

FW: Question about RSOs also being Programs

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From: Susan Manown
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To: ASUW President
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President Schueler,

I agree completely with your assessment that RSO's and ASUW programs are mutually exclusive. I would support you in advising that the bill be amended.

Respectfully,
Suzy

Susan Manown
Chief Justice, ASUW Judicial Council

From: ASUW President
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 9:20 PM
To: Susan Manown
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Hi Chief Justice Manown,

We have a bill that was submitted today which would allow for ASUW to provide funding to RSOs if they also are ASUW Programs. I had always assumed that the two were mutually exclusive, both through the stipulations of our finance policy and the ASUW Constitution.

I'd like to ask your personal view on whether or not the status of RSO and ASUW Program are mutually exclusive. I don't think that we need to convene the whole Judicial Council at this point – I would just like to have a good idea if I ought to advise the senator writing the bill to amend it. I myself don't have the right to amend legislation on the floor.

My reasoning for feeling that RSOs and ASUW Programs are mutually exclusive is based on the following portions of the Constitution, and UW definitions of RSOs that seem incompatible:

Article II – Delegation of Authority and Responsibility

"As an inseparable part of the University of Wyoming, the ASUW derives all power and authority from the Trustees of the University. The authority conferred upon the ASUW shall, along with the accompanying responsibilities, be vested exclusively in the ASUW Student Government established by this Constitution. Further, through the elected

representatives to this body, the ASUW shall be responsible to the authority of the President of the University and shall serve as the means by which the governing and administrative authorities of the University may be apprised of representative concerns of the ASUW. The ASUW business, in addition to the services and programs of ASUW, shall, in accordance with the procedures and delegation of responsibility provided herein, be conducted through its Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches."

Article V – ASUW Executive Branch

The ASUW President shall have the duty and accompanying authority to represent, promote, and pursue, in behalf of the ASUW, those programs and objectives of the ASUW as such relate to the welfare of students at the University and as such are approved by the duly elected student representatives of the ASUW Legislative branch.

On the RSO webpage, it explains that RSOs are recognized but "technically not part of the university". UW Regulation 8-234 on Recognized Student Organizations provides the institutional backing for this assertion, stating that official recognition of a student organization does not constitute any type of endorsement by the University of the organization’s purpose, or constitute an assumption of responsibility, liability, or sponsorship by the university. To me, this seems to preclude an RSO retaining status as an RSO if looking to become an ASUW Program, or vice versa – but it’s not really my job to interpret the constitution.

Thank you for your help!
Brian

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