

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Submitted by Trevor Hunt, Finance and Budget Director

BOARD BILL 3.41: An Act to Support the University of Washington Student Community in Response to COVID-19

WHEREAS: The following timeline provides important milestones and developments in the UW and ASUW response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19):

- Jan. 21 - First case of COVID-19 in Washington
- Feb. 29 - First death from COVID-19 in Washington
- March 1 - Student petition to close UW campus is circulated; gains thousands of signatures in hours
- March 2 - UW suspends Italy study abroad
- March 3 - ASUW releases an official COVID-19 response
- March 3- UW President Ana Mari Cauce fields questions at ASUW Student Senate meeting
- March 6 - UW suspends in-person classes for remainder of Winter Quarter
- March 6 - First case of COVID-19 in the UW community
- March 6 - ASUW Executive Memorandum is sent to ASUW employees outlining updates in personnel policy and canceling all in-person events and meetings for the remainder of winter quarter
- March 11 - UW suspends all study abroad for Spring Quarter
- March 12 - Second case of COVID-19 in the UW community; first student
- March 12 - Pac-12 suspends all sport competitions
- March 13 - Gov. Inslee issues proclamation suspending in-person classes through April 24
- March 13 - Second UW students tests positive for COVID-19
- March 13 - Second ASUW Executive Memorandum is sent to ASUW employees outlining 100% remote work and canceling all in-person meetings and events for spring quarter
- March 14 - Five additional cases of COVID-19 confirmed in UW community
- March 16 - Libraries, HUB, and IMA close or reduce operations significantly
- March 18 - First death of a UW community member due to COVID-19
- March 18 - UW suspends all in-person classes through Spring Quarter
- March 19 - Student petition to lower tuition fees is circulated; gains thousands of signatures in hours
- March 19 - 11 additional COVID-19 cases confirmed in UW community
- March 19 - UW Athletics suspends all team-wide activities through Spring Quarter
- March 19 - ASUW Board of Directors passes Board Bill 4.19: Emergency Measures to Protect the Integrity of the ASUW Elections; moves the annual Elections process online entirely
- March 20 - UW Provost Mark Richards suspends all UW official travel outside the country
- March 23 - ASUW Office of Outreach and Involvement sends letter to all ASUW volunteers
- March 24 - Gov. Jay Inslee issues proclamation amending the Open Public Meetings Act
- March 25 - US Senate approves CARES Act. UW set to receive \$28 million
- March 26 - UW suspends Summer Quarter study abroad programs
- March 27 - ASUW Personnel Directive is sent to ASUW employees outlining expectations for spring quarter

March 30 - ASUW Communications Memo is sent to ASUW employees outlining communication policy and #RemoteRemedies campaign for spring quarter

April 8 - 800 students are reported to have withdrawn from UW, an increase of over 300 from last year

April 8 - UW cancels in-person commencement ceremony; opts for virtual experience

April 8 - UW suspends all in-person classes through Summer Quarter - A Term

April 13 - ASUW Finance and Budget Director authorizes \$100,000 transfer to the Husky Pride Fund

April 20 - ASUW and GPSS to launch campus-wide survey to help student government better understand the impacts of COVID-19 and remote learning on the student body to best advocate to the University

WHEREAS: The impacts of social distancing, the closure of many businesses, and the emotional stress and anxiety of this situation have put many students at risk of losing stable housing and access to food; and,

WHEREAS: Campus closure and service reduction has limited student access to necessary housing, food, and technology originally provided by on-campus resources; and,

WHEREAS: Campus closure and service reduction has placed a financial burden on students forced to modify their academic track to protect their health; and,

WHEREAS: Many students have returned to their permanent residence outside of University District and are unable to access the many campus resources once available to them; and,

WHEREAS: The Associated Students of the University of Washington understands that isolation and statewide mandated “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” orders around the country have led to an increase in domestic violence, facilitating the need for immediate emergency housing support; and,

