



SENATE BILL #3107

TITLE: **Updating the Graduate Student Council Constitution Finance Policy**

DATE INTRODUCED: **04/17/2026**

AUTHOR: **Senators Robinson, Wellikson & Graduate Student Council Chair Fernholz-Hartman**

SPONSORS: **Senators Smith and Swingley; First-Year Senator Martinez; Graduate Student Council, 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, the Graduate Student Council (GSC) was created in April of 2025
4. to ensure graduate students have formal representation within ASUW; and,
5. WHEREAS, Senate Bill #3049 outlined initial GSC funding through the Student Success
6. Endowment, with supplemental funding support from ASUW beginning in FY27, as
7. reflected in Addendum A; and,
8. WHEREAS, communication from the Vice Provost and Dean of the School of Graduate
9. Education, Dr. Carolyn Pepper, indicates limitations regarding current GSC's funding
10. pathways; and,
11. WHEREAS, ASUW passed the proposed FY27 Yearly Operating Budget in Senate Bill
12. #3091, pending Board of Trustees approval in May of 2026; and,
13. WHEREAS, GSC did not receive a yearly operating budget through the Student Success
14. Endowment or through Senate Bill #3091, creating uncertainty in its ability to operate,
15. plan programs, and fulfill its responsibilities; and,
16. WHEREAS, without a clearly defined and reliable funding mechanism, the GSC cannot

17. effectively serve the graduate students it was created to represent; and,
18. WHEREAS, ASUW has the responsibility to ensure that its programs have sustainable
19. structures that allow them to function and advocate meaningfully; and,
20. WHEREAS, to continue supporting graduate students and ensure the GSC can fulfill its
21. mission, amendments reflected in Addendum B to the GSC Constitution are necessary.
22. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
23. (ASUW) Student Government that the Graduate Student Council (GSC) Constitution be
24. amended as shown in Addendum B; and,
25. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that this legislation shall take effect immediately
26. upon passage.

Referred to: _____ PID & B&P _____

Date of Passage: 04/28/26 Signed: 
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 04/28/26, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this
Senate action.” _____


ASUW President

Addendum A - Senate Bill #3049 Creation of the Graduate Student Council

Passed 17-7-0



SENATE BILL #3049

TITLE: Creation of the Graduate Student Council
DATE INTRODUCED: 04/15/2025
AUTHOR: President Murfitt, Chief of Staff Hennigar
SPONSORS: Senators Brown, Culp, Jackim, Keasling, Program and Institutional Development Committee, Graduate Student Taskforce

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 inclusion of representatives from different areas of campus in ASUW
4. through the ASUW Programs has been proven effective; and,
5. WHEREAS, there is an identified need for a program for graduate students to be
6. represented in ASUW; and,
7. WHEREAS, at the start of the fall 2024 semester, members of the ASUW Executive
8. Branch met with Vice Provost and Dean of the School of Graduate Education Ahern and
9. the Graduate Student Taskforce about the possibility of a council under ASUW for
10. graduate students; and,
11. WHEREAS, members of the ASUW Executive Branch and the Graduate Student
12. Taskforce drafted the by-laws and constitution of the proposed program as seen in
13. Addendums B and C; and,
14. WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Council (GSC) will be funded by the Student Success
15. Endowment controlled by Vice Provost and Dean of the School of Graduate Education
16. Ahern for FY26; and,
17. WHEREAS, the GSC may be eligible for receiving an operating budget from ASUW

Passed 17-7-0

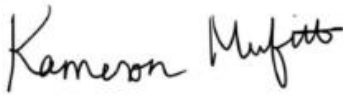
- 18. starting in FY27.
- 19. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of
- 20. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government that the bylaws be amended to reflect the
- 21. changes in Addendum A; and,
- 22. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the GSC by-laws and constitution be approved;
- 23. and,
- 24. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the GSC will start in the fall 2025 semester;
- 25. and,
- 26. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that this bill take effect immediately upon passage.

Referred to: BNP PID SWAC

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

Passed 24-0-0

Addendum B

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

ARTICLE X
Program Finance Policy

Section 1. ~~The Graduate Student Council shall receive a yearly operating budget from the Student Success Endowment determined by the Vice Provost and Dean of the School of Graduate Education. Supplement funds from ASUW may be eligible with ASUW Senate Approval.~~ The Graduate Student Council may receive a yearly operating budget from ASUW, with approval of the ASUW Senate. Supplement funding shall be determined in collaboration with the Vice Provost, the Dean of School of Graduate Education, and the Graduate Student Council Advisor.