



# Request for 2024 Funding Services and Activities Fee Committee

## BUDGET PROPOSAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Department Name: Student Life

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Department Head Approval:

Department Head: Dr. Bernard Anderson

Requested Amount: **\$10,100**

## Departmental Information

### STUDENT UTILIZATION

Students who may have any legal questions (about landlord tenant agreements, or legal matters impacting their ability to continue to live in Tacoma, WA (US)) would be able to consult with the Student Legal Services (SLS) team from UW Seattle for no or very low cost to them.

### CORE VALUES/MISSION ALIGNMENT

SLS will be employed to work directly with students as they address needs in their personal, and possibly professional lives. Legal services are often a daunting prospect for many of our students as access has traditionally been denied to them. By bringing SLS to campus, we will also address issues of inequity when it comes to advise regarding the legal systems.

Specific goals: Students (2) - enhancing student wellbeing - this service will expand student support ecosystems

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

Our goal for the 23-24AY was to market the service to students through all the support based offices on campus (First Gen, OSAS - which includes having this information available through the HuskiesCare website, Pack Advisors, PAWS etc.). Office for International Students and Scholars has also marketed this service to international students directly, and they will continue to build this information into all their materials for students. Faculty and staff who support Undocu students are also aware this resource is available to all students. As this was the first year we were offering this service to UWT students, the main goal was to make sure students were aware this was accessible to them. Student Legal Services also updated their webpages to reflect that they are now a tricampus resource.

We will continue to raise awareness and make sure all webpages reflect the most current information.

**STUDENT UTILIZATION (COMPARISON OVER PAST 2 YEARS)**

Below is the client data breakdown of UW Tacoma students from the start of Fall quarter (Sept. 27, 2023) until now (01/16/24) which includes number of requests, number of consultations, and the different practice areas:

**Requests and Consultations held from September 27, 2023, to January 16, 2024:**

Number of UWT Student Requests for Free 40-Minute Consultations: 26

Number of Free Consultations Held: 21

**Practice Areas from 21 consultations held:**

Immigration: 10

Domestic Violence: 2

Wills and Estates: 2

Divorce/ Family Law: 2

Landlord/ Tenant: 1

Personal Injury/ Vehicular Accident: 1

Mental Health: 1

Criminal Record Expungement: 1

Torts/ Medical Malpractice: 1

Here is the demographic data that we've collected from UWT students who have contacted and submitted an intake which includes: the percentage of undergraduate students vs. graduate students, percentage of non-U.S. citizens, percentage of students of color, percentage of students with disabilities, and percentage of first-generation students.

**DEMOGRAPHIC DATA FROM THE 26 UWT STUDENTS WHO CONTACTED SLS AND SUBMITTED AN INTAKE:**

Percentage of UWT Undergraduates: 50%

Percentage of UWT Graduate Students: 50%

Percentage of Non-U.S. Citizens (UWT only): 38%

Percentage of Students of Color (UWT only): 81%

Percentage of Students with Disabilities (UWT only): 15%

Percentage of First-Generation Students (UWT only): 77%

**COLLECTION OF FEEDBACK & IMPROVEMENTS**

SLS collects data on numbers served, issues addressed, and how the student experience was throughout the process. They will share this information with us annually. Based on what we learn from them, we can then adjust how we are meeting the needs of Tacoma students.

**SERVICE BENEFITS TO STUDENTS**

Here are some client testimonials from UWT students:

"Nadine was very sensitive to the emotional aspect of my case - I felt 'seen and heard', although there is not anything she could do for me legally. Thank you for offering this service!!!" - UWT student

"Explain my options going forward and chance of success. Thank you for this! I couldn't afford to pay for legal advice, so this is invaluable. Please expand this service and any others you can to help folks like myself who are living paycheck to paycheck." - UWT student

"Eliot was concise and was able to answer all questions asked. He explained the best options concerning my case." - UWT student

"I appreciated the kind and understanding approach to the issue and the thorough questions at the beginning of the consultation. All of my questions were answered and I feel more prepared for how to advocate for myself now and in the future." - UWT student

"Took time to review all my questions, and provided me with link and detailed options, and showed where I can get further advice. Very good session, thanks for the help, appreciate it!" - UWT student

"Hello Tanya, I hope you are doing well. I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for your invaluable assistance during a particularly challenging and trying time in my life. Your expertise, dedication, and unwavering support have made a significant impact, and I cannot thank you enough for your outstanding legal representation. Facing a complex legal situation was undoubtedly a daunting experience, but your guidance and skillful navigation through the intricacies of the case reassured me at every step. Your professionalism, attention to detail, and commitment to achieving the best possible outcome were truly commendable. Beyond your legal prowess, I want to acknowledge your compassionate approach and the genuine care you showed for my well-being throughout the process. Your ability to balance legal expertise with empathy created a sense of trust and reassurance, making an otherwise stressful situation more manageable. Your hard work, diligence, and tireless efforts have not gone unnoticed, and I am sincerely grateful for the positive resolution we achieved. Your contribution has not only impacted the legal aspect of my life but has also provided much needed peace of mind. Thank you once again for being an exceptional advocate and for going above and beyond to secure a favorable outcome. Your professionalism and genuine concern for your clients set you apart, and I feel fortunate to have had you by my side during this challenging time. Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your outstanding service. I would not hesitate to recommend your services to anyone on campus needing legal assistance. Wishing you and your team a happy holiday and New Year, and once again, thank you for everything." - UWT student

**Staff Budget Requests**

Category	Details	Amount Requested
PERSONNEL TOTAL:		\$0

**Other Budget Requests**

Category	Details	Amount Requested
Contracted Services	Attorneys billed \$57/hr for 100 hr/yr = \$5700 Rule 9 Interns 3rd yr law stus billed \$32/hr @ 2 hr/wk for 100hr/yr = \$3200 Legal Assts billed \$20/hr for 25 hr/yr = \$500	\$9,400
Travel	Should one of the lawyers need to meet with a student on campus	\$200
Non-Food Supplies & Materials	Office supplies, printing costs, marketing materials	\$500
SUPPLEMENTAL TOTAL:		\$10,100

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## Supplemental Documents

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