

Guiding Question: *What will be our goals and / or stance for moving forward in response to cuts to the UW budget?*

1. Updates from each ASUW Team on how cuts may affect their respective campus.

**Team Tacoma:**

*Action Anticipating Cuts* – ASUWT has had with department heads and deans, and held a few meetings with state representatives. They met with UWT Chancellor.

*Potential Affect of Cuts* – reduction of class offerings, tenured professors laid off and replaced by adjunct professors (cost saving), get rid of Global Honors program. Our SAF will cover a larger percentage of the cost for advisors. No further increases in FTE (full-time enrollment). Projected 20% cuts all around. Tommy is currently lobbying for the school's finance unit to have a student representative.

**Team Bothell:**

*Action Anticipating Cuts* – Met with Chancellor Chan. He said they had been anticipating a 10% cut so an actual cut of 20% will affect them to a lesser degree. Their student government has negotiated a 20% student discount for food in Bothell's downtown, which is an 8 minute walk from campus.

*Potential Affect of Cuts* – Emily said Colton sits on the budget committee and could provide more information. Positions in Admissions are getting cut (Xheni and Colton work in the office of admissions). The plan to adding 19 new majors will be minimized, if implemented at all.

**Team Seattle:**

*Action Anticipating Cuts* – There will most likely be layoffs for a lot of faculty, the number of RA (Research Assistant) /TA-ships (Teaching Assistant) will be significantly reduced. There are rumors of legislature being advised by the governor to override the 7% tuition cap for increasing tuition for in-state undergraduates. If it is overridden, it's been said tuition could rise as much as 10-15% for everyone. This is based on what the HEC (Higher Education Coordinating) Board recommended at their last meeting.

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2. Facts and Stats

***What are the raw numbers?***

UW has \$400 Million operating budget from the state

UW is facing \$80 Million in budget cuts

***How will these monies be recovered? Currently, the following has been proposed:***

Approx. \$10 Million through tuition

Approx. \$10 Million by decreasing number of in-state students to increase out-of-state

Approx. \$10 Million from a 2% self-imposed faculty pay cut

### 3. Follow up questions

***What are we doing to work with other schools, such as WSU?***

At the Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> WSL (Washington Student Lobby) meeting, other schools were brought up to speed on the economic situation. All schools were present and are on the same page in terms of wanting to reduce the 20% cut (to all of higher education) and reduce the impact of any cuts made.

***What take does the Faculty have on this?***

There are some emails going around among faculty discussing a potential 2% pay cut. They have also discussed going on strike and / or going on walk outs.

***What kind of action do we want to take? Do we want to have a demonstration or a walk out? When will we know it's time to take such action?***

It's time. 20% is more than has ever been done. We should have a student walk out day and schedule it with a trip to Olympia.

This is not going to be an ASUW event. However we will continue to support student leaders who wish to push on this issue to make sure they are being heard.

***How will the event work with /around our next scheduled TCM (Tri-Campus Meeting)?***

We will wait until after that, to give us more time and to give the organizers more time to learn about the budget. Also it will allow for the general student body to learn about what is going on.

***How will we work with faculty?***

We will invite them to the event. Hopefully they can come with us.

***What can the ASUW Teams pay for?***

This will be looked into.

### 4. Plans for future

***Event***

Begin planning for after Christmas.

Date will be on the week of Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>

It will take place the week before UW Seattle's Lobby Day.

***Next Budget Workgroup Meeting***

Tuesday Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, @ 11a.m. in UW Seattle

Room to be confirmed by Sabrina