



SENATE RESOLUTION #2528

TITLE: The Creation of a Mission Statement for the Associated Student Technical Services

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AUTHORS: Senator Drake and Executive Long

SPONSORS: Senators Fried, Strock, Potter and Zumo; ASTEC

1. WHEREAS, the mission of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW)
2. Student Government is to serve our fellow students through accurate representation; and,
3. WHEREAS, the Associated Student Technical Services (ASTEC) is a valuable ASUW
4. Service for the students of the University of Wyoming (UW), especially Recognized Student
5. Organizations (RSOs), as well as UW Departments and non-RSO third parties; and,
6. WHEREAS, ASUW considers ASTEC as a primary resource with the intention of spreading
7. the messages and ideas of UW students consistently, effectively and professionally; and,
8. WHEREAS, ASTEC provides an educational and safe entertainment environment for all
9. students who attend ASTEC and StudioWyo events, are trained in operating ASTEC
10. equipment, and plan events as an RSO; and,
11. WHEREAS, RSOs and programs on campus have stated the direct importance of ASTEC to
12. their diverse professional, cultural, and academic programming goals; and,
13. WHEREAS, ASUW has declared support for direct student control of ASTEC passed
14. through Senate Bill #2432, with additional recommendations for the growth and development
15. of the services provided by ASTEC passed through Senate Bill #2464; and,
16. WHEREAS, ASTEC provides event technologies to a wide variety of events on campus,
17. with the central focus of events largely varying from year to year based upon the campus
18. culture and graduating turnover rate of the UW student body; and,
19. WHEREAS, each new technology and service that ASTEC provides to meet the needs of

20. RSOs, UW Departments, and academic units, comes with unique versatilities and
21. vulnerabilities; and,
22. WHEREAS, for many years ASTEC has attempted to scale their program according to
23. resource limitations, by standardizing and refining their operations, resulting in more
24. requests for ASTEC services from all sources; and,
25. WHEREAS, in the last eight years, ASTEC transitioned from providing 300 services
26. annually to providing an excess of 600 services with more complex technology; and,
27. WHEREAS, the ASTEC Billing and Service Policy indicates “RSOs are limited to 16
28. weekly events per semester”; and,
29. WHEREAS, during Fiscal Year 2017 (FY ’17) ASTEC has reached a peak of facilitating
30. over 35 events in a single week in order to provide student support and auxiliary services
31. across campus; and,
32. WHEREAS, this has caused demands on ASTEC which have grown beyond their resources,
33. requiring increased financial needs, staffing, and equipment; and,
34. WHEREAS, Senate Bill #2458 specified the need and allocation of funds in the ASUW
35. budget for an ASTEC equipment reserve fund to accommodate unforeseen circumstances
36. and necessary but variable operating costs; and,
37. WHEREAS, successful technical services often hinge upon acquiring specific equipment
38. compatible with existing infrastructure; and,
39. WHEREAS, Senate Bills #1692, #1822, #1932, #1989, #2012, and #2182 specifically
40. indicated the need to increase charges in order to fairly pay ASTEC technicians in
41. accordance with federal regulations; and,
42. WHEREAS, recent funding has been increasingly insufficient to maintain and repair existing

43. equipment, provide fair compensation to ASTEC students and staff, and supporting unique
44. event circumstances; and,
45. WHEREAS, the UW Budget Reduction Plan to realize \$26 million in FY '17 mandates that
46. "No overtime, no faculty overload, [and] no additional compensation [be] effective
47. immediately" creates problematic constraints on ASTEC staffing to manage and operate all
48. requested events within typical business hours; and,
49. WHEREAS, ASTEC was developed and operates through the appropriation of student fees
50. and the potential for adding additional resources or growth is minimal at this time, reducing
51. the scope of ASTEC's services is the next viable solution for stabilization; and,
52. WHEREAS, current ASTEC services are being recognized by RSOs of the student body as
53. found in preliminary survey results included in Addendum C; and,
54. WHEREAS, the UW campus has grown, requiring additional technical services to
55. peripheral areas as explained in Senate Bills #2464 and #2501; and,
56. WHEREAS, certain peripheral facilities, including the Gateway Center, have provided some
57. of their own personnel and equipment, with the possibility of operating peripheral technical
58. services independent of ASTEC.
59. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
60. (ASUW) Student Government recommends Associated Student Technical Services (ASTEC)
61. to adopt the mission statement outlined in Addendum A; and,
62. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that ASUW recommends contacting the organizations
63. that have recently reserved ASTEC services listed in Addendum B about their experiences,
64. future technical needs, and relationship with ASTEC in order to verify the mission statement
65. defined by this legislation; and,

