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SENATE BILL #2662

TITLE: Addition of Two Ex-Officio Seats for First-Year Senate

DATE: April 9, 2019

AUTHOR: First-Year Senators Bradshaw, Walls, and Williams

SPONSORS: Senator Gruntmeir and Pierson, Director of Diversity Tay, Director of Governmental & Community Affairs Houghton, FYS Diamond, Diaz, Hoversland, Milburn, McNicholl, Vetter

1. WHEREAS, it 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, the role of the Presiding Officer of First-Year Senate (FYS) is to represent the
4. ideas and concerns of the entire First-Year Senate; and,
5. WHEREAS, the Presiding Officer encounters amendments and discussion that did not occur
6. within FYS and cannot always vote in a manner identical with FYS when presented with
7. new and differing information; and,
8. WHEREAS, one seat in ASUW meetings allows for personal bias to interfere with the
9. representation of FYS; and,
10. WHEREAS, adding two additional First-Year Senators would
11. ensure better representation and allow Full Senators to hear the concerns of First-Year
12. Senate more efficiently; and,
13. WHEREAS, this would also allow First-Year Senators to hear new ideas and discussion from
14. Full Senators; and,
15. WHEREAS, allowing additional First-Year Senators would increase communication and
16. better interaction between ASUW Student Government and FYS; and,
17. WHEREAS, allowing First-Year Senators to participate in ASUW meetings would better

18. educate First-Year Senators about Full Senate meetings and operations; and,
19. WHEREAS, this would better prepare First-Year Senators for potentially becoming a Full
20. Senator in future administrations; and,
21. WHEREAS, First-Year Senators would get more hands-on experience than viewing the
22. meetings from the gallery; and,
23. WHEREAS, adding two additional First-Year Senators would only change the amount of
24. representation not the number of votes as referenced in Addendum A; and,
25. WHEREAS, this would help First-Year Senators to become more engaged in ASUW as a
26. whole.
27. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that the changes outlined in Addendum A
28. take effect at the beginning of the 107th administration.

Referred to: Advocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Programs and Institutional Development; 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
ASUW Senate By-Laws

B. Representatives' Rights and Responsibilities

- a. The ex-officio position cannot be represented by current senators, executives or other ex-officio representatives.
- b. The ex-officio shall serve on committees at the request of the ASUW Vice President and/or committee chairs.
- c. Ex-officio members who shall enjoy all rights of Senate membership, except the right to vote include:
 1. Representatives from organizations approved by the ASUW Senate.
 2. Two First-Year Senators who shall differ at each meeting. The two senators shall be selected on a rotational basis, ensuring each First-Year Senator, excluding the Presiding Officer, shall be allowed to give input on legislative affairs at least one time per semester.
- d. Ex-officio members who shall enjoy all rights of Senate membership, including the right to vote include:
 1. Presiding Officer of First-Year Senate.
- e. Those who shall have speaking rights only, excluding voting and parliamentary rights, include members of the ASUW Executive Branch.
 1. Speaking rights include the ability to take the floor if yielded to and the ability to make points of clarification and order.