**SENATE BILL #2669**

**TITLE:** Strategic Partnership Revisions

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**SPONSORS:** Senator Strock, Trent; Interfraternity Council, College Panhellenic Council

1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) Student Government is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible;
3. and,
4. WHEREAS, the Strategic Partner designation was created in 2016 with Senate Bill #2522 to
5. create better collaboration with groups that do not fall under the definition of high interaction
6. governance groups, namely the Interfraternity Council (IFC) and the College Panhellenic
7. Council (CPH); and,
8. WHEREAS, the ASUW Strategic Plan *Moving Forward: 2018- 2022* includes a goal of
9. creating two new programs, services, or strategic partners; and,
10. WHEREAS, the current Strategic Partnership guidelines do not easily allow for new strategic
11. partners to be created due to the advisor requirement; and,
12. WHEREAS, expectations of collaboration are not clearly defined and requiring a program be
13. created with the partner would create real collaboration for the whole of campus; and,
14. WHEREAS, expectations of the memos due at the end of the semester have never been
15. clearly defined and defining them would help future partners know the expectations of the
16. memos; and,
17. WHEREAS, the current process for dissolving a Strategic Partnership greatly favors ASUW
18. and puts onerous duties on the Partner to dissolve the Partnership; and,
19. WHEREAS, currently there exists no financial safety net for the Partner if ASUW dissolves
20. the Partnership and outlining that process will create a more transparent system; and,
21. WHEREAS, fixing these problems would allow for better collaboration with current
22. Partners, the possibility of new Partners, and protections for Partners who may wish to
23. dissolve their Partnership in the future.
24. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
25. (ASUW) Student Government that ASUW Bylaws be updated to include the changes in
26. Addendum A; and,
27. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that these changes take effect at the beginning of the
28. 107th Administration.

**Referred to:** Advocacy, Diversity and Policy; Programs and Institutional Development

**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 8.02 Strategic Partnerships

### Strategic Partners

* 1. These strategic partners must have direct oversight through a Dean of Students Office staff member or be advised by a faculty or staff member who must have regularly scheduled meetings with the ASUW Advisor. The organization must be student-run, and there must be a direct advantage to both ASUW and the organization throughout the partnership. Strategic Partnerships are not ASUW Programs, and as such they shall not experience oversight by the ASUW Executive Branch, or by the ASUW Programs and Institutional Development Committee. However, there shall be an expectation of collaboration with the ASUW Executive Branch and relevant ASUW standing Committees in order to maximize the potential of the partnership and uphold the expectations of Strategic Partners. These include:
     1. Interfraternity Council
     2. College Panhellenic Council

### Creation of Partnerships

* 1. A Strategic Partnership may be created by the ASUW Student Government and a Strategic Partner, through a letter requesting the creation of a Strategic Partnership. The letter must be submitted to the ASUW President by the President or Student Leader of the organization. A meeting between the ASUW President, and relevant ASUW Executives and the ASUW Advisor and the Strategic Partner’s President or Student Leader and advisor must be scheduled within 15 business days. The organization must have evidence of how the Strategic Partnership aligns with the goals of the ASUW Student Government and how the partnership would benefit both the ASUW Student Government and the Strategic Partner. Potential Strategic Partners should outline a new program ASUW Student Government and their organization can build together to benefit the whole of campus. If at the end of the meeting about the creation of the partnership both parties are in agreement that the partnership is beneficial to both the ASUW Student Government and the organization, legislation should be drafted to amend the list of Strategic Partners within these By-Laws. The letter requesting the creation of the Strategic Partnership and any other relevant documents submitted to the ASUW President should be included in the legislation as addendum.

### Expectations of Strategic Partners

* 1. The expectations of the Strategic Partners defined above include:
     1. The Strategic Partner must follow all rules outlined in the ASUW Finance Policy Article 9 Section 9.03 in regards to any monetary support supplied by the ASUW Student Government.
     2. The Strategic Partner will use the ASUW sponsored logo on all printed material for public consumption advertisements where ASUW funds were used for printing (excluding recruitment and internal meetings). When ASUW and a Strategic Partner collaborate on events, both partner logos should appear on printed material.
     3. The Strategic Partner will help advertise ASUW elections, vacancies, and ASUW events and initiatives when asked by the ASUW president or other relevant executives .
     4. The Strategic Partner and ASUW shall cosponsor one event per semester. Collaboration on planning, funding, and advertising is expected.
     5. The Strategic Partner and ASUW shall collaborate on one continuous campus wide program for the duration of the partnership. The Strategic Partner and ASUW shall work to expand the program each year of the partnership.
     6. Fall semester requirements are as follow:
        1. An introductory meeting between ASUW Executives and relevant Strategic Partner leaders. This shall take place in the first three weeks after ASUW Executives are confirmed.
        2. The strategic partner will send a memo to the ASUW President and relevant ASUW Executive five days after the end of the semester detailing accomplishments of their organization during the semester, collaboration between the partners, and ways the partnership can improve next semester.
        3. A general update will be given to the Senate by relevant parties as proof the meetings and memos were completed.
     7. Spring semester requirements are as follow:
        1. Another introductory meeting will be held in the first three weeks of the semester, with any new relevant members of ASUW or Strategic Partner Leadership.
        2. The strategic partner will send a memo to the ASUW President and relevant ASUW Executive five days after the end of the semester detailing accomplishments of their organization during the semester, collaboration between the partners, and ways the partnership can improve next semester.
        3. A general update will be given to the Senate by relevant parties as proof the meetings and memos were completed.
        4. If money is budgeted to the Strategic Partner, a fiscal report will be submitted to the ASUW President and relevant Executives at the end of the fiscal year detailing how ASUW money was used through the year. The fiscal report shall be distributed to the ASUW Budget and Planning Committee when the partner submits their budget request for the next fiscal year.
     8. If there are concerns about a memo, the Strategic Partner’s president or student leader and advisor must attend a meeting with the ASUW President, ASUW Vice President, and/or relevant ASUW executives in order to discuss the concerns and to create a strategy to remedy further concerns.

