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ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Submitted by Dalton Owens, Vice President

BOARD BILL 2.31: An Act to Create the Office of Inclusive Design

WHEREAS: access to student life, such as RSO-led events, ASUW sponsored events, public meetings and records are a critical part of the student experience; and

WHEREAS: accessibility to student led programming and courses for Deaf, disabled, and non-traditional students is severely lacking at the University of Washington; and

WHEREAS: student run events (ie. ASUW or RSO events) are particularly inaccessible due to the lack of guidance and lack of funding for accessibility; and

WHEREAS: there is no official system currently in place for student groups or ASUW entities to request funding or seek guidance for event accessibility; and

WHEREAS: The mission of the Office of Inclusive Design is to support ASUW and student organizations (RSOs) in the design and funding of inclusive student programs and events; and

WHEREAS: The OID aims to enhance resources and advocacy regarding the integration of disabled, non-traditional and other marginalized students in student life and other campus programs; and

WHEREAS The OID seeks to support ongoing ASUW efforts in developing non-discrimination and accommodations policies and procedures; now

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

THAT: the Board of Director recognizes the years of work that have gone into collecting relevant information; and

THAT: the Board of Directors supports the creation of the Office of Inclusive Design; and

THAT: the Office of Inclusive Design be established beginning in FY22 contingent on sufficient funding from the Student Activities Fund Committee; and

THAT: the Director position and Inclusive Event Coordinator position be created contingent on sufficient funding; and

THAT: the operations budget be approved contingent on sufficient funding as reflected in the FY22 budget document; and

THAT: SAO Advisor Rene Singleton, Associate Vice-President of Student Life Lincoln Johnson, HUB Director Justin Camputaro, D Center Manager Lesley Ellis, Chair of the SAF Committee for the 2020-2021 academic year, Student Disability Commission Director and OID Task Force Co-Chair Christine Lew.

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