



Request for 2024 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 student experience and hold the administration accountable. 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 works to improve student life by working to create a variety of services in partnership with UW Tacoma administration and host events to engage with the students so they can 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, ensuring that student input is always present to keep decisions student-centered. 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.

As our campus continues to grow, ASUWT needs 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 to allow us to advocate for long-lasting change on campus for the betterment of future students.

CORE VALUES/MISSION ALIGNMENT

Students-Advance student success academically, professionally, and personally

ASUWT is committed to advancing student access academically, professionally, and personally. The correlation between ASUWT and this goal is that both work towards student development with a holistic approach. Overall collaboratively, ASUWT also strives for a more comprehensive and integrated strategy to enhance the overall well-being and success of students at UW Tacoma.

Equity-Promote and model inclusive excellence and social justice:

This goal emphasizes the idea of commitment to fostering an environment that values diversity, promotes inclusivity, and advocates for social justice. With our main focus at hand being promoting inclusive excellence, ASUWT has made it a priority to actively address and eliminate any barriers there might be that may hinder students' access to resources, opportunities, and belonging on campus.

Vitality-Build a thriving community that is welcoming and sustainable

This goal aligns perfectly with what ASUWT thrives for. From ASUWT's perspective, the goal reflects a shared commitment to creating a vibrant and inclusive campus environment. The emphasis on building a thriving community signifies ASUWT because we are too dedicated to fostering a sense of belonging and connection among the students. We do this so by organizing events, and activities, and enforcing initiatives that bring students together. Encouraging social interactions and more student body engagement. ASUWT works towards the creation of a dynamic, inclusive, and sustainable community, all aspects of what the point of this goal exists for.

Communities-Partner in advancing strong and diverse communities

This goal aligns perfectly with what ASUWT thrives for. This goal emphasizes collaboration and engagement in fostering a campus environment where inclusivity and community strength is prioritized at hand. In order for students to grasp what resources there are on campus we reach out to other various student groups and organizations that can be resourceful to student experience. By this we have collaborated and had been supportive with other organizations, promoted cultural events, worked closely with student clubs and organizations and ensured that the community of our campus has the voice HEARD AND REPRESENTED.

SAF-FUNDED PROGRAM OR SERVICES GOALS AND OUTCOMES**Legislative Presence:**

To ensure UW Tacoma student voice's are always in the room when important decisions are being made, ASUWT actively advocates and lobbies for student rights and interests in the state capitol during legislative session. ASUWT has a Legislative Liaison lobbyist that is stationed in Olympia throughout the session to ensure UW students are heard. Our ability to effectively lobby is made possible by our membership in the Washington Students Association (WSA), which provides us a platform, training, and resources to lobby effectively. Additionally, ASUWT organizes "Huskies On The Hill", a tri-campus event that brings students to Olympia to directly lobby and share their experiences with lawmakers. This year was especially monumental for ASUWT in terms of legislative presence as it was the first time since 2019 that we had a staff lobbyist down in Olympia during session as well as the first time in the same period that we successfully brought a busload of students to participate in Huskies On The Hill. Notable bills that ASUWT advocated for this period were: SB 5999 (Expanded Free/Reduced College), HB 2114/SB5961 (Rent Stabilization), HB 1889 (Support of Undocumented Students Post-Graduation), and a Basic Needs Act Proviso (Additional funding for Basic Needs Navigators Funded Previous Session).

Taskforces:

In response to the findings from the Spring 2023 National College Health Assessment, ASUWT identified many areas of concern among students and established three taskforces to address those concerns: Health & Wellness, Food Equity & Basic Needs, and Student Safety. These taskforces are guided by the principles of data-driven decision-making, aiming to align ASUWT's efforts with both best practices and mirroring the processes UW Tacoma leadership utilizes to ensure the continuity and effectiveness of the initiatives ASUWT undertakes as leadership changes yearly. Taskforces are composed of senators and led by either the ASUWT President or a member of the Executive Board. The taskforces are actively collaborating with UW Tacoma leadership to leverage our own survey findings, which will allow ASUWT to advocate for and enact long-lasting change that reflects the needs and priorities of the student body. Some anticipated priorities of the taskforces include: Establishing a Professional Clothing Closet, Addressing Basic Need Stigmatization On Campus, Increased Access to Free Food Resources, and Creating A Safer Campus Community.

New opportunities For More Student Engagement:**RSO Committee-**

ASUWT recognizes that Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) are the life force of the UW Tacoma campus. The RSO Committee serves as a dedicated platform where members of student organizations can openly discuss concerns, ask questions, and offer comments on how ASUWT can improve the student experience. This committee will be formally established in February 2024.

Legislative Committee-

After the successful rebirth of ASUWT's legislative arm, we intend to establish a legislative committee to encourage more student involvement with the general student body in the legislative process in preparation for future legislative sessions.

STUDENT UTILIZATION (COMPARISON OVER PAST 2 YEARS)

ASUWT has experienced significant growth in student engagement within the last year, with there being an unprecedented increase in involvement compared to the past two years. Currently, ASUWT employees 27 student jobs and provides other volunteer and paid opportunities to students through its committee affiliations with the Student Technology Fee Committee, Council for Campus Engagement, RSO Committee, and Legislative Committee. With plans to expand by adding 6 new staff positions for established taskforces, ASUWT aims to enhance the student educational experience further to create meaningful, long-lasting change on campus.

