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Sent via electronic mail to Dominic.Coletti@thefire.org

Dear Mr. Coletti,

Thank you for your letter dated November 27, 2024 regarding the proposed reduction in the Student Media fee recommended by the Associated Students of Wyoming (ASUW). The University of Wyoming champions First Amendment freedoms and takes the concerns of FIRE seriously.

Following discussions with both ASUW and Student Media, the University's Central Fee Book Committee is mindful of University Regulation 11-6 which states "preservation of a student press free from censorship and outside intrusion is of highest concern and importance on the University campus. Student media at the University are designated public forums, and student editors have authority to make all content decision without censorship or advance approval."

Student Media proposed an 8.5% reduction of its fee during its meeting with the Central Fee Book Committee. The Central Fee Book Committee recommends that the University accept Student Media's suggestion to reduce its fee by 8.5% based on the carry-over amount in their account instead of the 75% proposed by ASUW.

The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees have ultimate approval of University fees and will consider fiscal year 2026-27 fees, including the Student Media fee, during their January 2025 meeting.

Sincerely,

Ed Seidel, President
University of Wyoming

Cc: Alex Kean, Vice President, Budget & Finance

Kameron Murfitt, ASUW President

Gabe Saint, TASFRC Chair