66. THEREFORE, ASUW recommends further legislating the specific and sustainable
67. limitations that ASTEC would ideally impose beginning in Fiscal Year 2018 concerning, but
68. not limited to: capping the number of high caliber events per week, specifying which ASTEC
69. services are available to campus entities, and updating ASTEC's billing and service policies
70. with these factors, creating a guideline for accommodating student technical needs over the
71. next 15 years.

Referred to: PID and ASTEC Ad-Hoc

Date of Passage: 11/29/16 Signed: Tyann Wau
(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on 12/05/2016, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action." [Signature]

ASUW President

Addendum A

Mission Statement: “The mission of the Associated Students Technical Services (ASTECS) is to serve the students of the University of Wyoming (UW) by providing production technologies, programming, and event consultation to create a platform for expanding student ideas, enhancing the impact of presentations and performances, and developing co-curricular education. ASTECS exists as an impartial, non-discriminatory assistance group and partner to qualifying student-oriented groups in order to add professionalism to events, boost student morale, and to promote safe, entertaining, and educational events. Through ASTECS, students learn to appreciate individual differences and similarities, personal responsibility, and effective communication; develop skills to think objectively and critically, develop citizenship skills, gain greater self-understanding; and to enhance their feelings of engagement, belonging, and loyalty at UW.”

Addendum B

Organizations that have reserved ASTEC services in the past year

Student Organizations

7220 Entertainment
American Fisheries Society
Animal Health Center
Animal Science Meat Judging Team
Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
Black Student Alliance
Black Tie Affair
Campus Activities Center
Campus Ventures
Catholics on Campus
Cowboy Country Swing Club
Chi-Alpha
Chi-Omega
Chinese Student Scholars Association
Concerts and Convocations
Cowboy Martial Arts Club
Dean of Students
Delta Delta Delta
Events Office
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Friday Night Fever
Friends of Nepal at the University of Wyoming
Fraternity and Sorority Life
Gamma Theta Upsilon
Gear Up
Geology Club
Good Mule
High School Institute.
Hillel
Interfraternity Council
International Student Association
Jazz Advocates of Wyoming
Kappa Kappa Gamma
Lambda Chi Alpha
Latter-Day Saints Student Association
Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan

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Martin Luther King Days of Dialogue
Music Department
Navigators
One Billion Rising
Pi Kappa Phi
Pi Kappa Alpha
Ranger Club
Real Women, Real Bodies
Residence Halls Association
Reserve Officers' Training Corps
Student Activities Center
Sigma Chi
Sigma Lambda Gamma
Service Leadership Community Engagement
Student Activities Council
Student Dietetic Association
Studio Wyo
Summer Programs
Sustainability Club
United Multicultural Council
University of Wyoming Billiards Club
UW PC Gamers
UW Rugby
Veterans Services Center
White Hall Government
Wyo-Gold Student Alumni Association
Wyoming African Students Association
Wyoming Blues Club
Wyoming Honors Organization
Wyoming Swing Club

