



SENATE RESOLUTION #2653

TITLE: ASUW Support of the Implementation of an American Sign Language Studies Certificate

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SPONSORS: Senators Applegate, Pierson, and Trent; Chief of Staff Harris

1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)
2. Student Government is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,
3. WHEREAS, maintaining competitive practices at the University of Wyoming (UW) is vital
4. to the future success of students; and,
5. WHEREAS, the establishment of an American Sign Language (ASL) Studies Certificate
6. Program would provide a new and valuable opportunity for students to become more
7. competitive applicants to jobs and graduate programs; and,
8. WHEREAS, the certificate will be an asset to students who wish to pursue more education
9. and employment in the fields of speech-language pathology, sign language interpreter, deaf
10. educator, preschool and K-12 education, audiology, nursing, counseling and other areas; and,
11. WHEREAS, a feasibility study was conducted and revealed that there is currently high
12. interest in ASL courses that could be channeled into the certificate program; and,
13. WHEREAS, the ASL Studies Certificate would align with the goals of the University of
14. Wyoming's Strategic Plan, Breaking Through 2017-2022; and,
15. WHEREAS, the implementation of this Certificate Program would provide greater support
16. for the deaf and hard of hearing in the state of Wyoming.
17. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
18. (ASUW) Student Government supports the implementation of an American Sign Language

- 19. Studies Certificate Program at the University of Wyoming and recognizes the potential
- 20. benefits of the Program.

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

Date of Passage: 3/12/19 **Signed:** *Jason A. Williams*
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on 3/13/19, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action.” *Alexandra Mulhall*

ASUW President