



SENATE RESOLUTION #2946

TITLE: Support and Recognition of Accountant Shelly Schaefer for Her Excellence

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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 Pro-Staff has a vital role in advising, mentoring, and developing the
4. leadership and students within ASUW; and,
5. WHEREAS, Shelly Schaefer has served as ASUW's accountant since 2018; and,
6. WHEREAS, Shelly Schaefer far exceeded her role not only as an accountant but as an
7. advisor and a mentor; and,
8. WHEREAS, for many of us, Shelly has been a large part of our college experiences and
9. has helped us to develop and grow, both in ASUW and in maturity; and,
10. WHEREAS, Shelly Schaefer deserves commendation for her hard work, her
11. energy, her passion, and her love for ASUW and all the students it represents; and,
12. WHEREAS, the Addendums below express recognition of Shelly, along with
13. appreciation for her commitment and excellence; and,
14. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW Student Government again
15. commend Accountant Shelly Schaefer for her years of dedicated service as the
16. accountant for ASUW and express our appreciation for her care, support, and
17. love towards all of ASUW and the University as a whole; and,
18. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that ASUW, as reflected in the addendums below,
19. recognize that Shelly's contribution to ASUW will be forever noticed, both in the impact
20. in her role as our beloved accountant and in the hearts of every student whose life she has

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21. impacted.

Referred to: All Standing Committees

Date of Passage: February 27th, 2024 Signed: _____

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on February 27th, 2024, I do hereby sign my name hereto

and approve this Senate action.” _____

Kameron Mufatto
ASUW President

Addendum A

#1

Shelly,

I don't know how to try and get this as concise as possible, but I will try. I want to thank you so much for your contribution to this organization and to my development as a student here at UW. Without you I don't think I would ever be able to have gotten as far as I have and really reached my potential within ASUW. You have been the glue that holds the organization together and while eventually things will adjust the gap left by your absence will be felt immensely. From sour patch kids in your office to helping guide us through budget season you are truly one of a kind when it comes to your unwavering care and passion for us students. I will be forever grateful and am proud to have worked as your colleague and to have known you as a friend. ASUW and the university as a whole will miss you as you entire your new endeavor but just don't be a stranger.... Once again thank you so much shelly you're the best!

Sincerely,

Langston Bouma

#2

For the past five years, Shelly Schaefer has been the rock of ASUW. She is truly an inspiring person because she always shows compassion and care while also providing great institutional insight when she advises students. When I was a First-Year Senator, we were navigating many problems that created a very stressful environment and most of the students, including me, had letters of resignation from ASUW on their laptops ready to submit. Shelly sat down with me and helped guide me through the trenches that were the First-Year Senate. Shelly is solely the reason that I didn't resign then because she showed me nothing but care and understood everything that was happening, and she guided me through to the other side.

Last year, when I was the Director of Student Outreach, Shelly was always there. She helped me with events and with advice (even though she wasn't my primary advisor) on life, school, and ASUW. Now, here comes the 111th administration. All of us know how turbulent this administration has been and how many changes have occurred. When I abruptly became the Vice-President on 10/31/23, Shelly was there

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guiding me and helping me through everything from the transition from senator to VP, to school as I had gone from eight hours a week to thirty hours and my schoolwork was falling behind. She has always been there for me even when I stepped into the role of President.

Shelly Schaef is truly a unique person because I don't believe I have ever met a person who cared about students as much as Shelly. She even stays in touch with alumni and advises them and is there for them after their time in ASUW and UW. She is the type of person who I can call an advisor and a friend. She truly has been the rock of ASUW, and I wouldn't have been able to navigate ASUW nor college without her. I am honored to be able to help commemorate her for her service to not only ASUW or UW, but to students. I wish Shelly the best of luck in her future endeavors.

Sincerely,

President Kameron Murfitt

#3

There is one person who brought me into ASUW: Colter Anderson. But there are two people who made me stay, and both are receiving legislation for their efforts tonight.

Shelly, you are the most loving, caring, kind, and compassionate individual I have ever met. When I seek accountability, you don't lecture. You don't scold, you don't critique. You grow. Shelly, I have grown into a Senator that I am proud to be because of you. But more importantly, you have allowed me to grow into a man I am proud to be.

At my weakest moment, you reached out a hand, comforted me, and cared for me when I was alone. I was scared to walk into the Senate Chambers a year ago after my incident. You redeemed me, you fostered me, and you inspired me.

Keep on inspiring.

Cole Schliebe

#4

To ASUW's Lovely Accountant Schaef,

I started my time in ASUW last year in the First-Year Senate. At that time, I was quite unaware of everything that happens in this organization. I remember vividly when

deciding what committees, I wanted to be on, which I put first: Budget & Planning. I will be honest, in part it was because that was the only one, I was available for, at 8am on Thursday morning, but also the impact the committee has. At this time, I was unaware that ASUW was going to provide me with some of my favorite times, most chaotic memories, and sleepless nights. I was unaware that I would meet one of the greatest people that I've ever met because I was on this committee, that person was you, Shelly.

Not to mention walking in 3 minutes late to B&P during my time in FYS and getting told by the last VP Anderson (Colter) "yeah we're voting you secretary" and then the next day him dropping the biggest bomb of my ASUW career (at that point) that I would chair the committee next week. A committee stacked with some of the most experienced people in ASUW and running to you saying, "how in the world do I run B&P?"

Throughout this year and half that we have been in ASUW together, you have been the brightest light shining here. You have always done everything to the best of your abilities to help bring positive change at this campus. You are a rockstar (although you prefer Monsters LOL)! You are there when anyone needs to cry, vent, or talk things out to prevent bad decisions from being impulsively made. You have provided not only to myself, but for many students at once: incredible advice, a person to listen and talk to about everything that's going on, what can be done about things this body wants to address, and so much more.

I'll be honest, I've said all of this but there are not enough words or a perfect way to express my gratitude, joy, and delight having worked with you, getting to know you, having meaningful endless conversations that when I walk out of those conversations feeling like I can take on anything, including the Brads & Chads of the NFL.

I know that this is not a goodbye, but I will admit it will be strange to walk into the office and not see the light in your office on.

Lastly, the year after the next after the next, or maybe in 13 seasons it will be the Cowboys year!

Sincerely,

Clay Keasling

#5

Shelly,

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I will miss seeing your face around the office. It was always so good to see you, because I knew you would always bring positive vibes everywhere you went. It's a shame that I won't be able to pop down to the office and crack jokes for a few minutes, but it was a great time while it lasted. If you ever need anything or just want to chat, by all means send me a message. May you find success and happiness wherever you go!

P.S. I still won't apologize for leaving your committee :)

Hayden Mackenzie