Non-Student Organizations

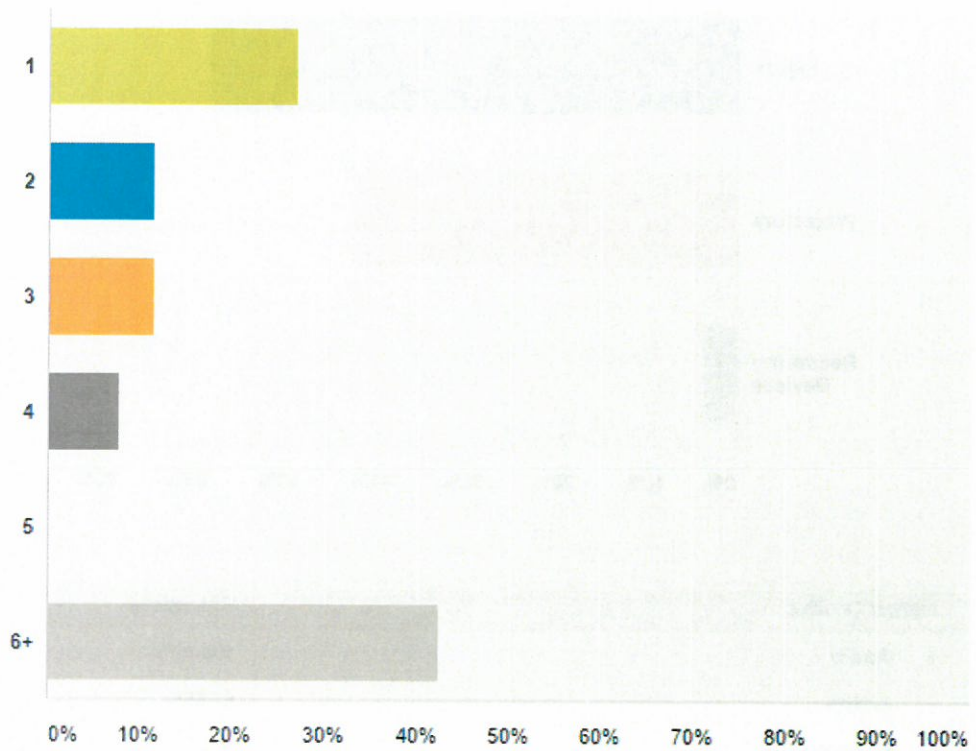
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Advocates for Achievement
Agricultural Department
Athletics
Art and Art History
Career and Advising Services
Center for Global Studies
College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
College of Agriculture Extension Office
Collegiate Recovery Program
Ducks Unlimited
Education Department
Geography Department
Haub School
Laramie Girls Softball
Laramie High School
MALCS
Office of Academic Affairs, Graduate Education
President's Office
Residence Life and Dining Services
Staff Senate
Student Affairs
The Institute of Healthcare
Theater and Dance
University Athletics
Upward Bound
UW Art Museum
UW Catering
UW Fine Arts Outreach
UW Foundation
UW Conference Center
Visual Arts Department
Wyoming Institute for Humanities Research
Wyoming Public Radio
Wyoming School-University Partnership

Addendum C

RSO Survey Results

How many events does your RSO host per semester that require ASTEC's services?

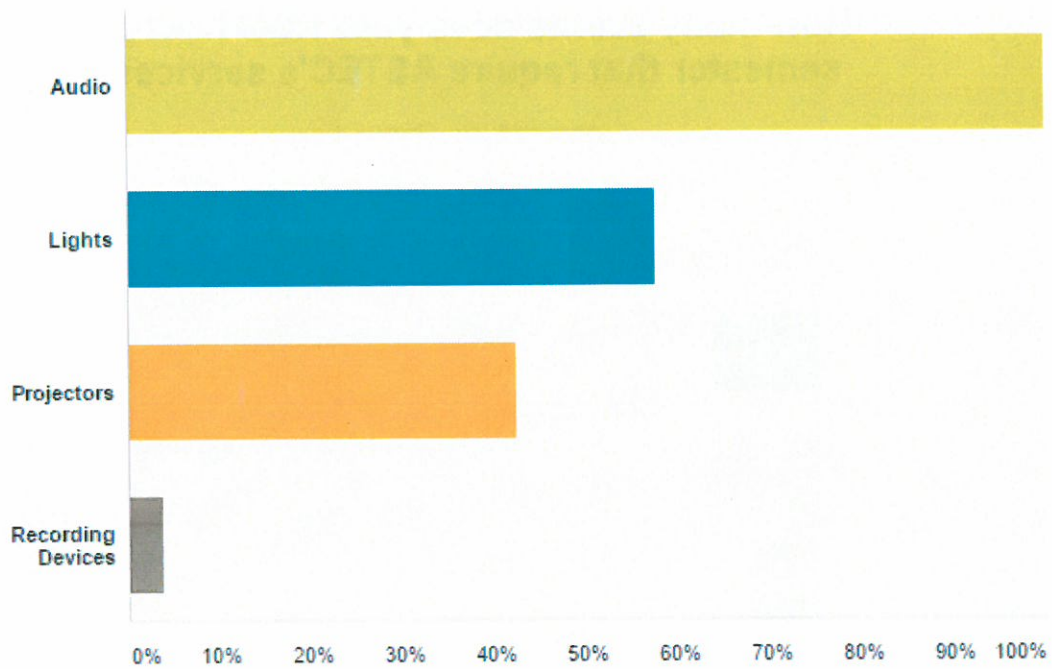
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Answer Choices	Responses
1	26.92% 7
2	11.54% 3
3	11.54% 3
4	7.69% 2
5	0.00% 0
6+	42.31% 11
Total	26

