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SENATE RESOLUTION #2920

TITLE: ASUW Reinstatement of Autonomy on Budget Realignments
DATE INTRODUCED: 11/14/23
AUTHOR: President Smith; Senators Keasling and Meiklejohn
SPONSORS: Ad-Hoc Autonomy of Expenditures

1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) is to serve the students in the best manner possible; and,
3. WHEREAS, historically ASUW has had the freedom to realign out of the reserves as
4. deemed necessary by Budget and Planning and the ASUW Senate as a whole; and,
5. WHEREAS, there already exists systems of checks and balances regarding ASUW
6. realignments and expenditures both within and without ASUW; and,
7. WHEREAS, ASUW has been tasked with spending the restricted reserves account
8. with an accelerated timeline of June 30, 2024; and,
9. WHEREAS, initially, ASUW was authorized to create an expenditure plan by June 30,
10. 2024 and spend down the reserves to below \$50,000 by June 30, 2025; and,
11. WHEREAS, the ASUW realignment process includes necessary checkpoints already,
12. including, the approval of the Budget and Planning Committee; and,
13. WHEREAS, for realignments over \$3,500 it must be confirmed by the ASUW Senate
14. after the Budget and Planning Committee, which the ASUW President can veto, and can
15. be appealed to the ASUW Judicial Council; and,
16. WHEREAS, now requiring ASUW to obtain approval for all realignments from the
17. reserves, no matter how miniscule, from the Board of Trustees in addition to these
18. checks and balances aforementioned, presents a further undue restriction on the already
19. constrained spending timeline; and,
20. WHEREAS, ASUW's University Regulation 11-5 states:
21. "The ASUW Student Government is authorized to allocate student fee receipts
22. under its control to ASUW programs, services, and operations, and to UW
23. Recognized Student Organizations." and
24. "The ASUW Student Government is authorized to create reserve funds, as it

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25. deems appropriate.” as cited from Addendum A; and,
26. WHEREAS, the Vice President of Student Affairs Business Office currently can
27. deny/approve ASUW funds; and,
28. WHEREAS, it is a disservice to the student body to add layers of bureaucracy that
29. disincentivizes expenditures on behalf of the students; and,
30. WHEREAS, this doctrinal whiplash has directly ceased meaningful projects that benefit
31. the students; and,
32. WHEREAS, ASUW reserve funds, carryover, or whichever classification is now the
33. appropriate nomenclature, originates from the ASUW Student Fee over which the
34. University Regulation gives ASUW the ability to allocate as we deem appropriate and
35. the monies in the reserve funds, carryover, or whichever classification is now the
36. appropriate nomenclature is unspent Student Fees that should not be withheld from the
37. ASUW Student Government; and,
38. WHEREAS, those unspent Student Fees accrued primarily due to the lack of events
39. needing to be funded during the COVID-19 pandemic and unspent salaries totaling more
40. than \$475,000 from the ASUW Professional Staff in the last few years; and,
41. WHEREAS, the ASUW is vastly unique relative to any other department or organization
42. on campus and is the voice for the student body at the University of Wyoming; and,
43. WHEREAS, limiting ASUW’s ability to spend previously unspent funds provided
44. from the student body unjustly impairs the ASUW Student Government’s ability to serve
45. students in the best manner possible; and,
46. WHEREAS, students are the most important stakeholder at the University of Wyoming.
47. THEREFORE, be it resolved that ASUW urges the Board of Trustees (BOT) to reinstate
48. ASUW’s ability to reallocate funds up to and including \$100,000 from any carry over,
49. reserve, or any other comparable, corresponding, or consubstantial funding source; and,
50. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that this legislation be sent to the University of
51. Wyoming BOT, Vice President of Student Affairs Business Office, Dean of
52. Students O’Neil, Vice President for Budget and Finance Alex Kean, and President Seidel.

