## STAFF SENATE University of Wyoming Bill Number 16

Sponsored By:

Peri Forest, Chair

Elections and Credentials Committee

## A BILL TO CLARIFY THE LENGTH OF TERM FOR INTERIM VACANCIES OF SENATE SEATS

1	WHEREAS, one-third of all senators are to be elected each year; and
2	WHEREAS, the current Unireg stipulates that individuals nominated to fill interim
3	vacancies serve the balance of the fiscal year only; and
4	WHEREAS, this necessitates the Election and Credentials Committee to conduct
5	an election for the remainder of the unexpired term during the regular membership
6	elections; and
7	WHEREAS, the process to find a person to fill the vacant seat includes contacting
8	constituents in the affected division using the previous election's nomination list as well as
9	phoning individuals who have expressed interest in serving as a senator; and
10	WHEREAS, this process is repeated when conducting the yearly elections, thereby
11	causing a duplication of effort; and
12	WHEREAS, including this group of people in the regular elections destroys the
13	continuity of the annual election process; and
14	WHEREAS, internal costs needed to conduct annual elections increases to fill
15	interim seats each year; and

16	WHEREAS, the record keeping necessary to know who is filling an interim seat
17	and which seat should be included in the regular fiscal annual election process causes
18	confusion and errors resulting in Unireg violations and possible lawsuits;
19	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Unireg 34, Section X, paragraph two, be
20	deleted; and paragraph one which reads, "The Senate Credentials and Elections
21	Committee shall nominate willing and eligible staff employees to fill vacancies on the
22	Senate for ratification by a majority of those members present and voting at a regular
23	Senate meeting."
24	be changed to read, "The Senate Credentials and Elections Committee shall nominate
25	willing and eligible staff for ratification by a majority of those members present and voting
26	at a regular Senate meeting to fill vacancies for the remainder of the term."

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October 21, 1997

President Philip Dubious Old Main Campus

Dear President Dubious,

I am requesting that you present Bill #16 to the Trustees at their November meeting. This Bill was voted upon and approved at the Staff Senate Meeting of October 8, 1997. As this Bill will affect UniReg #34, the approval of the Trustees is necessary.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Sandra K Gabriel
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pc: Dan Baccari



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February 9, 2000

President Philip Dubois Old Main Campus

Dear President Dubois,

In October of 1997 the Staff Senate passed Bill #16. The attached letter from Sandy Gabriel asks that this be taken before the Board of Trustees as it affects UNIREG 34. A recent reading of UNIREG 34 that is now available on the web does not include the changes that this Bill made. I am sure that this was simply an oversight. I do not know where the process got stuck and so I am sending it to you again.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

James E. Kaltenbach

President, UW Staff Senate

cc: Dan Baccari David Baker