



SENATE BILL #3075

TITLE: **Changing Resolution Sponsorship Requirements to Require Recognized Student Organization Support**

DATE INTRODUCED: **11/21/2025**

AUTHOR: **Vice President McGuire, Director of Student Orgs Elwood,
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SPONSORS: **Senators Robinson and Smith**

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, Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs) play a fundamental role in the
4. student experience at the University and are key partners in the mission of the ASUW;
5. and,
6. WHEREAS, current sponsorship requirements allow RSOs to be listed as unofficial
7. sponsors on legislation; and,
8. WHEREAS, RSOs reach much larger and varied student populations than the ASUW
9. and therefore have unique perspectives on issues that face students at the University;
10. and,
11. WHEREAS, requiring relevant RSOs to sponsor resolutions ensures that the ASUW is
12. accurately representing the views of students on important issues; and,
13. WHEREAS, ASUW is constantly seeking to build and maintain transparent and open
14. relationships and dialogues with the campus community; and,
15. WHEREAS, several RSOs have expressed support for this effort, as reflected in
16. Addendums C, D, E, and F; and,
17. WHEREAS, exceptions for specific circumstances may be granted as reflected in

18. Addendum B.

19. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of

20. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government that the changes to Article 6, Section 6.01,

21. Subsection 1 of the ASUW Rules and Procedures and Article 2, Section 2.02, Subsection

22. 10, Clause 6 of the ASUW By-Laws reflected in Addendums A and B are adopted; and

23. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes take place immediately upon

24. passage of this legislation.

Referred to: PID, Steering, & SOFB

Date of
Passage: December 2, 2025 Signed: Aidan McGuire
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on December 2, 2025, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this
Senate action.” Tayla Medina
ASUW President

Addendum A

ASUW Rules and Procedures Article 6, Section 6.01, Subsection 1

SECTION 6.01 ASUW Legislative Process

1. Bills and resolutions may be submitted by any fee-paying student. All bills and resolutions must be sponsored by no less than two (2) Senators, two (2) ex-officio members of the ASUW Senate (who are not authors), or by an ASUW standing committee. **Additionally, all resolutions must be sponsored by no less than one (1) relevant Recognized Student Organization.** Executives, Students-at-Large, ASUW Programs or Services, and Recognized Student Organizations may also sponsor legislation; these sponsorships, however, are unofficial and do not contribute to the sponsorships needed to steer a piece of legislation, **except in the case of necessary Recognized Student Organizations sponsoring resolutions.** Regardless of their fee-paying student status, members of the Judicial Council may not author or sponsor legislation due to their association. Pro Staff may not sponsor legislation in the interest of avoiding professional bias.

Addendum B

ASUW By-Laws Article 2, Section 2.02, Subsection 10, Clause 6

6. The ASUW Steering Committee

- a. **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 may refer bills to itself as long as the legislation is steered to at least one (1) other committee or to itself except when:
 - i. Legislation that oversees Articles of Impeachment and direct discipline of an ASUW member is introduced

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). The committee shall have the power to determine whether or not submitted legislation follows the “Sole Subject” Rule and furthermore shall have the power to return the legislation to the author if the committee finds that it violates the “Sole Subject” Rule. The committee shall submit a written rationale to the author as well as recommendations for how to amend the bill in accordance with the ruling interpretation of the “Sole Subject” Rule. The committee shall have the power to compose an interpretation to be voted on by the committee, this interpretation shall be the ruling interpretation of the “Sole Subject” Rule and govern whether or not a Bill/resolution follows the Rule. All ASUW Standing committees may apply for an exemption to this rule, under the Alberta Clause:

- i. Provided a simple majority vote by the standing committee, the committee can apply for an exemption to the sole subject rule on legislation being submitted by said committee. Individual Senators, Student at Larges, and other individuals may not utilize the Alberta Clause.
 - 1. The application will suffice of directly contacting the Chair of Steering via email, telegraph, pony express, or written letter,

with a request for the standing committee to receive an exemption.

2. The committee will then be added to the next Steering agenda.
- ii. This legislation must be pertaining to amendments, corrections, or new introductions to policy or procedure that impacts the routine operation of said Committee.
- iii. The committee applying for the exemption must send their chair to present their case to Steering, or in lieu of appearance provide a written or recorded statement as to why an exemption is justified, this statement must include:
 1. A summarized list of what policies or articles they are hoping to change,
 2. The need to change these policies, and
 3. Time frame for when the omnibus would be submitted.
- iv. Steering will vote upon hearing the request; a 2/3 majority will pass the exemption, and the committee will be permitted to write an omnibus package within a 2-week period. Failure to submit within that 2-week period will result in the omnibus exemption expiring, and reapplication will be necessary
- v. Steering will have the reserved right to reject exemption applications if they feel that the threshold has not been sufficiently met, however a short statement must be provided with Steering's rationale for rejection.

The Committee shall also have the power to grant exceptions for the Recognized Student Organization sponsorship requirement on resolutions in the case that there is no relevant Recognized Student Organization to the resolution or in exceptional circumstances at the Committee's discretion.

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 ensure that those working documents remain consistent with the purpose of the ASUW and its Constitution. The Committee shall review all ex-officio applications and submit approved applications to the ASUW Senate. 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 have the power to review any legislation regarding roles, reorganizations, and duties of committees. The Committee shall also make a bi-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.

