**SENATE BILL #2624**

**TITLE:** ASUW Senator Requirements & Obligations Revision

**DATE INTRODUCED:** April 10, 2018

**AUTHOR:** Senator Defebaugh, Vice President Welsh,

**SPONSORS:** Senator Blazovich, Fried, and Mueller; Chief of Legislative Affairs Jones

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, the ASUW Senate operates optimally when it maintains representation from all
5. of the colleges and degree granting programs on campus; and,
6. WHEREAS, the ASUW Senate has not had a full membership at any point during the 105th
7. administration; and,
8. WHEREAS, ASUW Student Government has taken action to affect change through Senate
9. Bill #2582, #2586, and #2614 to change policies regarding Senator obligations and duties, as
10. well, as processes to fill ASUW Senate vacancies; and,
11. WHEREAS, ASUW Senators are often involved in other organizations on campus and
12. involved in their respective academic course work, increasing time requirements placed upon
13. them; and,
14. WHEREAS, ASUW Senators often have to resign senate due to the high volume of
15. obligations; and,
16. WHEREAS, the Senatorial Scholarship Program was created to incentivize ASUW Senators
17. to complete their senator requirements; and,
18. WHEREAS, meetings of the ASUW Senate can last 1-5 hours, and committee meetings last
19. an hour on average Senators spend 3-9 hours per week in meetings alone; and,
20. WHEREAS, making baseline requirements available to ASUW Senators will ensure
21. adequate representation of their constituents while alleviating undue time burdens; and,
22. WHEREAS, the proposed change might encourage a broader array of students to consider
23. becoming an ASUW Senator.
24. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
25. (ASUW) Student Government that the ASUW By-Laws be amended to reflect the changes in
26. Addendum A; and,
27. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that upon passage of this bill take effect at the
28. beginning of the 106th Administration of the ASUW Student Government.

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

**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**

**ARTICLE II**

Legislative Branch

Section 5. ASUW Senators shall have the following standardized individual responsibilities to remain a voting member of the ASUW Student Government:

1. Senators shall attend regularly scheduled meetings of the ASUW Student Senate, and any special meetings of the ASUW Student Senate as scheduled by the ASUW Vice President.
2. Senators shall serve on a minimum of two (2) ASUW Standing Committees, or one (1) ASUW Standing Committee and one (1) University Committee.

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1. 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) of the aforementioned service hours for the period in which it is held.
2. Each academic semester, Senators will be required to accumulate a total of six (6) service hours in the Fall Semester and four (4) service hours in the Spring Semester.

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| **Fall Semester** | **Spring Semester** |
| 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 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.
2. 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.
3. Appropriate documentation and documentation methods of service hours will be set and managed by the ASUW Vice President, with the subsequent approval of the ASUW Steering Committee.
4. Senators must maintain good academic status in the College or School to which they were elected to represent.
5. Senators shall pay the ASUW Student fee.
6. Senators must maintain student enrollment at the University of Wyoming for the duration of their service.

Section 6. ASUW Senator Qualifications for Senatorial Scholarship

Scholarship allotments shall be set and outlined to the senate by the steering committee within the first month of the fall semester. In order to obtain the senatorial scholarship, senators must complete the following standardized requirements:

1. Each academic semester, Senators will be required to accumulate a total of 12 service hours in the Fall Semester and 8 service hours in the Spring Semester, including the .
	1. Senators will be required to accumulate a minimum of 2 additional service hours within each period of time (“service period”) defined in the following table:

**Service Periods**

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| **Fall Semester** | **Spring Semester** |
| August/September | January/February |
| October | March/April |
| November/December |  |

* 1. Senators filling a vacancy will only be required to accumulate a semester total of 4 hours for each full service period (defined above) they are in office in a given semester. The equation for determining total number of hours is:
		1. 4 \* (# of full service periods) = total required hours for a given semester
1. Each service period of the academic semester, Senators will be required to accumulate four (4) service hours. Service hours can be accumulated through the following means:
2. Documented office hour in the ASUW office.
3. Documented participation in an ASUW student outreach event.
4. Documented attendance or participation in an ASUW funded event.
5. Documented volunteering with an ASUW program.
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.
8. Appropriate documentation and documentation methods of service hours will be set and managed by the ASUW Vice President, with the subsequent approval of the ASUW Steering Committee.
9. The decisions of the Vice President regarding exceptions to the listed service hours can be verbally appealed to the ASUW Steering Committee at the next regular Steering Committee meeting.
10. Senators shall attend a minimum of two (2) RSO events funded by ASUW per semester, and complete a review to be submitted to the ASUW RSO Funding Board for each event.
11. Senators shall attend one (1) public meeting of any ASUW Program, Service, or Strategic Partner per semester.