**SENATE BILL #2640**

**TITLE:** Revision of RSO Conference Registration Guidelines and Addition

of RSO Competition Registration Guidelines

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**SPONSORS:** Senators Conard and Leyshon; Vice President Mulhall; Director of

RSO Relations White

1. WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) Student Government to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,
3. WHEREAS, RSOs can only apply for $500 per semester for conference registration fees under
4. the current ASUW Finance Policy; and,
5. WHEREAS, conference registration fees, on average, have increased since RSOs were first
6. able to apply for funding for fees; and,
7. WHEREAS, most RSOs apply for the full $500 but an adequate amount of their registration
8. fees are still not covered; and,
9. WHEREAS, allowing RSOs to apply for $750 would allow them to send more people to
10. conferences and have more of the fees covered; and,
11. WHEREAS, RSOs also attend academic competitions but cannot apply for funding from RSO
12. Funding Board under the current ASUW Finance Policy; and,
13. WHEREAS, these competitions can serve as a chance for RSOs to gain experience and
14. network within their fields; and,
15. WHEREAS, these competitions often require groups to submit physical items to register
16. instead of monetary fees; and,
17. WHEREAS, requiring RSOs to be associated with a college at UW would ensure that they will
18. be attending only academic competitions; and,
19. WHEREAS, RSO Funding Board should use their discretion to determine if a competition is
20. considered academic; and,
21. WHEREAS, RSOs that receive monies for conference registration fees are already asked by
22. RSO Funding Board to hold a presentation after the conference; and,
23. WHEREAS, RSOs that receive monies for academic competition fees should be held to the
24. same basic standards as RSOs that receive monies for conference registration fees; and,
25. WHEREAS, RSOs that apply for academic competition fees can apply for more money, so
26. they should also be held to a additional standards; and,
27. WHEREAS, requiring RSOs that apply for funding for academic competitions to obtain
28. outside funding based on the tiers outlined in Addendum A would be an additional standard.
29. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of
30. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW Finance Policy be revised as outlined
31. in Addendum A; and,
32. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the changes outlined in Addendum A take effect
33. at the beginning of the 107th administration.

**Referred to:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_RSO Funding Board; Budget and Planning \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Passage:** **Signed:**

 **(ASUW Chairperson)**

**“Being enacted on** **, I do hereby sign my name hereto and**

**approve this Senate action.”**   **ASUW President**

**Addendum A**

Section 3.13 Allocations for Conference Registration Fees

1. RSOs wishing to receive funds for conference registration fees may apply to the RSO Funding Board. RSOs may only receive $750 per semester for conference registration.
	1. “Per Semester” is determined by conference date;
	2. Conferences occurring between July 1st and December 31st shall be defined as occurring in the Fall Semester;
	3. Conferences occurring between January 1st and June 30th shall be defined as occurring in the Spring Semester.
2. Applications for funding must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the conference date and in accordance with RSO funding guidelines.
3. Exceptions to this policy may be considered by the RSO Funding Board.
4. Only those who are members of the ASUW are eligible to receive monies for registration fees.
5. ASUW funds allocated through the RSO Funding Board for conference/competition registration cannot be applied to travel, lodging, meals, or any other travel expenses related.
6. All registration documentation must be submitted to the ASUW Business Office within thirty (30) days of the conference or the allocation shall be void and the funds revoked.
7. All RSOs who receive funds for conference registrations fees will be required to host a presentation about the conference within thirty (30) days of attending the conference.

Section 3.14 Allocations for Academic Competition Registration Fees

1. RSOs wishing to receive funds for academic competition registration fees may apply to the RSO Funding Board. RSOs may only receive $1250 per semester for academic competition registration fees.
	1. “Per Semester” is determined by academic competition date;
	2. Academic competitions occurring between July 1st and December 31st shall be defined as occurring in the Fall Semester;
	3. Academic competitions occurring between January 1st and June 30th shall be defined as occurring in the Spring Semester.
2. Applications for funding must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the academic competition date and in accordance with RSO funding guidelines.
	1. Exceptions to this policy may be considered by the RSO Funding Board.
3. Only those who are members of the ASUW are eligible to receive monies for registration fees. RSOs must be associated with a College within the University of Wyoming to be eligible to receive monies.
4. ASUW funds allocated through the RSO Funding Board for academic competition registration cannot be applied to travel, lodging, meals, or any other travel expenses. They can be applied to monetary fees or physical materials for the competition registration.
5. RSOs wishing to receive funds must show that they have looked for outside funding.
	1. If requesting $625 or less, the RSO is not required to obtain any outside funding.
	2. If requesting between $625.01 and $1,000, the RSO is required to obtain outside funding that is equivalent to 10% of the amount requested.
	3. If requesting $1,000.01 or more, the RSO is required to obtain outside funding that is equivalent to 15% of the amount requested.
6. All registration documentation must be submitted to the ASUW Business Office within thirty (30) days of the academic competition or the allocation shall be void and the funds revoked.
7. All RSOs who receive funds for academic competition registration fees will be required to host a presentation about the academic competition within thirty (30) days of attending the academic competition.