Addendum C

To the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming,

The United Multicultural Council (UMC) is writing in strong support of the proposed legislation requiring all resolutions submitted to ASUW to include sponsorship from a pertinent Recognized Student Organization (RSO). This initiative represents a meaningful and strategic step toward strengthening student voice, increasing honest representation, and ensuring that campus governance remains rooted in the lived experiences, needs, and aspirations of the student body it serves.

Student organizations are comprised of some of the most engaged, diverse, and passionate leaders on campus. These individuals are not only deeply connected to the day-to-day needs of UW students, but they also bring invaluable cultural context, disciplinary diversity, and community insights that enrich campus dialogue. Formalizing their role in shaping student governance will broaden participation, increase transparency, and foster legislation that reflects the realities and priorities of students across campus.

History proves the power of these partnerships. One of the recent ASUW initiatives with direct and tangible impact on students, the Denver International Airport shuttle program, emerged through collaboration between UMC, ASUW, and the International Students Association (ISA). This project was born when UMC (at the time a program within ASUW) served as a bridge between RSOs and student government. In conversations with the ISA, we were able to identify the pressing need for reliable, free, and accessible transportation for students traveling long distances. Today, the shuttle program stands as a testament to what is possible when the various student leadership organizations on our campus listen, collaborate, and take action together.

Now that UMC is no longer officially affiliated with ASUW, this legislation is more important than ever. While we remain deeply committed to partnering with ASUW, a structural requirement for RSO sponsorship ensures that this type of engagement does not rely solely on existing relationships or happen by chance. Instead, it builds a consistent effort for elevating student voices and deliberate outreach that benefits the entire campus community. This proposal strengthens the connection between ASUW and the passionate, innovative, and diverse students leading RSOs—students who are vital stakeholders in decisions affecting campus life.

The UMC strongly believes that expanding intentional partnerships between ASUW and RSOs is not only beneficial but necessary. We are proud to support this legislation and look forward to continued collaboration that both strengthens our campus and empowers the students that make it so great.

Sincerely,
United Multicultural Council (UMC)
University of Wyoming

Addendum D

To the ASUW Senate,

The University of Wyoming Ethics Club would like to express its support for the proposed legislation that would require each ASUW resolution to be sponsored by a recognized student organization. After reviewing the intent of the bill and discussing it within our leadership team, we believe this change will strengthen student representation and improve the overall quality of the legislative process.

We believe this requirement will encourage senators to engage more directly with student organizations, promote collaboration across campus, and ensure that resolutions presented to the Senate reflect the interests and perspectives of the wider student body. This creates a more inclusive decision making process and supports a healthier culture of communication between ASUW and the students it serves.

Ethics Club has benefitted from collaboration with ASUW in the past, including during SparkTank and other campus initiatives. These partnerships have shown us the value of bringing RSOs into important conversations and the positive impact that shared efforts can have on the student community. Because of this experience, we see clear merit in formalizing RSO involvement in ASUW resolutions.

For these reasons, the Ethics Club supports the proposed bill as it moves forward to the ASUW Senate. We appreciate the work that ASUW leadership has committed to this effort and look forward to continued collaboration in the future.

Respectfully,

Owen Fink

President, UW Ethics Club



Addendum E

November 14, 2025

ASUW

University of Wyoming

1000 E University Ave, Laramie, WY 82071

Dear all at ASUW,

It is our pleasure to write a letter in support of this legislation that will expand ASUW's partnerships with student organizations.

In the past, ASUW has assisted the Sustainability Club with funding events, such as the Sustainability Fair and Earth Day. We have also received funding to start a campus clothing drive, which started in the Fall of 2024. With this funding, the Sustainability Club has been able to support more sustainable practices across campus. Through collaborations with ASUW, our club has also made campus events more approachable for our club leaders and students.

In conclusion, we fully support the effort to amplify student voices, foster collaboration, enhance representation, and promote partnerships through this legislation. Not only does this legislation open up avenues for the Sustainability Club to create campus-wide change, but this bill would increase the impact of many more campus groups.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Abigail Robinson-Kim". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name "Kim" being particularly prominent.

Abigail Robinson-Kim and Kurtis Richins

President and Vice President of the Sustainability Club

Addendum F



International Student Association (ISA)

University of Wyoming (UW)

1000 E University Ave, Laramie, WY 82071



Date: 11/16/2025

Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)

University of Wyoming

Laramie, WY

Dear ASUW Representatives,

The International Student Association (ISA) is pleased to express its strong support for the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW). Over the years, ISA has collaborated with ASUW through funding requests for major cultural programs, participation in ASUW-organized networking opportunities, and joint community-building events. ASUW's support has helped ISA expand its programming, strengthen outreach, and enhance the experience of international and domestic students alike. Our partnership has enabled ISA to host impactful events that celebrate global cultures, promote intercultural understanding, and create meaningful engagement across campus.

ISA also supports ASUW's efforts to strengthen relationships with Registered Student Organizations and the policy requiring student-organization sponsorship for Senate resolutions. Collaborations between ASUW and student groups foster a more inclusive, representative, and united campus community by ensuring student needs are elevated through collective involvement. Requiring RSO sponsorship ensures that resolutions truly emerge from student priorities, encouraging accountability, dialogue, and shared responsibility. ISA values ASUW's continued commitment to empowering student voices and looks forward to ongoing collaboration that benefits the entire University of Wyoming community.

Sincerely,

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International Student Association (ISA)
University of Wyoming

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