



Request for 2020/202 Funding Services and Activities Fee Committee

BUDGET PROPOSAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Department Name:

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Submitter Name:

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Department Head Approval:

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Requested Amount:

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 to be heard and improve student life by providing a variety of services and events (described in question 2 & 3) to engage with the students, voice their opinions, and create memorable experiences at UW Tacoma.

Due to significant cuts in hours in 2019-20, ASUWT officials were allocated only enough hours to work the bare minimum. We have come to realize this is not sufficient for ASUWT to thrive. The major request is to increase the hours of existing ASUWT positions, and the addition of five more senators (Business, School of Engineering and Technology, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, Pre-Major, and Graduate senator). Based on our bylaws, ASUWT is required to elect an additional senator in those areas due to increased enrollment. There is currently no Graduate Senator position, therefore, the addition of a graduate senator will benefit graduate students in their programs.

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. We believe this increase will allow us to maximize our campus involvement, become more accessible to students, and chair/participate on more committees.

CORE VALUES/MISSION ALIGNMENT

ASUWT creates events and provides services for students in correlation to UW Tacoma's Strategic Plan. Events such as:

Project Husky: An event that was created by the President, Vincent Da, and the Director of Legislative Affairs, Shelton Wright, to gain feedback from students on multiple topics such as budget cuts, commuter parking, food trucks, student employees, student housing, and student parents. In this event, ASUWT was able to support the students by securing a foundation to improve student life on campus and get students' voices heard, support the community of UW Tacoma by increasing student engagement, support equity and culture by serving the students in different areas, and growth by using Project Husky to create an action plan to serve the student body needs.

Wellness Event: An event that was created by the IAS senators, Gina Choi and Alexandra Dogbe, to promote mental health resources on campus and destress. This event provided services and activities such as wellness juice shots, rock painting, coloring, and other activities to create a safe space for students to take care of their mental health, explore their creativity, and enjoy themselves before finals. In this event, ASUWT was able to support students by providing a work-life balance, educating them on mental health, and supporting the community of UW Tacoma by increasing student engagement.

Chancellor Student Town Hall Meeting: This event was created from students who voiced out their concerns to ASUWT. ASUWT hosted this town hall meeting for Chancellor Pagano to inform and increase transparency to students, faculty, and staff regarding UW Tacoma's growth. Students, faculty, and staff had the opportunity to speak directly to Chancellor Pagano of their concerns and questions regarding what is going on within the campus. As a result, ASUWT was able to bring more awareness of student issues, such as delayed graduation dates from cut classes, and solve these issues immediately. In this event, ASUWT was able to support students by giving them the opportunity to voice out their concerns, support the community by increasing student engagement, and recognizing the importance of equity by taking the initiative to take action on issues that were suppressed.

SAF-FUNDED PROGRAM OR SERVICES GOALS AND OUTCOMES

Student Experience: Our mission is to represent and advocate for our students while enhancing the Husky experience. A project ASUWT has successfully completed is the Chancellor's Town Hall Meeting which resulted in an alternative solution for students that were heavily impacted from canceled/cut classes, delaying their graduation date. In addition, ASUWT's Legislative Team is constantly working hard to advocate for our students needs by gathering feedback and data to create the Legislative Agenda (attached), attending Washington Student Association meetings, lobbying at the State Capitol in Olympia, and developing alumni connections to speak about our concerns. Our Crosswalk Initiative is another important project.

Multiple students have been injured or at risk of getting injured due to the dangerous crosswalk on C street, therefore, ASUWT has created a short-term solution in to this issue in urgency to prevent any more cases and is awaiting a response from the City of Tacoma.

Food insecurity & accessibility: Based on surveys and student feedback, ASUWT created the Food Truck Pilot Program that will provide students with a variety of food and healthier alternatives every week at an affordable cost. This will be beneficial to the students by expanding food resources on campus and combating food insecurity for students as well as retain student interactivity on campus. The pilot program has been an ongoing project since the start of our term and is projected to kick off in spring quarter.

Housing affordability & insecurity: ASUWT is continuing to partner with KOZ Development to provide affordable housing for students. This project was successful last year with the KOZ On Market Street apartments and we are continuing this project with their KOZ at the Dome apartments. This project has helped multiple students that were housing insecure and serve underrepresented students to assist them while pursuing their education.

Expansion of campus resources: Since many students already face housing and food insecurity, ASUWT launched the Free Hygiene Pilot Program last year aiming to be inclusive for all students. This year, ASUWT has made a goal to expand this program three times the size in order to be more accessible to students. This program also increases awareness of gender neutral restrooms on campus. ASUWT's Business Senator, Drew Dunston, created the Husky Closet, a program for students to donate and take business clothes for students in need for job interviews, presentations, etc. Another of our goals in this area was to bring awareness for mental health, therefore, the Wellness Event was a way for students to learn about the resources available for mental health at UW.

ASUWT Visibility: 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 hours to table around campus for students to speak to them of their concerns and feedback, however, the senators do not receive enough hours to maximize their work and full potential to help their students.

