**SENATE BILL #2652**

**TITLE:** Update of ASUW Senatorial Responsibilities

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**SPONSORS:** Senators Savage and Trent; Director of Diversity Tay, Director of Programs and Events Dia; FYS O’Connor

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
3. through accurate representation; and,
4. WHEREAS, sexual misconduct awareness and prevention of is an incredibly important
5. topic on campus as well as across the nation; and,
6. WHEREAS, the most recent statistics from the University of Wyoming Sexual Misconduct
7. Climate Survey show that 27.1% of students surveyed were victims of, “at least one instance
8. of unwanted sexual touching, penetration, or attempted penetration”; and,
9. WHEREAS, Senators are already required to participate in Diversity Training through the
10. United Multicultural Council (UMC) as outlined in Article 2, Section 2.02, Subsection 4 of the
11. ASUW By-Laws; and,
12. WHEREAS, Senators are elected to serve their fellow students in the best manner possible,
13. and this includes being well-versed in all issues that affect the student body; and
14. WHEREAS, requiring Senators to attend an additional training regarding sexual misconduct
15. awareness and prevention would ensure Senators are receiving important knowledge on sexual
16. misconduct prevention, bystander training and awareness; and,
17. WHEREAS, this workshop could be counted as a service hour in the service period
18. in which it is held as outlined in Article 2, Section 2.02, Subsection 4 of the ASUW By-Laws.
19. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of
20. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW By-Laws be amended to reflect
21. the changes in Addendum A; and,
22. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that upon passage, these changes will take effect at the
23. beginning of the 107th Administration.

**Referred to:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**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**

* + 1. ASUW Senator Responsibilities
       1. Senators shall attend regularly scheduled meetings of the ASUW Senate, and any special meetings of the ASUW Senate as scheduled by the ASUW Vice President.
       2. Senators shall be allotted a set amount of unexcused absences, as determined by the ASUW Steering Committee.
       3. Senators shall serve on a minimum of two (2) ASUW Standing Committees, or one (1) ASUW Standing Committee and one (1) University Committee.
       4. ASUW Senators shall be required to attend a diversity workshop. This workshop should focus, but is not limited to, the diversity as it pertains to the University of Wyoming to increase awareness and decrease insensitivity towards underrepresented populations throughout campus. This diversity training will be developed by UMC in coordination with the ASUW Vice President. This training will count as one (1) service hours for the period in which it is held.
       5. ASUW Senators shall be required to attend a sexual misconduct prevention and awareness training. This training should focus on, but is not limited to, raising awareness of sexual assault at the University of Wyoming, how to prevent it, and how to support victims of sexual assault. This sexual assault prevention and awareness training will be developed by STOP Violence, or the equivalent program within Student Affairs in coordination with the ASUW Vice President. This training will count as one (1) service hour for the period in which it is held.
       6. Each academic semester, Senators will be required to accumulate a total of two (2) service hours per service period. Service periods are defined in the following table:

**Service Periods**

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| --- | --- |
| August/September | January/February |
| October | March/April |
| November/December |  |

* + - 1. Service hours can be accumulated through the following means:
         1. Documented office hour in the ASUW office.
         2. Documented participation in an ASUW student outreach event.
         3. Documented attendance or participation in an ASUW funded event.
         4. Documented volunteering with an ASUW program.
         5. Documented community service hour as a member of ASUW.
         6. Documented outreach to RSOs that Senators are not already affiliated with by attending an RSO meeting and sharing the resources ASUW can provide to RSOs to encourage stronger ties between ASUW and RSOs.
         7. Any other form of service hour, as pre-approved in writing by the ASUW Vice President, with the subsequent approval of the ASUW Steering Committee.
      2. Senators filling a vacancy in the Fall Semester will only be required to accumulate a semester total of three (3) hours for the Fall Semester and four (4) hours in the Spring Semester. Senators filling a vacancy in the Spring Semester will only be required to accumulate a semester total of two (2) hours in the Spring Semester.
      3. Senators filling a vacancy during a Service Period will only be required to accumulate one (1) service hour for that period. If a Senator fills a vacancy within the last five (5) business days of a Service Period, they will not be required to accumulate any service hours for that period.
         1. Senators filling a vacancy will be required to fulfill requirements for all full service periods for the remainder of the administration.
      4. Appropriate documentation and documentation methods of service hours will be set and managed by the ASUW Vice President, with the subsequent approval of the Steering Committee.
         1. The decisions of the Vice President regarding exceptions to the listed service hours can be verbally appealed to the Steering Committee at the next regular Steering Committee meeting.
      5. Each Senator shall be required to complete an ASUW outreach effort, to be decided upon annually by the Steering Committee.
      6. Senators must maintain good academic status in the College or School to which they were elected to represent.
      7. Senators shall pay the ASUW Student fee.
      8. Senators must maintain student enrollment at the University of Wyoming for the duration of their service.