What services do you usually require from ASTEC during these events?

Answered: 26 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Audio	100.00% 26
Lights	57.69% 15
Projectors	42.31% 11
Recording Devices	3.85% 1
Total Respondents: 26	

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Adapters, screen, etc.

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Microphones

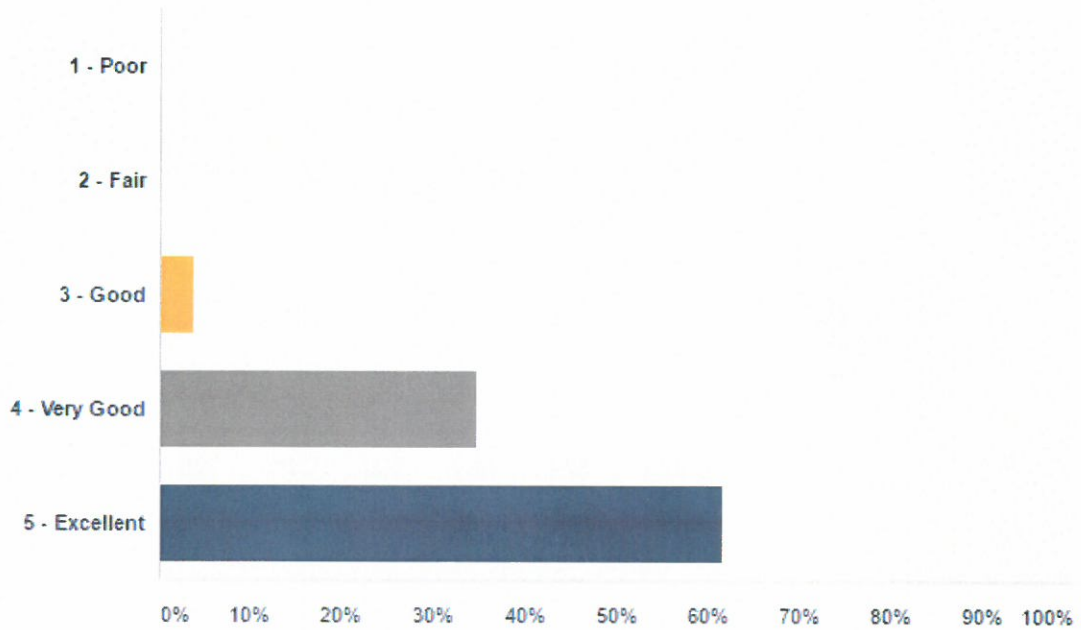
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What quality of services does ASTEC provide?

