



## Request for 2022-23 Funding Services and Activities Fee Committee

### BUDGET PROPOSAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Department Name:

Create Date:

Due Date:

Submitter Name:

UW Email Address:

Phone Number:

Department Head Approval:

Department Head:

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 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

#### Students – Advance student success academically, professionally, and personally:

The Associated Students of the University of Washington Tacoma (ASUWT) is committed to advancing student success academically, professionally, and personally. One of the primary ways that ASUWT promotes academic success is by providing resources and support to students to help them achieve their educational goals. This includes hosting workshops and events that will benefit student needs.

#### Equity – Promote and model inclusive excellence and social justice

#### Vitality – Build a thriving community that is welcoming and sustainable

ASUWT also works to advance students' professional development by providing opportunities for networking with Administration and collaborating with the Washington Student Association to provide access to legislators and other political figures. These opportunities enable students to gain valuable skills and knowledge that can help them succeed in their future careers. Additionally, ASUWT provides leadership opportunities to help students build their leadership skills and become more effective leaders in their communities.

In addition to promoting academic and professional success, ASUWT is committed to promoting equity and modeling inclusive excellence and social justice. ASUWT works to create a welcoming and inclusive community for all students, regardless of their backgrounds, identities, or experiences. This includes advocating for policies and practices that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion.

### SAF-FUNDED PROGRAM OR SERVICES GOALS AND OUTCOMES

In addition to providing resources and support to students, ASUWT also actively advocates for student rights and interests. One of the ways we do this is through our Lobby days, where we work with the tri-campus to lobby for legislation that benefits students. We also have access to the resources of the Washington Student Association (WSA), which enables us to enhance our advocacy efforts and fight for student rights on a broader scale.

ASUWT also seeks to understand students' needs and concerns through surveys and other forms of outreach. We recognize that the best way to advocate for students is by understanding their perspectives and experiences. We have also made an effort to interact with students by hosting events and meetings that allow them to ask us questions and voice their concerns and issues. By doing so, we can advocate more effectively on their behalf and ensure that their needs and concerns are heard by the administration.

ASUWT's efforts to promote student success and advocate for student rights are driven by a team of dedicated individuals who work tirelessly to represent student interests. The ASUWT team consists of 15 senators, 7 Directors, and 5 hourly positions. If approved, we will be adding a new position to our team, the Director of Equity and Justice, to further our commitment to promoting equity and social justice.

To further enhance our efforts, ASUWT has also established six student-led committees that focus on specific issues and concerns. These committees include the Student Activities Fee Committee (SAFC), the Center for Community Engagement (CCE), the Student Technology Fee Committee (STFC),

Strategic Planning, Food Truck Selections, and the Menstrual Products Committee. These committees offer opportunities for students to get involved in advocating for issues that they care about and to work with ASUWT to create positive change on campus.

In addition to these established committees, we are also working on creating a new committee called the 5 Minutes-5 Days Committee, which will focus on presenting solutions for emergency situations that may arise in a classroom setting. By having these committees and positions, ASUWT can continue to work towards creating a supportive and inclusive community that meets the diverse needs of our student body.

#### 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 the student count for all the events, however, we have gathered data from these events:

- We have filled almost all positions within ASUWT this including senators, Directors, and hired staff
- Also, our Director of Outreach has been running our social media channels and in the past month our page reached 695 people
- ASUWT and Black Student Union collaborated during fall finals week with a study session students attended to. This allowed students to study in the Dawghouse after its normal operating hours so they have more time to focus on their studies
- 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.
- More interaction came through tabling, the "fireside chat" event where students could hear about what each Director is doing, and a Q&A
- Each position in ASUWT is required to sit on a committee and, this year we have six – committees (mentioned in the previous question) that are intentionally having students lead and have their voices heard.

#### COLLECTION OF FEEDBACK & IMPROVEMENTS

One of the ways we gather student feedback is through surveys. For example, the Director of Outreach has planned a survey that majority of the Directors, senate, and hired staff participated in. Students were able to place a sticker under categories that pertained to how they felt about certain situations on campus. In doing so, there were about 1000 impressions!

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 is 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.

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 in 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 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 to find ways for students to succeed.

Following the success of past events like the ASUWT Fireside Chat event, we look forward to continuing new initiatives from this year's board. For example, our Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences Senator, Olivia, is initiating the 5 minutes 5 days committee where the main goal is to establish preventative measures, transparency of the university's policies and plans in the event of an active shooter situation, and resources for students to connect with after an event. 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 have attached samples of our board reports to show the efforts and impact of our work.

## Staff Budget Requests

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Category	Details	Amount Requested
Student Staff <sup>3</sup>	<b>This is the amount of wages that will be allocated to Senators.</b> E001	
	Student Staff Wages:	<b>\$76,733</b>
	Fringe @ 21.5%:	<b>\$16,498</b>
Student Staff <sup>3</sup>	<b>This is the amount of wages that will be allocated to all 7 Director positions and the President.</b> E002	
	Student Staff Wages:	<b>\$118,684</b>
	Fringe @ 21.5%:	<b>\$25,517</b>
Student Staff <sup>3</sup>	<b>This is the amount of wages for our hired staff. This includes the City Liasion, Legislative Liasion, Office Manager, Elections and Administration Chair, and Multimedia Specialist</b> E003	
	Student Staff Wages:	<b>\$43,096</b>
	Fringe @ 21.5%:	<b>\$9,266</b>
PERSONNEL TOTAL:		<b>\$289,793</b>

## Other Budget Requests

Category	Details	Amount Requested
Contracted Services	For events that require extra things such as speakers, space rentals and etc. S001	<b>\$2,200</b>
Other Services	This pays for our phone bill, elections fund, workday fee, WSA fees, and programming. S002	<b>\$15,645</b>
Travel	Primarily used by the Legislative liaison and the Director of Legislative Affairs to lobby in Olympia with the Washington Student Association. This will provide money for lodging and travel funds. S003	<b>\$5,863</b>
Non-Food Supplies & Materials	This fund allows us to promote ASUWT through merchandise as well as help us fund materials needed for events. S004	<b>\$4,113</b>
Food	This is for food during trainings for Senate and the Board of Directors. S005	<b>\$1,500</b>
SUPPLEMENTAL TOTAL:		<b>\$29,321</b>

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<b>COMPLETE PROPOSAL TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$319,113</b>

## Supplemental Documents



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This entails the full budget for the year 2023-2024



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## **WAGES 2023-2024**

Wages for each position under ASUWT