### Expectations of the ASUW Student Government

* 1. The expectations of the ASUW Student Government in relation to Strategic Partners defined above include:
     1. The ASUW Student Government may financially support a Strategic Partner as defined by the ASUW Finance Policy.
     2. The ASUW Student Government will help advertise a Strategic Partner’s events and initiatives..
     3. If requested by the Strategic Partner, relevant ASUW Executives will work together with the President or Student Leader from the Partner organization to write legislation.
     4. ASUW will send a memo to the appropriate Strategic Partner leadership five days after the end of the semester detailing accomplishments of ASUW during the semester, collaboration between the partners, and ways the partnership can improve next semester.
     5. If there are concerns about a memo, the ASUW President and relevant ASUW Executives and the ASUW Advisor must attend a meeting with the Strategic Partner’s President or Student Leader in order to discuss the concerns and to create a strategy to remedy further concerns.

### Dissolution

* 1. A Strategic Partnership may be dissolved by the ASUW Student Government or a Strategic Partner through the following steps:
     1. If the ASUW Student Government wishes to dissolve the partnership: A letter requesting the dissolution of the partnership must be submitted to the relevant student leaders and advisor. A meeting between the ASUW President, relevant ASUW Executives, the ASUW Advisor, the Strategic Partner’s Student Leaders, and Advisor must be scheduled within 10 business days. At this meeting, the ASUW must show proof of a meeting where a concern recognized by a memo was discussed and a strategy was developed to remedy further concern. In addition, there must be proof the strategy was not followed, and the concern was not remedied by the ASUW Student Government. The dissolution of a partnership requires amendment to the list of Strategic Partners in these By-Laws, and the legislation for the dissolution must show proof of a meeting where a concern recognized by a memo was discussed and a strategy was developed to remedy further concern. In addition, there must be proof the strategy was not followed, and the concern was not remedied by the Strategic Partner. If a meeting was requested and no response was given within 5 business days, or if the meeting could not be scheduled within 15 business days, or if a meeting was scheduled and the Strategic Partner did not attend then the legislation for the dissolution only needs proof of the concern recognized by a memo. Dissolution of the partnership will require two-thirds vote of the current ASUW Senate membership.
     2. If the Strategic Partner wishes to dissolve the partnership: A letter requesting the dissolution of the partnership must be submitted to the ASUW President. A meeting between the ASUW President, relevant ASUW Executives and the ASUW Advisor and the Strategic Partner’s President or Student Leader and Advisor must be scheduled within10 business days. At this meeting, the Strategic Partner must show proof of a meeting where a concern recognized by a memo was discussed and a strategy was developed to remedy further concern. In addition, there must be proof the strategy was not followed, and the concern was not remedied by the ASUW Student Government. If a meeting was requested and no response was given with in 5 business days, or if the meeting could not be scheduled within 15 business days, or if a meeting was scheduled and the ASUW did not attend then the legislation for the dissolution only needs proof of the concern recognized by a memo. If after the end of the meeting about the dissolution of the partnership the Strategic Partner would still like to dissolve the partnership, legislation with an amendment to the list of Strategic Partners in these By-Laws will be drafted with the ASUW Executive Branch, student leaders of the Strategic Partner, and/or, ASUW Senator(s) Dissolution of the partnership will require two-thirds vote of the current ASUW Senate.
     3. If both the Strategic Partner and ASUW would like to dissolve the partnership for reasons unrelated to meeting expectations outlined above: the dissolution of the partnership will require a simple majority vote of the current ASUW Senate body. The legislation dissolving the Strategic Partnership shall contain the rational for the dissolution and must have the Strategic Partner as a sponsor.
     4. If a Strategic Partnership is dissolved the partner will be allowed to finish using the money allocated to them for the current Fiscal Year with the expectation money still be used for the designated line items. They will not be allowed to request funding for the next Fiscal Year. If the Partner has already been awarded money for the next Fiscal Year, when the partnership is dissolved the leadership members of the partner shall collaborate with Budget & Planning and the Executive branch to establish a revised budget allocation- with the goal of reducing their budget while supporting their organizational activities during the transition.