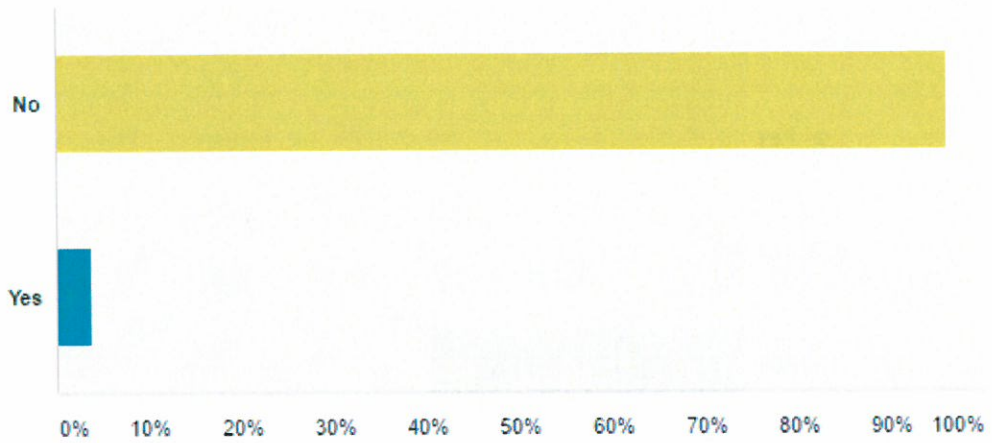
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Answer Choices	Responses
1 - Poor	0.00% 0
2 - Fair	0.00% 0
3 - Good	3.85% 1
4 - Very Good	34.62% 9
5 - Excellent	61.54% 16
Total	26

Is there a technological service that your RSO requires that ASTEC does not provide?

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Answer Choices	Responses
No	96.15% 25
Yes	3.85% 1
Total	26

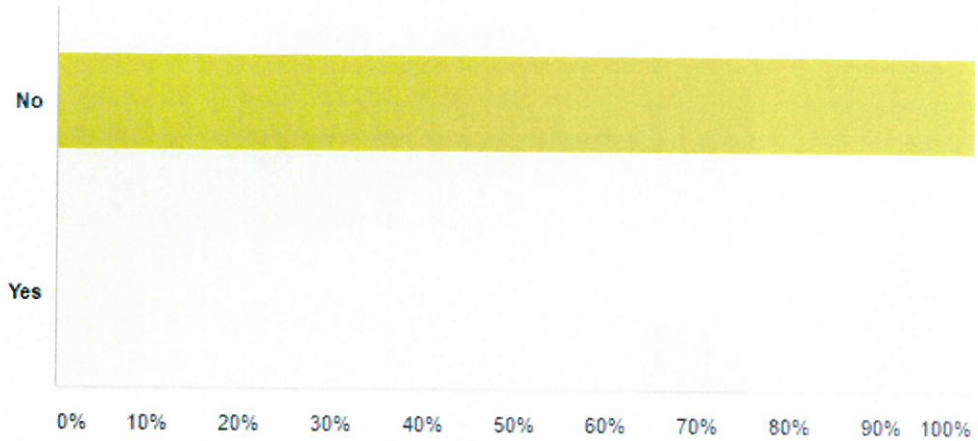
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Karaoke
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Is there a technological service that your RSO wants that ASTEC does not provide?

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Answer Choices	Responses
▼ No	100.00% 26
▼ Yes	0.00% 0
Total	26

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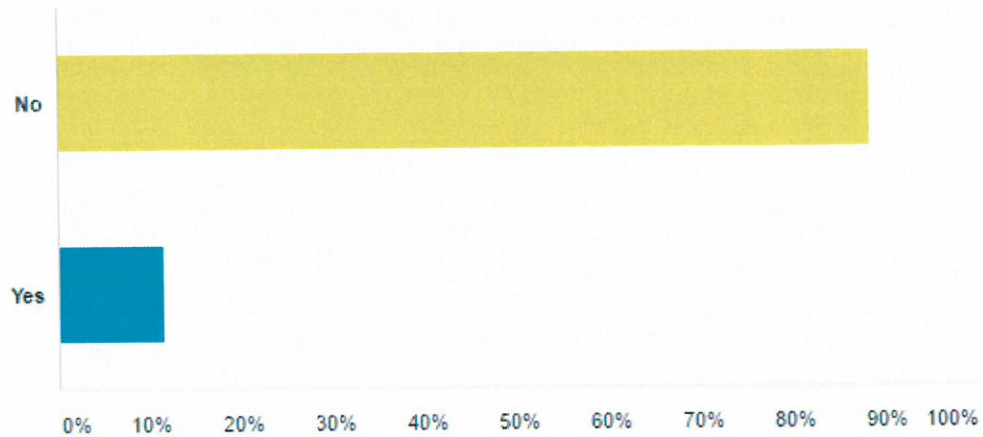
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Nothing comes to mind at this time.

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Are there any other departments and resources to your knowledge that your RSO could turn to for events if ASTEC is unavailable?

