

STAFF SENATE BILL #55

Title: Allowance of Interim Officer Positions and Presidential Appointment

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Sponsors: Secretary Ellie Riske, Senator Mary Harris

1 WHEREAS, the need for ever-present leadership is crucial to the successful functioning of Staff
2 Senate, and;

3 WHEREAS, considerable interest in Officer positions has proved increasingly reserved in recent
4 years.

5 WHEREAS, Officer positions require the process of nomination and election as outlined in R&P
6 VII.2. Which could leave the positions vacant without eligible interest, by which the effective
7 functioning of the Staff Senate could be jeopardized, and;

8 WHEREAS, the election process to fill vacancies can prove lengthy which cost valuable
9 resources and contribute to diminished productivity.

10 THEREFORE, be it resolved that nominees for Officer positions, Presidential nominees
11 excluded, be considered for Interim status should they not be immediately eligible at the time of
12 nomination but have served two months as a participating Senator, and;

13 THEREFORE, be it resolved that with written Presidential approval, interested parties be eligible
14 for nomination and election. Should they be elected or appointed, they will carry the Interim
15 status until full eligibility outlined in R&PVII.2. is fulfilled, and;

16 THEREFORE, be it further resolved that it is within the President's authority and among their
17 responsibilities with Staff Senate's consent to appoint willing individuals to these positions
18 should immediate action to fill a vacant seat be required. Senate's consent will be determined by
19 a two-thirds (2/3) vote during Regular or Special Senate meetings.

20 THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the following changes to the Rules and Procedures of
21 the University of Wyoming Staff Senate be made as outlined in Addendum A

Date of Passage: September 7th, 2022

**“Being enacted on September 7th, 2022, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this
Senate action.”**


Staff Senate President, Tim Nichols

ADDENDUM A

The following be added to R&PVII.2.:

Section 2. Election of Officers

- A. The C&E Committee will accept nominations for President-elect throughout the month of December for election at the January Senate meeting.
- B. The C&E Committee will begin accepting nominations for the offices of Vice President, Secretary, Parliamentarian, and Member-at-Large in March. Election of these offices shall be held at the April Senate meeting.
- C. A Senator cannot be nominated and/or elected for an office if they have served less than six months as a Senator; unless written approval from the President is obtained prior to nomination.
 - a. Should Presidential approval be obtained by or for ineligible parties interested in an Officer position, they will be permitted to participate in the nomination and election process if they have fulfilled two (2) months as a Staff Senator.
 - b. Should approved parties be elected, these individuals will carry the title of Interim until full eligibility is fulfilled.
- D. In the event that no person is elected (by nomination or write-in) for an office, the nomination and election process shall be repeated until the seat is filled or an individual is appointed.
- E. In the event that an officer position is vacated mid-year, the position shall be filled by special election at the first regular Senate meeting following the vacancy. The Senate may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, declare an office vacant when an officer is unable to carry out or improperly performs the duties of the office.
 - a. It is within the President's authority and responsibilities with Senate consent to appoint individuals to these positions should immediate action to fill the vacancy be required.
 - i. Senate Consent will be determined through a two-thirds (2/3) vote during a Regular or Special Senate meeting.