



Request for 2020-21 Funding Services and Activities Fee Committee

BUDGET PROPOSAL CONTACT INFORMATION

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Departmental Information

STUDENT UTILIZATION

ASUWT advocates for the UW Tacoma student body to enhance the Husky experience for all. The Board of Directors and Senators bring a unified voice to campus administration, Tri-Campus representation, and state-level government. ASUWT advocates for student voices and improves student life by providing a variety of services and events to engage with the students, voice their opinions, and create memorable experiences at UW Tacoma. ASUWT members serve on committees that have important conversations and make decisions that can benefit students. Members of ASUWT also actively connect with students and address academic concerns by helping them find effective solutions to their problems. We bridge the gap between campus leadership and faculty to ensure that students have a voice in matters that impact them.

A new way these funds will benefit students next year is through the addition of the Director of Student Advocacy & Diversity. Equity, diversity, and inclusion are incredibly important issues for our students and we need to start putting more action into supporting this. We believe more can get done if we have an elected student representative who has Advocacy & Diversity as the main focus of their role.

As our campus continues to grow, it is essential for ASUWT to grow as well as to have the ability to serve as many students as we can. These funds will allow us to maximize our campus involvement, become more accessible to students, and chair/participate on more committees.

CORE VALUES/MISSION ALIGNMENT

ASUWT provides services for students in correlation to UW Tacoma's Strategic Plan.

The Growth component of the strategic plan is defined as follows:

- Grow our campus, programs and learning pathways to support anticipated opportunities and respond to community needs.
- Increase the regional economic activity attributable to UW Tacoma.
- Improve and expand facilities, technology and resources as the campus grows.
- Increase the satisfaction among students with student life infrastructure, such as options for parking, dining, housing and recreation.
- Increase retention rates of currently enrolled students toward timely graduation.
- Continue implementation of best practices in environmental sustainability as we grow.

In terms of growth, one example is the work we have done in regards to security at the Court 17 apartment complex in the past year. We routinely expressed concern about the lack of security and recent instances of crime. Through repeated conversations with campus security and calls to action by ASUWT members, we played a vital role in the recent installation of security cameras at Court 17. Additionally, through the Student Technology Fees Committee, ASUWT has helped fund technologies that have increased learning pathways for students and ultimately contributed to student retention such as 3D printers and laptops.

SAF-FUNDED PROGRAM OR SERVICES GOALS AND OUTCOMES

In the fall quarter, we had our annual get out the vote event, encouraging students to engage with elections. We also partnered with STFC and Information Technology to fund wifi hotspots and technology upgrades on campus. Other events by our Director of Outreach include the study lounge event in collaboration with SAB and the Pack Advisors. This gave students a chance to interact and study together in a virtual environment.

ASUWT's Legislative Team is constantly working hard to advocate for our student's needs by gathering feedback and data to create the Legislative Agenda, attending Washington Student Association meetings, lobbying at the State Capitol in Olympia, and developing alumni connections to speak about our concerns. This quarter, we will still be doing our Huskies On the Hill Event.

Later this year we are releasing a new program called E.M.B.R.A.C.E. (educating myself for better racial awareness and cultural engagement) in collaboration with the Center for Equity and Inclusion. We were awarded a one-time grant of \$5,000 from Strategic Initiative Funds.

ASUWT has been working to ensure that students have a positive commencement experience through multiple meetings with campus leadership in Student Affairs and Advancement.

ASUWT is also focused on preventing undue financial hardships for students. We have voted to have Transportation Services temporarily suspend the U-Pass fee while classes are virtual.

STUDENT UTILIZATION (COMPARISON OVER PAST 2 YEARS)

It is important for ASUWT to represent all students. Therefore, we try to reach students in different areas that would need assistance or would like to be engaged on campus. We did not commit to keeping track of student count for all the events, however, we have gathered data from these events:

- There have been Chancellor's Town Hall Meetings every month for the 2020-2021 school year. The September town hall had almost 2,000 views consisting of students, staff, and faculty that were interested in what is going on with campus and that wanted to voice their concerns. ASUWT has consistently submitted questions on behalf of students to be addressed during these town halls.
- Also, our Director of Outreach has been running our social media channels and in the past month our posts reached 71 people and we had 10 post engagements.
- ASUWT, SAB, and Pack Advisors fall finals study lounge collaborative event had 23 people sign in.
- A lot of the impact of ASUWT happens in conversations after classes, emails sent to board members and senators, and work done in committees that cannot easily be tracked.