WHEREAS: Many students with underlying health issues who are more susceptible to COVID-19 are facing increased anxiety, fear, and stress and may not have the resources and support they need at this time; and,

WHEREAS: The University of Washington Food Pantry assists students experiencing food insecurity and remains open to students through grocery pickup, and the Associated Students at the University of Washington believes that supporting campus partners such as the Food Pantry directly benefits the student body’s best interest; and,

WHEREAS: The Husky Pride Fund is a scholarship fund managed by the Associated Students of the University of Washington to assist students facing housing and food insecurity; and,

WHEREAS: The Husky Pride Fund is primarily funded through private donations and proceeds from the sale of Husky Pride Tees sold exclusively at the University of Washington Bookstore; and,

WHEREAS: The 2017-2018 ASUW Board of Directors changed the purpose of the Husky Pride Fund from providing study abroad assistance to awarding grants to students facing housing and food insecurity; and,

WHEREAS: The Associated Students of the University of Washington has suspended all in-person events for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2020, resulting in a significant surplus of funds; and,

WHEREAS: The Associated Students of the University of Washington, finding it necessary to collaborate and communicate with community partners, is committed to the continued engagement of the UW community so students feel connected to each other and to the university while apart; and,

WHEREAS: The ASUW Board of Directors, individually and collectively, have a deep and profound passion for serving the UW community and feel an obligation to do everything within their power to respond to this global pandemic; and,

WHEREAS: The Associated Students of the University of Washington exists to serve the student body; now,

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

THAT: The Finance and Budget Director's approval of a \$100,000.00 transfer from the ASUW General Fund to the Husky Pride Fund for the purposes of distributing grants to students in need be affirmed; and,

THAT: The Director of Campus Partnerships continue working with the Office of Financial Aid to set the guidelines, parameters, and processes for applying to the Husky Pride Fund; and,

THAT: The Communications Director continue designing and implementing a public campaign to advertise the Husky Pride Fund to students; and,

THAT: The ASUW President continue to work with ASUW partners to secure additional donations to the Husky Pride Fund; and,

THAT: The ASUW Board of Directors calls on its partner organizations and individual supporters to contribute to and promote the Husky Pride Fund, helping to create a safety net for Huskies experiencing financial hardship; and,

THAT: The Finance and Budget Director continue coordinating with the Student Food Cooperative Bean Basket and the UW Food Pantry on transferring unsold food to the Food Pantry; and,

THAT: This bill be forwarded to the following:

ASUW President, **Kelty Pierce**

ASUW Vice President, **Kevin Mendez**

ASUW Finance and Budget Director, **Trevor Hunt**

ASUW Personnel Director, **Kiran Singh**

ASUW Communications Director, **Ana Osorno**

ASUW Director of University Affairs, **Sam Akeyo**

ASUW Director of Community Relations, **Sarah Shaklan**

ASUW Director of Diversity Efforts, **Sahra Ibrahim**

ASUW Director of Campus Partnerships, **Brianna Asman**

ASUW Director of Internal Policy, **Cooper Robertson**

ASUW Director of Programming, **Daniella Calasanz Miño**

ASUW Administrative Assistant to the Board of Directors, **Phoebe Walker**

GPSS President, **Giuliana Conti**

ASUW Bothell President, **Shugla Kakar**
ASUW Tacoma President, **Vincent Da**
UW Student Regent, **Daniela Suarez**
Provost Advisory Committee for Students Chair, **Farah Nadheem**
UW President, **Ana Mari Cauce**
UW Provost, **Mark Richards**
UW Assistant Vice Provost for Enrollment and Executive Director for Financial Aid and
Scholarships, **Kay Lewis**
UW Vice President for Student Life, **Denzil Suite**
UW Associate Vice President for Student Life, **Lincoln Johnson**
Services and Activities Fee Committee Chair, **Jeremy Moon**
HUB Director, **Justin Camputaro**
UW Manager of Student Success, **Sean Ferris**
UW Associate Director for Student Activities, **Rene Singleton**

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