



SENATE BILL #3096

TITLE: Disability Support Services Testing Center Appropriations Bill

DATE INTRODUCED: 03/06/2026

AUTHOR: Senators Kaiser, Smith, and Westman; First-Year Senators Martinez, Nevidomsky, and Paul

SPONSORS: President Medina and Vice-President McGuire; Chief of Staff Hargett and Chief of Legislative Affairs Heffley; Senators Golden, Moore, and Robinson

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 Disability Support Services (DSS) testing center serves around
4. one thousand students per semester; and,
5. WHEREAS, DSS is currently working to update the standards of its facility to become
6. more accommodating to the students it serves; and,
7. WHEREAS, upgrading this space will provide DSS with an increased capacity for
8. testing integrity, accommodation, and overall support for students; and,
9. WHEREAS, a list of ASUW priorities for air conditioning, replacement of pipes, and
10. technology within the testing center, as reflected in Addendum A, would provide a better
11. testing environment for those with disabilities; and,
12. WHEREAS, the current staff has done a phenomenal job using the limited resources
13. provided to DSS for student accommodation, but the space and limited resources are not
14. a proper long-term solution; and
15. WHEREAS, Kate Case, Assistant to the Vice President of Student Affairs, provided a
16. comprehensive quote for these DSS renovations, along with a commitment of
17. \$120,000.00 from Student Affairs, as seen in Addendum B; and,

18. WHEREAS, funding will be split between the designated operating account and the
19. facilities endowment for the express purpose of DSS Testing Center renovations to
20. maintain a fiscally responsible designated operating account with the recent return of
21. encumbered project funding, pursuant to SB3082 and the return of funds allocated in
22. SB2948 as seen in Addendum C; and,
23. WHEREAS, the photos reflected in Addendum D, show the environment is uncondusive
24. for students with sensory sensitivities to test in.
25. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of
26. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government that \$75,000 total be appropriated, split
27. between the ASUW designated operating account and/or the facilities endowment, as
28. deemed fit by the Budget and Planning Chair and the ASUW Business Office; and,
29. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that funding from ASUW shall not exceed \$75,000
30. from this appropriation; and,
31. THEREFORE, be it enacted that Disability Support Services will have the discretion to
32. spend these funds, but shall be urged to emphasize the ASUW priorities listed in
33. Addendum A; and,
34. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these funds shall be expended by July 1, 2027;
35. any funds not expended by this time shall be retained in the ASUW designated operating
36. account promptly after this date.

Referred to: _____ SWAC, B&P, TASFRC _____

Date of Passage: 3/24/26 **Signed:** *Aidan McGuire*
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 3/24/26, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this

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Senate action.”

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paula Medina", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

ASUW President

Addendum A: ASUW Priority List for Expenditures

Expenditures in order of Priority	Estimated Cost	Rationale
1. Technology and Cameras	\$23,000	Preserving security and testing integrity, as required by law.
2. Asbestos Monitoring and Documentation	\$8,000	Ensuring the health and wellbeing of students serviced by the testing center.
3. Abatement Services for all Surfacing Materials Except Flooring	\$4,000	Designated for any additional, unexpected costs that may be incurred by any of these line items (except flooring).
4. Air Conditioning	No estimate.	Like line 6; uncomfortable temperatures create a less-than-ideal testing environment.
5. Computer Upgrades	Cost to replace 7 old computers: \$6,650 Cost to add 6 computers and monitors to testing rooms currently without: \$6,660	Necessary to run up-to-date digital testing programs tailored to individual education programs (IEP's). Improved speed and ability to serve a greater number of students.
6. Pipe Installation and Replacement	\$2,000	Exposed piping making temperature regulation difficult. Some rooms are uncomfortably hot. Not conducive to a productive testing environment.
7. Painting	\$30,000	Generally cosmetic, but necessary for making the space more inviting and agreeable for students.
8. Carpet and Base Purchase and Install	\$42,000	Generally cosmetic, but necessary to make the space more inviting and less distracting for students (existing carpet is dated and bright red).
9. Furniture Package	\$117,000	Generally cosmetic, not necessary for overall success of the testing center, but will make the center more accommodating.
Total	Without furniture package: approx. \$122,310 With furniture package: approx. \$239,310	

Addendum B: Quote and Plan for Allocation from Student Affairs for DSS Renovations

Excerpt from Kate Case- Assistant to the Vice President of Student Affairs

- Telecom (Cameras): 23K.
- Painting: 30K.
- Asbestos Monitoring and Documentation: 8K.
- Carpet and base purchase and Install: 42K.
- Abatement services for all surfacing materials except flooring: 4K.
- Pipe Insulation replacement: 2K.
- *Furniture Package: 117K. (Probably on hold for now)*
- Cost to replace 7 older computers currently in use: 6,650
- Cost to add 6 computers and monitors to testing rooms currently without: 6,660

Student Affairs is tentatively willing to allocate \$120,000.00 for this project out of the full \$239,310.00 request (including the tentative furniture upgrades).

