



SENATE BILL #3089

TITLE: Revisions to the ASUW Elections Policy Regarding Section 1.04 Process for ASUW Student Representative Elections

DATE INTRODUCED: 02/12/2026

AUTHOR: Senator Golden

SPONSORS: Senators Kaiser, Keasling, and Robinson, First-Year Senator Osterli

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 language in the ASUW Elections Policy, Section 1.04 ought to
4. be rewritten for clarity and cohesion of certain subsections as reflected in Addendum A.
5. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of
6. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government adopt the changes outlined in Addendum A;
7. and,
8. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that this bill go into effect immediately upon its
9. passage.

Referred to: _____ PID & HOPE _____

Date of Passage: 3/3/26 **Signed:** Aidan McGuire
 (ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 3/3/26, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this Senate action.” _____
Paula Medina
 ASUW President

Addendum A

Section 1.04 Process for ASUW Student Representative Elections

1. An ASUW Student Representative Election shall be defined as the election in which ASUW Senators, the ASUW President, and the ASUW Vice President are elected. An ASUW Student Representative Election is a type of general election, and thus ballot initiatives may also be voted on.
2. The remainder of this section outlines the process solely for a Student Representative Election and shall not be construed so as to be binding on other elections that may take place.
3. Applications:
 - A. Applications will be created by the Homecoming, Outreach, Programming, and Elections Committee and monitored by the ASUW Assistant Director.
 - B. The filing deadline for all applications will be no later than 4:30 p.m. on a date that is no less than three (3) weeks following the release of the applications.
 - C. All candidates who submit applications after the filing deadline will be considered write-in candidates.
 - D. All dates related to the applications will be decided by the Homecoming, Outreach, Programming, and Elections Committee.
4. Candidate Workshop:
 - A. The candidate workshop will be scheduled planned and hosted by the ASUW Assistant Director and will be used to explain the elections, process, rules, and dates to all candidates.
 - B. All candidates will be required to attend the candidate workshop. Candidates who are unable to attend the workshop must inform the ASUW Assistant Director prior to the workshop and will be required to attend a makeup session.
 - C. The candidate workshop will be held after the filing deadline on the same day.
5. Ballots:
 - A. The names listed on the ballot will include all qualified President and Vice President tickets and all qualified Senate candidates. The names of write-in candidates will not be included on the ballot.
 - B. The ballot will include an appropriate photo and statement submitted by each candidate. The length of the candidate statements will be set by the Homecoming, Outreach, Programming, and Elections Committee and must be included in the application. Photos will be taken at the Candidate Workshop. Other photos may be used and deemed appropriate at the discretion of the ASUW Assistant Director.
 - C. The order of candidates on the ballots will be determined by the Assistant Director at random for each individual voter, if possible. If not, a drawing to randomize the ticket order shall be conducted by the ASUW Assistant Director prior to the finalization of the ballot.
 - D. All voting will be conducted using electronic online ballots.
 - a. The use of alternative voting methods is permitted and will be developed by the ASUW Assistant Director and the Homecoming, Outreach,

Programming, and Elections Committee and use of such methods will be at the discretion of the ASUW Assistant Director.

- E. Should an initiative be included on the ballot it must follow the procedures outlined in Section 1.07.
- 6. Elections:
 - A. The elections will be held no less than three (3) weeks after the filing deadline and the elections end date must allow for at least one (1) regular senate meeting to be held before the spring semester hings dates as outlined by the Office of the Registrar.
 - B. The Homecoming, Outreach, Programming, and Elections Committee shall make an effort to provide a two (2) week transition period between administrations.
 - C. Twenty-one (21) total senators will be elected. Section 1.04 Process for ASUW Student Representative Elections. These sears will be at-large and will not represent any particular college or school, but instead all students at the University of Wyoming.
- 7. Voting ~~Methods~~
 - A. ~~Subsection 7.01 President and Vice President~~ All fee-paying students will be permitted to vote online.
 - B. Voting must be open for at least seventy-two (72) hours.
 - ~~a. All fee paying students will be permitted to vote online.~~
 - ~~b. Voting must be open between seventy two (72) and ninety (90) hours.~~
 - ~~e. Voting for President and Vice President tickets will be conducted according to the principles of Instant- Runoff Voting and thus voters will rank their preferences of candidates from first to last.~~
 - ~~i. The procedures for instant-runoff Voting, also known as the Alternative Vote or Preferential Voting, is described in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised in Chapter XIII §45.11th edition, 2011, p. 425-28.~~
 - ~~d. The candidates for ASUW President and Vice President who are not eliminated after the instant- runoff shall be declared the winners of those positions.~~
 - C. ~~Subsection 7.02 Senatorial Candidates~~ Presidential and Vice Presidential Candidate Specific Voting
 - ~~a. Any fee paying student will be permitted to vote online.~~
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 - b. The candidates for ASUW President and Vice President who are not eliminated after the instant- runoff shall be declared the winners of those positions.
 - D. Senatorial Candidate Specific Voting

- a. Voting for Senatorial candidates will be conducted according to the principles of Approval Voting and thus voters will be allowed to indicate whether or not they “approve” of every single candidate running in the election.
 - b. Those who receive the highest number of approval votes shall be elected, until at such point either all candidates have been elected or all the seats are filled.
- E. Write in candidates may be elected if they receive sufficient support.

8. Results

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- ~~C. Write in candidates may be elected, if they receive sufficient support.~~
- A. ~~a.~~ Voting results shall be tabulated by the ASUW Assistant Director using the method they deem most efficient and effective.
- B. ~~b.~~ No voting information shall be available until the ASUW Assistant Director has finished tabulating all ballots. With the approval of the ASUW Homecoming, Outreach, Programming, and Elections Committee the Assistant Director can publish current vote tallies up to twenty-four (24) hours before voting closes.
- C. ~~c.~~ The results of voting in each election shall be announced by the ASUW Assistant Director at a location chosen by the Election Committee within (24) hours of when the elections results are available.
- D. ~~d.~~ Any write-in candidate or ticket who wins an election must fulfill the write-in candidate requirements outlined in Section 1.04 Subsection 3 and must abide by the campaign rules outline in Section 1.05.
- E. ~~e.~~ The order of replacement seats in the case of a resignation in the Senate shall be determined by reverse order of elimination from the election.

9. Financial Expense Reports

- A. The Financial Expense Report Form will be provided by the Homecoming, Outreach, Programming, and Elections Committee on the same date applications are made available.
- B. The Financial Expense Reports are an itemized statement of expenses incurred during a candidate’s or ticket’s campaign, and must include the following criteria:
 - ~~i.~~ a. Items or services that are donated to the candidate must be included in the expense statement at retail value. All copying and printing costs (including those made in University labs or on personal printers) must be included.
 - ~~ii.~~ b. Receipts for all expenditures must be attached to the expense statement. If for any reason a receipt is unavailable, the candidate must note the lack of receipt on the expense statement. If the exact amount for expenditures is not known, candidates are expected to accurately estimate the cost involved.

- ~~D.~~ C. The submission deadline for Financial Expense Reports shall be determined by the Homecoming, Outreach, Programming, and Elections Committee on a date that is at least three (3) days prior to the inauguration of the incoming administration.