This year alone, hundreds of students have engaged with ASUWT through various events and initiatives, including over 1100 signatures on a petition for free menstrual products on campus, leading to their swift implementation in bathrooms across campus. Additionally, four student surveys conducted in January 2024 received a combined response total of 2366, which reflects the unprecedented levels of engagement and refined sophistication within the organization.

Additionally, building upon our efforts to encourage student involvement and representation, we have been proactive in hosting events designed to appeal to and engage with the student body. A significant part of these efforts includes collaborating with student organizations, with 72% of ASUWT's previous and planned events being partnerships. This approach not only increases the range of activities we can offer but also strengthens our ties with the student community. A highlight of 2023-2024 was our Dias de Los Muertos event, which had an 80 student headcount.

As UW Tacoma continues to evolve, ASUWT is committed to growing and adapting to meet the changing needs of its students. With the university's landscape changing with the new leadership and return from the COVID-19 pandemic, ASUWT is keen on ensuring that its structures and operations evolve accordingly.

COLLECTION OF FEEDBACK & IMPROVEMENTS

- In January 2023, ASUWT conducted campus-wide student surveys to collect student input on how we can best advocate for them within areas of interest: Student Health & Wellness, Student Safety, Food Equity & Basic Needs, and Student Technology Fee. Those four surveys received a combined response rate of 2366. The data will be used to inform the work the the ASUWT Taskforces will be doing for the rest of the quarter, which will result in the creation of 2-3 year strategic plans for each taskforce.
- ASUWT hosts two town-halls quarterly to engage with the student body to collect their opinion and hear their stories. As an organization, ASUWT attempts to follow up with every town hall participant who raises a concern to us to ensure that we are doing what they hope for us to do to solve their issue.
- Our Executive Board and Senate meetings are open to the public and students are encouraged to attend and share their feedback on the organization’s work during the public comment period of the meeting.
- ASUWT frequently tables across campus to meet students where they are to collect their input and to ensure that they know about the organization and how we are here to support them.

SERVICE BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

ASUWT plays a pivotal role in amplifying the student experience by being at the forefront of student advocacy on and off campus. Our strong presence ensures that necessary changes are not left to the discretion of university leadership but are driven by the needs of UW Tacoma students. This commitment to holding leadership accountable has led to notable achievements, most recently, the introduction of free menstrual products paid for by the university in all campus bathrooms standing from the end of Fall 2024. This significant milestone in our active duty is a testament to the organization's effectiveness in addressing critical issues that are seen to be affecting students in their everyday lives. All in all, ASUWT has successfully advocated for a more inclusive and supportive campus environment, promoting the effectiveness and benefit of the well- being it will provide to students on campus. Additionally, the recent completion of our survey period on January 31st is a testament to ASUWT’s dedication to understanding and acting upon student presences for future programs. This will ensure that initiatives are not only just well-intentioned but also reflect the preferences and the priorities of the student body. Our hope is that this evidence-based approach will allow us to continually support and advocate for the creation of initiatives that students truly value, which affirms our significant impact on student’s university experience. ASUWT goes beyond the idea of just a role in student advocacy reacting to issues, it also anticipates and addresses concerns before they escalate. In conclusion AUNT's pivotal role in boosting the student experience is evident through its proactive advocacy. Tangible achievements, and proactive decision making. ASUWT has become a driving force in shaping the university experience that will help reflect the values and the diverse perspectives and needs of the UW Tacoma student community.

Staff Budget Requests




Category	Details	Amount Requested
Student Staff ³	This amount concludes the hourly position. Including the multimedia specialist, the office manager, elections administration chair, and the student taskforce positions. E001	
	Student Staff Wages:	\$91,315
	Fringe @ 20.5%:	\$18,720
Student Staff ³	This amount concludes the stipend positions. Including the President, the 6 directors, the 14 senators, the speaker of senate, the legislative liaison, and the city liaison. E002	
	Student Staff Wages:	\$315,000
	Fringe @ 20.5%:	\$64,575
PERSONNEL TOTAL:		\$489,609

Other Budget Requests

Category	Details	Amount Requested
Other Services	To support various essentials including programming, election funds, HRPM Fee (workday), and WSA sue. Impactful to events, student experience, to ensure compliance, and to ensure election expenses. S001	\$9,700
Travel	To support motor pool and mileage reimbursement for our student government and our liaisons for the WSA retreats and the lobbying sessions. As well as for students to attend husky on hill with ASUWT. S002	\$9,300
Non-Food Supplies & Materials	To support essential expenses for office supplies, nameplates, business cards, name tags, and promotional items for ASUWT. To enhance our visibility, professionalism and effectiveness S003	\$6,500
Food	To support food expenses for various student government activates such as trainings and debriefs as well as for events that the ASUWT holds throughout the academic school year. S004	\$3,500
SUPPLEMENTAL TOTAL:		\$29,000

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Supplemental Documents

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