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Answer Choices	Responses
No	88.46% 23
Yes	11.54% 3
Total	26

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We would have to buy our own speakers and lights.

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The audio resources that people in our RSO own.

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Our RSO's are not funded to hire out these types of services, so the incredible support we gain from ASTEC allows our RSO's to have excellent programs due to the professional and high-quality services provided by ASTEC. With ASTEC's support, we would not be able to afford this otherwise.

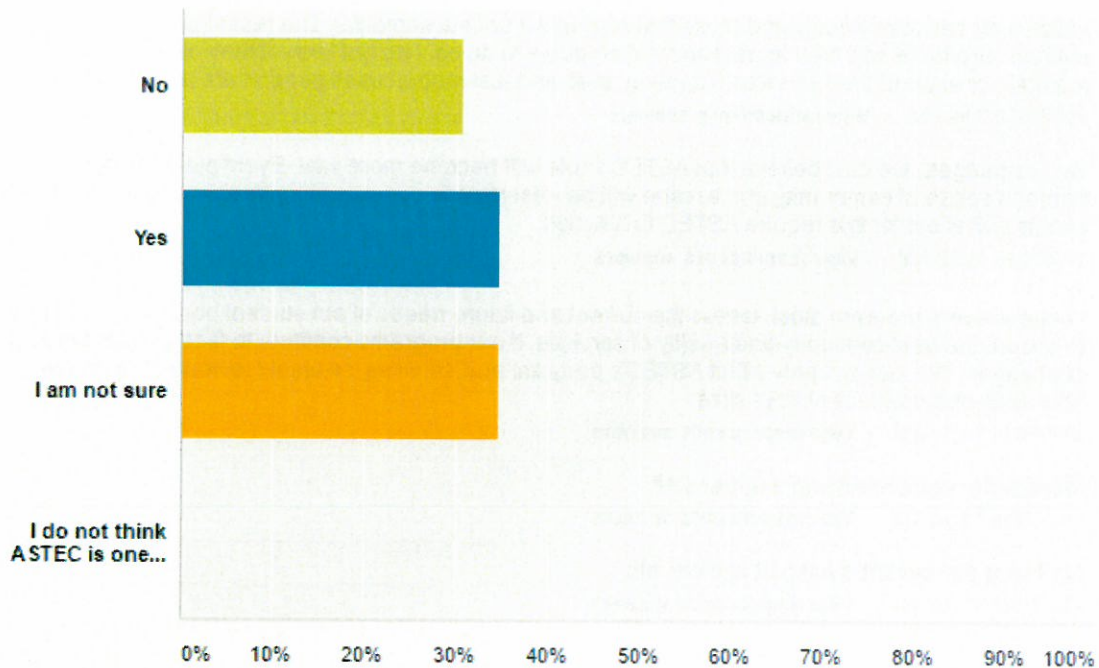
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The Union has the sound equipment we'd need, but ASTEC is waaaaay better.

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As ASTEC is one of the main facilitators of student messages and our cultural interests; do you think ASTEC will need to undergo changes to anticipate the student bodies needs within the next 2-4 years?

Answered: 26 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
<input type="checkbox"/> No	30.77% 8
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	34.62% 9
<input type="checkbox"/> I am not sure	34.62% 9
<input type="checkbox"/> I do not think ASTEC is one of the main facilitators of student messages and our cultural interests.	0.00% 0
Total	26

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Expanding to accommodate increasing demand. There have been a number of times when we've been unable to get them. Sometimes it's because an event comes together a bit last minute and they're already booked, or the timing of our event is just unfortunate enough to coincide with someone else's

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I believe the student body will grow in the next few years and so will the amount of RSOs who use ASTEC's resources.

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ASTEC will have to continually evaluate the use and spread of resources between those RSOs that utilize their services weekly and those that only use it once a semester. The recent budget and resource cuts I'm sure have had their impact and will continue to do so. I do not know if they can continue to maintain or expand their services if funding, staff, and just resources in general are being depleted.

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Yes, as budgets are cut I believe that ASTEC's role will become more vital. Event planning or ways that harbor a sense of community and escape will be important in our upcoming troubling times. Many of the events that allow for this require ASTEC to function.

