



**SENATE BILL #3092**

**TITLE:** **Amending the Intercession Oversight Committee to Reflect Chairing Vote Precedent**

**DATE INTRODUCED:** **02/27/2026**

**AUTHOR:** **Senator Keasling**

**SPONSORS:** **Program and Institutional Development Committee**

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, Senate Bill #2958 set the precedent that committee chairs serve as the
4. leader of discussion and should not vote unless to break a tie, as shown in Addendum A;
5. and,
6. WHEREAS, Senate Bill #2959 set the President Pro Tempore of the Senate as the Chair
7. of the Intersession Oversight Committee, as shown in Addendum B; and,
8. WHEREAS, the language adjustment to reflect the chair not voting was accidentally
9. missed in that update.
10. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of
11. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW By-Laws be adopted to
12. reflect the changes in Addendum C; and,
13. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that this bill goes into effect upon passage.

**Referred to:** \_\_\_\_\_ Steering & PID

**Date of Passage:** 3/10/2026 **Signed:** Aidan McGuire  
(ASUW Chairperson)

**“Being enacted on 3/10/2026, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this**

Senate action.”

*Paula Medina*  
ASUW President

**Addendum A**

Passed 18-1-0

**SENATE Bill #2958**

**TITLE:** A Bill Clarifying the Responsibilities of Committee Chairs in regards of their role to facilitate discussion

**DATE INTRODUCED:** 3/11/24

**AUTHOR:** Chief of Legislative Affairs Knopp

**SPONSORS:** Senators Saint, Relaford, Knull, Worcester, Hennigar, Keasling, Grimm; First-Year Senator Hargett, Mackenzie, Heffley, Stephany, Jackim; Director of Policy and Analysis Meester



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, there has been a precedent set by many past administrations that the role of
4. committee chairs is to facilitate discussion; and,
5. WHEREAS, in order to facilitate discussion a chair needs to remain impartial during
6. committee meetings; and,
7. WHEREAS, the precedent this is derived from is the inability of the ASUW Vice
8. President to vote unless a tie occurs; and,
9. WHEREAS, having an impartial committee chair that can break ties is invaluable to
10. having smooth committee meetings; and,
11. WHEREAS, ASUW Senators can only chair one committee which means that even if
12. they were the chair of a committee their opinions and vote can be represented in another
13. committee; and,
14. WHEREAS, this ought to be an uncontroversial addition to the ASUW working
15. documents as the change this legislation enacts is the precedent that ASUW has
16. operated on for years.



Passed 18-1-0

**Addendum A**

**ASUW Rules and Procedures**

**Section 6.10 ASUW Standing Committee Duties of the Committee Chair**

1. It shall be the duty of the chairperson of each committee to promptly report to the Senate any legislation, amendment, or other business requiring a vote of the Senate, which has been approved by the committee and to take necessary steps to bring the matter to a vote. It shall also be the duty of the committee chairperson (s) to reconcile conflicting amendments should legislation or other committee business be referred to two or more committees, or in any other circumstances where conflicting amendments may arise between committees. Irreconcilable committee amendments shall be offered by the respective committee chairpersons in the form of general amendments during Senate consideration, in the order the committees were referred the legislation.

2. It shall be the duty of the committee chair to facilitate the discussion in committees, this shall include withholding their right to vote except in the event of a tie.

### Addendum B

Passed 20-0-0

SENATE BILL #2959



**TITLE:** Updating Intersession Oversight Committee Chair Selection

**DATE INTRODUCED:** 3/11/24

**AUTHOR:** Senator Keasling

**SPONSORS:** Senator Brown, Culp, Grimm, and Hennigar; First-Year Senator Hargett and Heffley; Chief of Legislative Affairs Knopp, Director of Community & Governmental Affairs Bouma

1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming is
2. to serve the students in the best manner possible; and,
3. WHEREAS, the Intersession Oversight Committee has historically had the Senate President Pro
4. Tempore serve as the chairperson; and,
5. WHEREAS, having to elect a new chair if the person who is chairperson leaves the Senate
6. Takes more time than necessary.
7. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of
8. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW Bylaws be amended as
9. reflected in Addendum A; and,
10. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that these changes take effect immediately upon
11. the passage of this bill.

**Referred to:** PID, Steering

**Date of Passage:** March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 **Signed:** 

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this

**Senate action.”**   
ASUW President

Passed 20-0-0

**Addendum A**

C. The ASUW Intersession Oversight Committee

c. Composition: The Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Senate: President Pro Tempore, Parliamentarian, Sergeant- at-Arms, Marshal, in addition to two (2) Senators-at-Large, and two (2) Students-at-Large. The Senators-at-Large shall be elected from within the Senate. The Students-at Large of the Intersession Oversight Committee must be nominated by the Vice President and approved by the Senate prior to the last meeting of the Spring Semester. The Chair ~~shall be the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. must be elected from amongst the Committee members prior to the end of the Spring Semester each year.~~ Quorum for this committee shall be set at five (5) voting members. The ASUW President and Vice President shall also serve on the Committee.

## **Addendum C**

### **8. Officers**

#### **A. Chairperson**

- a. The Chairperson of the ASUW Senate is the ASUW Vice President, who shall prepare the Order of Business, follow the Order of Business as outlined in, Article 2, Section 2.01, of the Rules and Procedures, be the presiding officer for all meetings, and tally all head count votes of the ASUW Senate.

#### **B. At the first business meeting following the installation of new Senators, the following officers shall be elected from the Senate voting membership:**

- a. President Pro Tempore – They shall preside over the Senate and carry out the related duties of the Vice President in the case of the Vice President’s absence or at their request. They shall assist the Chairperson of the Senate and serve as Chairperson of the Committee-of-the-Whole when it is in session. They shall assume the duties of the Chairperson of the ASUW Senate in the absence of the Chairperson. ~~They shall be a voting member and serve on the Intersession Oversight Committee.~~ They shall serve on the Intersession Oversight Committee as the Chairperson and will only cast a vote to break a tie.