



SENATE BILL #3082

TITLE: Reallocating \$50,000 from Expenditures in SB 3048
DATE INTRODUCED: 01/30/2026
AUTHOR: Chief of Legislative Affairs Heffley
SPONSORS: Senators Hansen and Kaiser, Vice President McGuire

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, in the 112th Administration, ASUW passed SB #3048 intending \$50,000
4. to be allocated towards a statue supporting ASUW's No More Empty Saddles initiative
5. on campus as seen in Addendum A; and,
6. WHEREAS, SB #3048 directed the \$50,000 as a portion of \$172,820 to come from the
7. ASUW Designated Operating Budget towards various projects on campus; and,
8. WHEREAS, SB #3048 was passed after the passage of the FY 2025 ASUW Budget,
9. and as such, these amounts were not outlined in the budget as line items to
10. be spent and continue to sit as encumbered funds in the ASUW Designated Operating
11. Budget; and,
12. WHEREAS, SB #3048 specifies that the funding allocated in the bill must be dispersed
13. by August 1, 2025; and,
14. WHEREAS, this project has hit continual roadblocks with various stakeholders to the
15. extent that the intended funding has not been utilized and is unsuitable for the scope of
16. the intended project; and,
17. WHEREAS, as the \$50,000 was not specifically budgeted for, it was deemed that the
18. intent of the funding should be disregarded as the project is unable to move forward;

- 19. and,
- 20. WHEREAS, the unmarking of this funding does not mean that ASUW does not support
- 21. mental health initiatives and ASUW continues to promote and encourage mental
- 22. wellbeing on campus.
- 23. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of
- 24. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government that the language in Addendum C of SB #3048
- 25. allocating an intended \$50,000 from the ASUW Designated Operating Budget be
- 26. considered void; and,
- 27. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that this \$50,000 be unmarked in the ASUW
- 28. Designated Operating Budget as monies for this project and the funds be spent on other
- 29. endeavors.

Referred to: _____ B&P, SWAC _____

Date of Passage: 2/10/2026 Signed: *Aidan McGuire*
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 2/10/2026 I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this
Senate action.” *Paula Medina*
ASUW President

Addendum A

Passed 24-0-0



SENATE BILL #3048

TITLE: Authorization of 112th Funding to Address Student Supports
DATE INTRODUCED: 04/15/2025
AUTHOR: Vice President Knull
SPONSORS: Senators Barrett, Christensen, Culp, Davies, Harper, Holt, Jackim, Keasling, Morales, Robinson, Rzeszut, Saint, Schliebe, Siegfried, Shosh, Ward; First Year Senator Searfoss; Chief of Staff Hennigar, Director of Finance Rockwell

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's current carryover, while actively being reduced, remains a
4. point of immediate concern with both the current ASUW administration, UW's upper
5. administration, and campus stakeholders; and,
6. WHEREAS, the current carryover is projected to be around the sum of \$500,000, and
7. the Student Organization Funding Board is on track to underspend their allotment this
8. year; and,
9. WHEREAS, failure to spend this amount down to a more appropriate threshold in the
10. immediate future could result in all carryover funds intended for ASUW and Student
11. usage to be swept into an account without ASUW input or authority, which may not be
12. used in the best or most direct matter to aid student interests and needs; and,
13. WHEREAS, in follow up meetings after the Central Fee Committee and the fee hearings
14. with ASUW's Tuition Allocation and Student Fee Review Committee, several areas
15. of opportunity were identified where ASUW could partner with Fee Units to help
16. improve the student experience at UW; and,

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17. WHEREAS, to deplete this carryover to a more appropriate sum, UW SafeRide, UW
18. Information Technology, and ASUW's No More Empty Saddles mental health initiative
19. are programs or projects that can directly benefit their service of students, would aid in
20. the improvement of campus, or have demonstrated a need that will assist in depleting
21. the carryover account via receiving these funds.
22. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
23. (ASUW) Student Government authorizes the expenditure of \$172,820 total for the
24. projects mentioned in Addendums A, B and C; and,
25. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that this authorization takes effect immediately
26. upon passage, with a timetable to disperse funds no later than August 1st, 2025.

Referred to: _____ STEERING BNP _____ 

Date of Passage: _____ April 22nd, 2025 _____ Signed: _____
_____(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on _____ April 22nd, 2025 _____, I do hereby sign my name hereto
and approve this

Senate action." _____ 

ASUW President

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Addendum C

Allocation of Funds for ASUW's No More Empty Saddles Monument

Overview: Following a yearlong sustained effort focused on mental health, consultation with artists, upper admin, and other stakeholders, ASUW is looking to install a bronze statue commemorating our promise to leave no more empty saddles, from commencement to graduation. D. Michael Thomas, and Chris Navarro were contacted for quotes in the fall following Giving Day, however D. Michael Thomas was unable to assist due to his foundry burning earlier that year. Chris Navarro was able to provide a rough mockup of the life size Bronze, and quote for his work of \$24,000. Following further consultation, an RFE was submitted for the installation with Operations for this Monument in the Northern Embankment in the ASUW student Memorial, which is currently empty. Quotes are still in progress for the stonework and plaque, but we are estimating no more than \$6,000 for both. This project has garnered immense support from Donors, Student Success and Graduation, and other campus stakeholders. As of writing, this project is before the Governor and Presidents Art Committees, and the allocation of funds for this project will assist in the approval process, as well as carryover spenddown.

Budget Breakdown:

Bronze: \$24,000

As for the cost of a base assuming something similar to the Texas example clad in UW sandstone, you would be in the \$25-30k range.
An 18" x 24" bronze plaque is \$3-4k.
So, including Chris' cost for the statue, you are looking at a total project cost of \$50-56k.
This assumes we don't integrate lighting and that Chris will be setting the statue, which based on my previous experience with him would be the case.

Total Requested budget: \$50,000

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Visual Materials:

Left: Source Statue, XIT No More Empty Saddles, Texas

Right: Rough draft of possible lay out and orientation sent to artist.



Pictured Below: Chris Navarro's Mockup of life-sized Statue

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NO MORE EMPTY SADDLES By Chris Navarro



Life size Saddle and
backward boot to be
cast in bronze
no saddle strings