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I believe every program must assess the current and future needs of our student population and groups to ensure the best continuity and quality of services. If our programs continue to face greater funding challenges, this may not only affect ASTEC's program and services, so timely reviews of resource allocation and usage is always wise.

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More/better equipment and a larger staff.

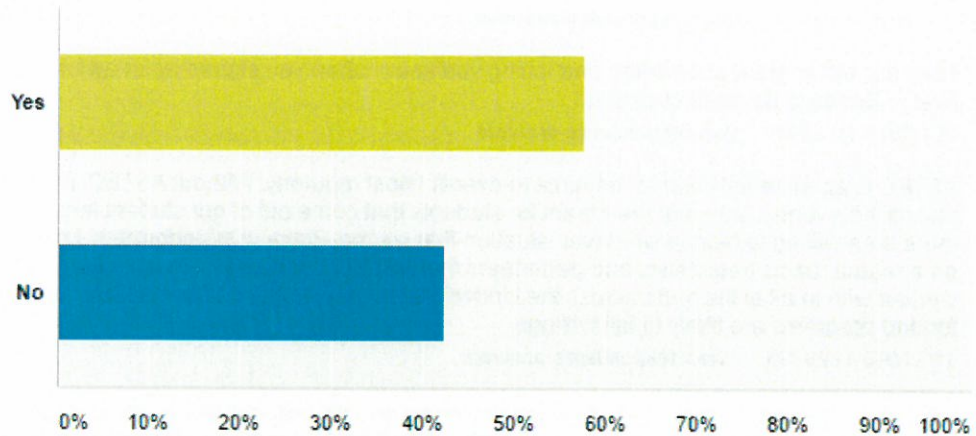
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Updating equipment, transport vehicle, etc.

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Are there any other comments about ASTEC that you would like to add?

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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	57.69% 15
No	42.31% 11
Total	26

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I know that for how much they do, they have a limited amount of space and resources to do so optimally.
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I think they do a very good job, and many RSOs on campus require their services for their events. I believe that Astec should receive more support from the University and should be grown into a service that isn't as stretched out as it is.
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I would like to say that ASTEC does an amazing job helping out with FSL events, especially with IFC. I have always been very satisfied and impressed with how ASTEC handles themselves and how professional they are.
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We LOVE ASTEC! :)
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ASTEC is great at working to the needs of an event. They are good at communicating their needs from us RSO's. Also, they make the reservation and communication process nice and easy. ASTEC is very helpful and key to the running of our weekly meetings.

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They do a great job. They are extremely important to the university life and culture here at UW. Please keep them around and well-funded and well-staffed.

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They are either great at emailing and letting you know when you signed up or awful with no response ever.... Needs to be more consistent

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ASTEC is an incredibly viable resource to events I host regularly. Without ASTEC, I don't think I could pull off the events I plan that are meant for students that come out of our student fees. ASTEC is also more than willing to help in whatever situation that we may have with performers. I receive compliments on a regular basis from artists and performers that ASTEC is the best tech crew that they have ever worked with in all of the tours across the United States they make. Without ASTEC, a lot of student funded programs are likely to fall through.

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ASTEC is vital to the function of all Union Programs and it's reduced scale would largely hinder the success of many large and small scale events around the University of Wyoming Campus. Their work in the community should also not be understated, as they provided services during The Big Event and Solar Fest. Although these are University sponsored events ASTEC's importance to the Laramie community is immeasurable.

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ASTEC is an important resource on campus that is utilized by the students and should continue helping the organizations on campus.

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Aztec is highly important to the success of programming and student morale.

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Without ASTEC support, our RSO events would still happen - but our students would be the ones to suffer from that. Our students deserve to feel that they are important enough to have received the most professional services we can offer them - and in my opinion, ASTEC allows us to do just that.

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ASTEC is an incredibly valuable resource to RSOs, especially because their services are free to RSOs. Our RSO could not operate half as well without them, and we really value their services and the benefit they provide the university.

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ASTEC is always on time, is proficient, and adjusts to anything we have ever asked for. They answer emails promptly and I suggest using their services at as many of our RSO events as possible. Our events would not be as fun or successful without the ASTEC team and their services.

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