STUDENT UTILIZATION (COMPARISON OVER PAST 2 YEARS)

It is important for ASUWT to represent all of the 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:

- Wellness Event reached to 54 students that were interested in mental health
- We have done a number of tabling events throughout the year and 95 students expressed an interest in committees over the course of our four committee tabling events
- Huskies on the Hill was able to reach 34 students that were interested in improving higher education, we have attached the demographics of this event
- Chancellor's Town Hall Meeting reached to 35 students, staff, and faculty that were interested on what is going on with campus and that wanted to voice their concerns
- Project Husky was difficult to track the number of students attended since there was a lot of in-and-out traffic, however, we have attached photos from the event

It is difficult to compare past initiatives from the past two years because we have produced new initiatives and there is no direct comparison for them.

COLLECTION OF FEEDBACK & IMPROVEMENTS

This year, ASUWT wanted to collect feedback from students in a different way compared to previous years. Therefore, the Director of Legislative Affairs, Shelton Wright, organized Project Husky where students were able to write on sticky-notes with their feedback on certain topics presented on bulletin boards. This event, funded by SAF, was a success as ASUWT was able to engage with many students and collect feedback in a unique way. Project Husky created the foundation for ASUWT by configuring the student's needs and prioritizing them.

The ASUWT also hosted the Chancellor's Town Hall Meeting to gather more feedback as well as give the students the opportunity to speak with the Chancellor with their concerns. Based on what was discussed from this meeting, ASUWT was able to recognize the urgency of student's concerns and handled the situation effectively.

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. For an example, for our Commuter Parking Survey, we received 237 responses from students and for our Food Truck Survey, we received 270 responses. In this way, ASUWT is able to reach out to our students about five times more compared to traditional practices of gathering feedback.

We have improved the ASUWT brand by bringing more awareness of student's voices and making sure they are heard.

SERVICE BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

ASUWT is the front-line to assist students where they need to go, to speak out and let it 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 to sourcing 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 find ways for students to succeed.

Our events such as Project Husky and the Chancellor's Town Hall Meeting created an opportunity for students to give us feedback and speak out about their concerns. ASUWT acted upon the feedback and concerns, helping those that needed it. For example, last year the School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences (SIAS) were faced with budget cuts that resulted in many classes being canceled which severely impacted student's education and pushing back their graduation dates. The students have voiced their displeasure of this incident by contacting the SIAS administration and creating a Facebook group page to bring awareness. However, no action was taken upon this situation. Therefore, ASUWT hosted the Chancellor's Town Hall Meeting for students to voice their concerns directly to the Chancellor. In the end, the Chancellor was willing to find a solution for these students and prioritizing their issues which goes to show the Chancellor knows ASUWT's work is important for the students.

Another example, the Senator of Business, Drew Dunston, was contacted by business students regarding issues with a specific class. Drew contacted the Associate Dean for Administrative Initiatives to address the issue. In response, the class was reviewed by a member of Milgard faculty, conducting a student survey of what was going well and what was going poorly. In the end, professors of the class taken the student feedback into consideration and students were able to perform better in the class. Those students contacted Drew Dunston again to thank him for his efforts as a senator.

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 have attached samples of our senate and board reports to show the efforts and impact of our work.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF FUND UTILIZATION

We are on track to spend the majority of our programming allocation for this year. Due to an accounting error by last year's SAF committee, we did receive an excess allocation in our staffing line. We expect to have a chunk of those funds returned. We are not spending from our staffing line above the recommended wages set forth by last year's group.

Staff Budget Requests

Category	Details	Amount Requested
Student Staff ³	Please see attached wages excel for detailed information.	E001
		Student Staff Wages: \$160,238
		Fringe @ 20.9%: \$33,490
	PERSONNEL TOTAL:	\$193,728

Other Budget Requests

Category	Details	Amount Requested
Contracted Services	Honoraria for speakers/performers, board retreat	S001 \$2,200
Other Services	Programming	S002 \$1,000
	UW telephone services	S003 \$209
	Elections fund	S004 \$300
	WSA Retreat	S005 \$826
	WSA dues	S006 \$5,600
Travel	U-Car Rentals, mileage reimbursements, lodging	S007 \$4,800
Non-Food Supplies & Materials	Office supplies	S008 \$120
	Nameplates, business cards, name tags	S009 \$1,000
	Promotional items	S010 \$1,000
Food	Staff trainings	S011 \$1,500
SUPPLEMENTAL TOTAL:		\$18,555

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COMPLETE PROPOSAL TOTAL:	\$212,283

Supplemental Documents



BOARD REPORTS

This is samples pulled out from our monthly board reports.



SENATE REPORTS

These are samples pulled out from the Senate Reports.



LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Created by the Legislative team.



PROJECT HUSKY

Photos from Project Husky.



STUDENT STAFF WAGES

Full details of wage request.



HUSKIES ON THE HILL

Demographics of students attended at Huskies on the Hill.