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ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Submitted by Bryn Sinclair, Senate Vice Speaker

BOARD BILL 5.02: Legislative Agenda 2019-2020

SPONSOR: Spencer Lively

OUTCOME: 56-0-1

The Associated Students of the University of Washington (ASUW) urges the legislature to,

Address Inequities, such as:

- Expanding eligibility for the 2019 session's HB 2158's Working Connections Child Care work requirement exemption to student parents seeking a bachelor's or advanced degree;
- Expanding access to state financial aid for undocumented students, including the implementation of a state-sponsored loan program;
- Allowing student athletes to earn compensation for services provided, to be paid for the use of their likeness, and to hire agents;
- Funding tuition waivers for students enrolled in federally recognized tribes to attend institutions of higher education;
- Repealing RCW 72.60.100 to recognize incarcerated workers as employees;
- Funding free menstrual products at public higher education institutions;
- Exempting menstrual products from the state sales tax;
- Supporting the establishment of a state-wide Green New Deal to help address greenhouse emissions including those from public institutions of higher education;
- Promoting and implementing policies that address racial, socioeconomic, and other inequities in higher education;

Allow Access to Care, such as:

- Amending RCW 28B.10.660 to allow for the implementation of opt-out health insurance plans by public institutions of higher education;
- Establishing a statewide study to research current access to coverage for reproductive, mental, dental, vision, and general healthcare for Washington students;
- Amending RCW 9A.44.060 to redefine the current definition of consent as actual words or conduct indicating a freely given agreement to have sexual intercourse or contact;
- Funding and implementing specialized personnel, resources, and training for staff members to improve universities' ability to respond to sexual violence and involved parties;
- Standardizing transparent reporting and responding to sexual misconduct in Washington;

Combat Food & Housing Insecurity, such as:

- Expanding access to programs and policies that reduce students' risk of food and housing insecurity;

- Providing a one-year waiver for on campus housing on a space available basis in order to support students who have previously experienced homelessness and are eligible for the College Bound Scholarship;
- Expanding the scope of HB 1893 to provide monetary assistance to students of public four-year institutions experiencing unforeseen emergencies that affect the students' ability to attend classes;
- Establishing a statewide gender-inclusive housing standard for public higher education institutions to ensure that such housing is accessible, adequate in amount, and integrated into the broader campus community;

Increase Accessibility in Higher Education, such as:

- Adequately funding the University of Washington's Disability Resources for Students (DRS);
- Funding renovations of our inaccessible infrastructure to become Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant for students with mobility impairments;
- Expanding remote access through the funding and use of technology infrastructure to ensure the rights of students with disabilities to access education;

Promote Mental Health & Wellness, such as:

- Funding new counseling positions on campus to bring the current UW counselor to student ratio of 1:1755 to the recommended range of 1:1000 to 1:1500;
- Funding quality of life raises for UW counselors to reduce high turnover rates and prevent them from being "priced out" of their position;
- Providing long-term funding of counselors for student veterans; and
- Mandating statewide comprehensive K-12 consent-based sex education.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THAT the 2019-2020 Legislative Agenda as amended by the ASUW Student Senate be adopted; and

THAT the 2019-2020 Legislative Agenda be forwarded to the Office of Communications and the Office of Government Relations for grammatical and stylistic edits.

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