



SENATE BILL #2996

TITLE: Changing the Makeup of Steering

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AUTHOR: Senator Hennigar

SPONSORS: Vice President Anderson; Senators Grimm, Keasling,
Knull, Meiklejohn, Saint, and Worcester; First Year
Senator 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 current ASUW Steering Committee is made up of head table, two
4. senators not on head table, one first year senator, the Chief of Legislative Affairs or any
5. director of the Vice President choice, and the Vice President of ASUW as seen in
6. Addendum A; and,
7. WHEREAS, the main purpose of this committee is to steer legislation to each committee
8. as also seen in Addendum A; and,
9. WHEREAS, there is a general expectation that the members of this committee are
10. typically senior members of the organization and are experienced to handle different
11. things that may arise throughout the year; and,
12. WHEREAS, each committee elects a chair at the start of the year that heads each
13. committee to ensure smooth functions; and,
14. WHEREAS, these committee chairs are also typically very experienced members of the
15. ASUW Senate; and,
16. WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to require each committee chair to serve as a member
17. of the Steering committee to ensure that more people can benefit the overall functions of
18. the senate; and,
19. WHEREAS, to provide a specific example, Steering also has the By-Laws defined right
20. to determine absence policies for the year and this directly impacts the ways each
21. committee is made to function; and,
22. WHEREAS this would ensure that each chair is able to make sure that their committee is

23. receiving the right bills; and,
24. WHEREAS, currently in Steering there are constant times when a member of the
25. committee that happens to be a chair is asked to provide additional testimony as
26. to whether a bill should be steered to their committee or not; and,
27. WHEREAS, currently in the 111th ASUW Steering Committee, out of the seven voting
28. members on steering only two are not the current chair of a committee which reflects
29. that this would not cause an excessive increase to the current Steering Numbers; and,
30. WHEREAS, similarly there is only one committee chair not currently serving as a
31. member of the Steering Committee and as a result the Steering Committee is missing out
32. on that senator's input and committee insights; and,
33. WHEREAS the proposed Bylaws changes seen in Addendum B and C should be
34. implemented.
35. THEREFORE, be it enacted that the proposed amendments in Addendum B and C be
36. adopted by the ASUW Student government; and,
37. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes go into effect for the 112th
38. administration.

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

STEERING

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

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.

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 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). 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 insure that those working documents remain consistent with the purpose of the ASUW and its Constitution. 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 also make a 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.

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; the ASUW Advisor, and The ASUW Vice President shall appoint one (1) Executive Assistant to serve as an ex-officio on the committee.

Addendum B

10. ASUW Standing Committees

F. The ASUW Steering 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, **all ASUW Standing Committee Chairs once they are appointed by their respective committees**, the ASUW Advisor, (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. The committee shall also elect a secretary, who will take attendance and take notes for the

chair. The ASUW Advisor, or designee, shall serve on the committee in an advisory role.

Addendum C

10. ASUW Standing Committees

I. Each standing committee shall establish regular meeting times. The regular meeting time and place shall be permanently posted in the ASUW Senate Office and on the ASUW website during the academic year.

J. 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.

K. 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.

L. Each committee chair shall only chair one standing committee at any given time (with the exception of the Vice President who shall co-chair both the Steering and Tuitions, Allocations, and Student Fee Review committees).

M. Members of the ASUW Executive Branch shall not serve as chairperson of any ASUW standing committee.

N. Each standing committee chair will sit on the Steering Committee as a voting member.