

SENATE BILL #2896

TITLE: ASUW Committee Transparency Act
DATE INTRODUCED: 09/18/2023
AUTHOR: Senator Langford
SPONSORS: Senators Grimm 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, ASUW recognizes that that University of Wyoming students are unaware
4. of the functions, responsibilities, and ongoing of what their student government does;
5. and,
6. WHEREAS, ASUW has the responsibility to inform the students of the University of
7. Wyoming as to ASUW's activities, legislation, and general decision-making whenever
8. and wherever possible; and,
9. WHEREAS, ASUW standing committees do the bulk of drafting, editing, and
10. considering legislation before it appears on the ASUW Senate floor; and,
11. WHEREAS, student and stakeholder input on legislation before it goes to the fully body
12. of the ASUW Senate would be immensely useful; and,
13. WHEREAS, ASUW has the solemn duty and responsibility to inform constituents of the
14. University of Wyoming and be 100% transparent and maintaining good government
15. policies; and,
16. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
17. (ASUW) Student Government enacts the changes outlined in Addendum A; and,
18. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the ASUW Rules and Procedures be altered to
19. reflect the changes present in Addendum B; and,
20. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that every standing committee of ASUW shall carry-
21. out this act with the ASUW Vice President being charged to oversee the accountability
22. of this act; and,
23. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that this act shall be enacted effective January 16th,
24. 2024.

Referred to: All Standing Committees

Date of Passage: 10/03/24 Signed: Jessica Getra
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 10/03/24, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this

Senate action.” SABER SMITH

ASUW President

ADDENDUM A

10. Standing Committees

- I. Standing Committee Transparency Policy
 - a. Purpose: All standing committees are committed to transparency as a responsibility of ASUW to inform the student body of matters relating to ASUW, including but not limited to the business and work of standing committees.
 - b. Standing committees shall post the minutes of each committee meeting to the University of Wyoming ASUW Legislative Branch Committees webpage after the committee has approved the finalized minutes.
 - c. Executive sessions of committee meetings are exempted from being publicly posted.
 - d. Standing committees shall allow public testimony and access to students and stakeholders to give their opinions on legislation within a certain reasonable amount of time during the committee meeting at the discretion of the chair.
 - e. Standing committees shall ensure that committee meetings can accommodate a minimum number of guests, as determined by the committee chair.
 - f. The relevant ASUW executive shall notify via the Student Right to Know of when committees are meeting, where the committees are meeting, and some form of what the agenda shall be discussed. Furthermore, ASUW shall communicate to relevant campus and community media of public standing committees’ business.
 - g. The ASUW Vice President shall ensure compliance that committee meetings are accessible and public. The ASUW Vice President shall ensure that standing committees’ minutes are public within the prescribed time period.

- h. If the website cannot be maintained, then the relative ASUW executive will ensure another form of communicating the information to reach the student body (i.e. email, WyoCourses, etc.).

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ADDENDUM B

Section 6.07

ASUW Bill and Resolution Consideration Requirements

The meeting in which the legislation is discussed must be attended by a quorum of committee members and may be attended by the authors of the legislation. The committee consideration of bills, resolutions, or other legislative acts shall be open to the public, except when a committee is asked to consider matters which fall under executive privilege. Should a committee meeting be closed for executive session, no legislative business or votes shall be recorded until the meeting is reopened to the public. The committee chairperson shall have **partial** discretion to determine when and where to hold the meeting and how much public notification and/or advertising is necessary to encourage public involvement in the process. The committee chairperson shall also have discretion to determine the process of inviting comments, either written or in person, from University of Wyoming Administration Officials and Employees, the ASUW President, Vice President, Executives, Senators, ASUW Ex-Officios, Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs), and Students.