within this limited debate back to
23. their committees; and,
24. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that these changes take effect immediately
25. upon the passage of this bill.

Failed 7-13-1

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

Section 2.01 ASUW Vice President

1. Responsibilities and Authorities

A. The Vice President shall organize and coordinate all ASUW committees.

B. The Vice president shall serve as chairperson of the ASUW Senate. They shall not participate in debate unless they first relinquish the chair to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, or, in the event of the absence of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, to another Senate Officer.

A. The Vice President shall have the additional power to direct and control debate in the senate, this shall include the powers to:

A. Limit all debate to 30 minutes per bill or resolution; wherein at the elapsing of the 30 minutes of the debate the chair can elect to:

- a. Extend the debate time another 30 minutes, or for an additional duration as the chair sees fit,
- b. Close debate which will trigger previous question,
- c. The decision to close or limit debate can be appealed on the floor, with a 2/3 majority vote.

B. Table and/or Reject bills back to their author, and or sponsoring committees, with the addition of other committees being steered to for additional review on the condition that too many amendments are needed on the floor.

- a. Discretion of what constitutes amendments in excess will be solely at the chair's discretion based on actions on the floor.
- b. Decisions on tabling/rejecting a bill from the floor can be appealed, with a 2/3 majority vote.

C. The Vice President may only vote in the event of a tie.

D. The Vice President shall administer the oath of office to all ASUW Senate members.

E. The Vice President shall be present during the summer for participation in the ASUW vice presidential internship.