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Referred to: B&P, Ad-Hoc: Autonomy of Expenditures

Date of Passage: November 29th, 2023 **Signed:** Kameron Mufatto
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on November 29th, 2023, **I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve**
this Senate action.” SABER SMITH

ASUW President

Addendum A: University Regulation 11-5, ASUW Student Government

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING REGULATIONS

Subject: ASUW Student Government

Number: UW Regulation 11-5



I. PURPOSE

The Trustees of the University of Wyoming hereby authorize and recognize the organization known as the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government. This organization is created to promote the general welfare of all students at the University, to represent and serve as a voice for the concerns of the student body, and to provide and regulate such other matters relating to students as are appropriate to a student government.

II. CONSTITUTION

The ASUW Student Government shall create and abide by a constitution that will guide its programs, services and operations.

Under its Constitution, the ASUW Student Government may establish such other bylaws, policies, and procedures, as it deems appropriate for the regulation of its programs, services, and operations.

III. PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND OPERATIONS

The ASUW Student Government may establish, modify, and discontinue programs, services, and operations that benefit and promote the general welfare of the students of the University.

The ASUW Student Government must conduct all its programs, services, and operations in accordance with University regulations, policies, and procedures.

IV. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Consistent with UW Regulations, policies, and procedures, the ASUW Student Government is authorized to establish financial policies under its Constitution for the oversight of ASUW Student Government business.

Through the Vice President for Student Affairs, and in consultation with the University President, the ASUW Student Government shall prepare and present for approval to the UW Board of Trustees, an annual fiscal year budget for conducting its programs, services, and operations.

The ASUW Student Government is authorized to recommend to the Trustees the needed amount of ASUW fees to be assessed of all fee-paying students for the support of ASUW-sponsored programs, services, and operations.

The ASUW Student Government is authorized to create and implement a process for the annual review of all mandatory student fees and program fees, including recommendations of changes to a fee proposal. The ASUW Student Government shall provide any recommendations to the Vice President for Student Affairs and the University President.

The ASUW Student Government is authorized to review and recommend changes to any University Regulations or policies that oversee the collection and use of mandatory student fees and program fees. The ASUW Student Government shall provide any recommendations to the Vice President for Student Affairs and the University President.

The ASUW Student Government is authorized to allocate student fee receipts under its control to ASUW programs, services, and operations, and to UW Recognized Student Organizations.

The ASUW Student Government is authorized to create reserve funds, as it deems appropriate.

The ASUW Student Government is authorized to establish endowment funds at the University Foundation, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, which are in accordance with Foundation rules and regulations and/or any applicable State or Federal laws in force at the time an endowment is created.

The ASUW Student Government is authorized to create and implement policies for the acquisition, use, and disposal of ASUW-acquired equipment.

The ASUW Student Government is authorized to create and implement policies for the allocation and use of ASUW funds for travel by persons representing the ASUW Student Government or representing an organization or program to which the ASUW Student Government has allocated funds.

The ASUW Student Government is authorized to create and implement policies for awarding and enforcing contracts related to its programs, services, and operations, in accordance University regulations, policies, and procedures.

V. PERSONNEL

The ASUW Student Government is authorized to create full-time, part-time, and student employee positions to assist in the support and direction of its programs, services, and operations.

The Dean of Students, or designee, in consultation with appropriate ASUW officers, committees, and/or advisory boards, shall hire, supervise, provide guidance to, and annually evaluate all staff of the ASUW and all staff in the Dean of Students Office assigned to assist the ASUW.

The ASUW Student Government shall conform to University Human Resource regulations, policies, and procedures.

VI. CODE OF ETHICS

The ASUW Student Government shall adopt and subscribe to a Code of Ethics for its programs, services, and operations, which shall guide the behavior and actions of elected, appointed, and volunteer representatives of the ASUW.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY

Notwithstanding the role of the ASUW President as an *ex officio* member of the Board of Trustees, the ASUW Student Government as an organization shall be responsible administratively through the Dean of Students Office to the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Responsible Division/Unit: Division of Student Affairs

Source: None

Links: <http://www.uwyo.edu/regs-policies>

Associated Regulations, Policies, and Forms: None

History:

University Regulation 8-249; adopted 3/5/2009 Board of Trustees meeting

Revisions adopted 11/14/2014 Board of Trustees meeting

Reformatted 7/1/2018: previously UW Regulation 8-249, now UW Regulation 11-5

Revisions adopted 11/14/2019 Board of Trustees meeting