*This year, student utilization of services has been impacted by COVID-19.

COLLECTION OF FEEDBACK & IMPROVEMENTS

One of the ways we gather student feedback is through surveys. For example, the Director of Legislative Affairs sent out a Legislative Survey to gather feedback on the Legislative Agenda.

Additionally, in order to collect as much student feedback as we can, we also utilize social media such as Facebook and Instagram to reach our students. Our top engagement with students are posts containing student feedback and surveys which gives an opportunity for ASUWT to engage with other students that may not be reachable during certain times on campus.

Chancellor's Town Hall Meetings also give students a chance to provide more feedback as well as give the students the opportunity to speak with the Chancellor about their concerns.

Further, newly elected Senators are starting weekly office hours which will give students even more opportunities to provide feedback directly to ASUWT representatives.

Additionally, all board and senate meetings are open to the public and students are encouraged to attend to listen and share feedback. Students who can't attend our meetings can also access our minutes to see what was discussed in any of our meetings.

SERVICE BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

ASUWT is the front-line to assist students where they need to go, to speak out, and let them be heard. Our purpose is to help students be involved and enhance their Husky Experience. ASUWT is proactively looking for ways to connect with people that have the students' best interest at hand. We are committed to educating ourselves about various ways to improve the students' college experience by having mandatory training every quarter, funded by SAF, such as learning about Open Educational Resources for students to save thousands of dollars on textbooks and expanding our knowledge of student retention in order to find ways for students to succeed.

Following the success of past events like the ASUWT hosted town halls and Project Husky, we look forward to continuing in person with both initiatives started by previous leadership such as the Husky Closet as well as new projects launched by current student leaders. For example, our Graduate Senator Brent has been advocating for MBA students this year. Further, ASUWT puts student voices in places where they should be heard. The President and the Director of Finance both serve on the Provost Advisory Committee for Students (PACS). This gives students an opportunity to hold the Provost accountable and make sure he is aware of the most pressing issues for students. ASUWT representatives also have the chance to represent student voices in leadership searches such as the Chancellor search committee and Dean review committees. The ASUWT requires the board and senate to serve on at least one/two committees. In this way, ASUWT is representing students in all sorts of areas on campus. Our senators also use their office hours to give students a chance to speak to them about their concerns and provide feedback.

Without ASUWT, students would have remained struggling and their voices unheard. In conclusion, ASUWT is working on promoting a better campus and it is making students more engaged. To get a better view of our work, we attached a sample board report to show the efforts and impact of our work.

Staff Budget Requests


Category	Details	Amount Requested
Student Staff ³	This amount covers all ASUWT employees: Board members (including our newly added Director of Student Advocacy & Diversity), senators, legislative liaison, elections administration chair, city liaison, office manager, and multi-media specialist. The spreadsheet with the wage breakdown is attached. E001	
	Student Staff Wages:	\$180,804
	Fringe @ 22.2%:	\$40,139
PERSONNEL TOTAL:		\$220,943


Other Budget Requests


Category	Details	Amount Requested
Contracted Services	Honoraria, retreat S001	\$2,200
Other Services	Programming - 1,000 UW telephone services - 209 Elections fund - 300 HRPM Fee (Workday) - 200 WSA Dues - 5,600 S002	\$7,309
Travel	Motor pool and milage reimbursements - 4,800 WSA retreat - 850 S003	\$5,650
Non-Food Supplies & Materials	Office supplies - 120 Nameplates, business cards, nametags - 1,000 Promotional items - 1,000 S004	\$2,120
Food	For staff trainings S005	\$1,500
SUPPLEMENTAL TOTAL:		\$18,779

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COMPLETE PROPOSAL TOTAL:	\$239,722

Supplemental Documents






WAGE REQUEST BREAKDOWN



SAMPLE BOARD REPORT