Addendum C: ASUW Funding Source

SB3082 and SB2948 are bills relating to the reallocation of \$50,000 in ASUW funds designated for the “no more empty saddles” statue initiative and return of a portion of the \$260,000 in ASUW funds to the Willet construction project. These bills represent the availability of funding in expenditures that were encumbered but are now able to be allocated towards this DSS initiative.

Additionally, this project will utilize funding from the ASUW Facilities Endowment. The purpose of this endowment is outlined below under the previous name, ASUW Student Services Endowment Agreement.

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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;

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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." _____
ASUW President Paula Medina

Passed via Unanimous Consent



SENATE BILL #2948

TITLE: ASUW Reserves Spending Proposal
DATE INTRODUCED: 02/19/24
AUTHOR: President Murfitt
SPONSORS: Senators Hennigar, Hulen, Knull, Directors Bouma, Mahieu, Meester, Murphy, Vice President Anderson


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 currently has \$318,762 in the ASUW Unrestricted Reserves
4. account; and,
5. WHEREAS, according to the ASUW Internal Audit that was assessed in the fall of 2023,
6. it is recommended that ASUW spend down their Unrestricted Reserves by June 30th,
7. 2024; and,
8. WHEREAS, ASUW has looked at different projects around the university for potential
9. funding and has decided on two projects; and,
10. WHEREAS, the first project is the "North Willet Sidewalk Lighting" project which will
11. install lighting along the north side of Willet between 15th street and 19th street as
12. outlined in addendum A; and,
13. WHEREAS, this project will cost \$350,000 as shown in addendum B to complete; and,
14. WHEREAS, the second project is to update the Senate Chambers AV equipment and the
15. estimate for this project is at \$63,776.88 as shown in addendum C; and,
16. WHEREAS, ASUW believes that funding these two projects is a good use of student
17. fees.

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18. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of
19. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government that ASUW provide \$260,000 from the
20. Unrestricted Reserves to UW Operations to help fund the “North Willet Sidewalk
21. Lighting” project; and,
22. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the remaining \$58,762 of the Unrestricted
23. Reserves be allocated to the Wyoming Union for the AV project, leaving \$5,014.88 left
24. which ASUW will fund from the ASUW Facilities Endowment; and,
25. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that a copy of this be sent to the Vice-President of
26. Student Affairs office and the Board of Trustees (BoT) for approval; and
27. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that after approval from the BoT, a copy of this be
28. sent to UW Operations and the Director of the Union Erik Kahl; and,
29. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that this bill take effect immediately upon its
30. passage.

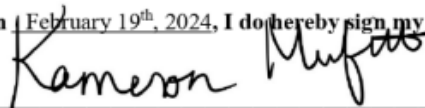
Referred to: Committee of the Whole

Date of Passage: February 19th, 2024 Signed: _____


(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on February 19th, 2024, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this

Senate action.”



ASUW President



ASUW STUDENT SERVICES
ENDOWMENT AGREEMENT

The undersigned, ASUW Student Government, acting on the authority granted by the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees, hereby pledges to the University of Wyoming Foundation, a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Wyoming, hereinafter called the TRUSTEE, the sum of \$750,000.00 for the uses and purposes and upon terms and conditions hereafter set forth:

1. The trust hereby created shall be known as the ASUW Student Services Endowment and the above named TRUSTEE shall maintain the corpus thereof as a permanent fund. The net income only shall be used to finance the enhancement of student services buildings, venues, or other projects at the University of Wyoming as designated by the ASUW Student Government.
2. The TRUSTEE shall submit this gift for a match of equal amount under the matching endowment program established by the State of Wyoming Legislature to support UW's *DISTINCTION: The Campaign for Wyoming's University*.
3. At its discretion, the ASUW Student Government may award all of the annual income from the fund to one purpose described in paragraph 1 above or may divide it among two or more purposes. If, in the judgment of the ASUW Student Government, there is no eligible use during a particular year, the income from the fund may accumulate for use in subsequent years or may be used to augment the corpus of the fund.
4. The ASUW Student Government reserves the right to make additional transfers to the Trust, and the TRUSTEE is authorized to accept other contributions to the Trust.
5. While the DONOR intends that for the foreseeable future the income from the trust shall be used exclusively for the purposes and in the manner set forth in Paragraph (1) above, the DONOR recognizes the possibility of changes in the field of higher education that could eliminate, at some future time, the need for support of student services. Therefore, ASUW Student Government directs that should the TRUSTEE determine, after due consultation with the University of Wyoming President, that such is the case then the net income from the trust estate should be used for such useful educational purposes as the TRUSTEE, in


consultation with ASUW and the University, may determine to be most closely related to the purposes set forth in Paragraph (1) above.

6. It is intended that the ASUW Student Services Endowment Fund shall be a component part of the UW Foundation and not a separate trust, and that nothing in this Agreement shall affect the status of the UW Foundation as an organization described in section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and as an organization which is not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. This Agreement shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with the foregoing intention and so as to conform to the requirements of such provisions of the federal tax laws and any regulations issued pursuant thereto. The UW Foundation shall have all of the powers provided in the UW Foundation's articles of incorporation and bylaws (specifically including, without limitation, the powers with respect to designated contributions) or otherwise provided by law in connection with its administration of the ASUW Student Services Endowment Fund.

7. The TRUSTEE shall keep and hold intact the corpus of the trust estate but shall, nevertheless, have full power and authority to invest the trust corpus and to sell all or any part thereof and reinvest the proceeds from time to time without being bound by any regulatory, statutory, or customary rules relating to investments by the TRUSTEE. The TRUSTEE may do so without limiting the generality of the foregoing and may:
 - Invest and reinvest such trust corpus according to the Investment Policy accepted and approved by the University of Wyoming Foundation Board of Directors;
 - Pool the subject matter of various gifts, bequests and devises into one or more funds for the purpose of investment and management;
 - Employ the services of investment counselors, brokers, custodial banks and others in carrying out the foregoing provisions, and to extract a reasonable fee for these services as determined solely by the TRUSTEE.

In no way shall the use of the fund for the purposes set forth in Paragraph (1) above be prejudiced. Gains and losses upon sales of corpus, share dividends and other distributions on corporate shares shall be allocated between principal and income in such a manner as the TRUSTEE may from time to time determine. The TRUSTEE shall have full power to vote and execute proxies to vote corporate shares included in the trust corpus.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 9 day of April, 2003



Keith Sapp, ASUW President




Lorraine Lupton, ASUW Business Manager

ACCEPTANCE:

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING FOUNDATION

The University of Wyoming Foundation hereby acknowledges receipt of the above transfer and agrees to administer the same for the use and purposes and upon the terms and conditions herein contained.



W. Ben Blalock III, President

5/21/03
Date

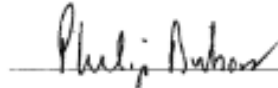


Mary Ann Garman, Treasurer

5-21-03
Date

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

The University of Wyoming hereby agrees to use the above gift for the purposes and uses herein described.



Philip L. Dubois, President

5/28/03
Date

Addendum D: Photos of Current Setup

The quoted items in **Addendum B** were based on the following rooms photographed below. These photos were taken by an ASUW senator who toured the building with staff and therefore might not reflect every quote item exactly as itemized.



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Shown Above: Current setup of the rooms prioritized for improvement.



Shown Above: Current setup for test monitoring in rooms without cameras. This setup takes an hour and a half to hookup to zoom according to staff.



Shown Above: Piping, old carpet, and clutter within unused rooms. This piping can be seen in every test room including the ones above. The piping runs heat into the entire building above. When the heater is on, the rooms get very hot for students testing. Staff have claimed they've observed rubber products melt in some rooms due to heat. The heater is on almost every day from fall all the way to spring.



Shown Above: Ideal setup for test rooms. This is their best built testing center and is their current model for how they would want the other rooms to ideally look. This room still lacks sufficient air conditioning and computer setups.

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Shown Above: Several rooms have spots in the carpet similar to the one shown.