



**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON BOTHELL**

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2018-2019

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CAPITAL BUDGET

UW Bothell is a heavily populated institution with a world-class quality of education in STEM. With the allocation of \$35 million in the upcoming biennium, UW Bothell will be able to start the capital project of building a fourth academic building which provides estimated 500 more students with access to excellence and opportunity.

STATE NEED GRANT

The State Need Grant has not been fully funded in years, depriving the potentials of over 12,000 low-income college students the access to higher education. Although Governor Jay Inslee plans to fully fund the State Need Grant by 2021–this is an extremely urgent matter that needs a resolution this upcoming state budget cycle.

FUNDING OF FACULTY

As competition for faculty increase, we request the State to provide full support to fund mandated two-percent salary increase. Our goal is to retain as many esteemed professors in Washington state to sustain the quality of education from other universities such as UCs and Ivy League universities.

SUPPORTING VETERANS

Currently, student veterans are restricted from accessing certain educational benefits commonly associated with military service. Those with a general discharge under honorable conditions commonly are ineligible to receive the educational benefits that veterans who were honorably discharged are able to obtain. In addition, student veterans also have a 200 credit cap under the current waiver program which can prevent veterans from completing their degrees. We ask the State to pass the proposed bill that would raise the credit cap from 200 to 250 as well as include those with a general discharge under honorable conditions in the waiver program.

SUPPORTING HOMELESS STUDENTS

Currently, there are almost no additional services available for helping make sure homeless students are able to make it through college. We ask the state to implement the multi-year proposal to create a phase-in program that would mandate public four-year institutions to provide the following: shower services, laundry services, food banks/reduced meal plans, stipends for clothing and technology, and short-term housing over breaks. The Idea is to mirror the KIT program that has been very successful in Snohomish County.

TRANSPORTATION

The majority of students at UW Bothell commute between home, work, and campus. The majority of our student body either drives a vehicle to school or utilizes the public transit system i.e. the bus system in order to get to school. The main method of transportation, however, is via personal vehicle through the highways and interstate, which exacerbates traffic. By expanding the public transportation system in the Bothell-Seattle area, it will allow a larger population of students to effectively utilize transit and subsequently result in a less traffic-polluted campus overall.

K-12 SEXUAL AFFIRMATIVE CONSENT

Affirmative consent is defined as explicit, informed, and voluntary agreement to participate in a sexual act. Rather than “no means no” language around sexual assault, the definition of consent is expanded to mean “yes means yes”. Educating students about the necessity of consent from an early age is vital to healthy relationships and culture later in life. We ask the State to expand the Healthy Youth Act to include curriculum teaching students about affirmative consent.

HOUSING & FOOD INSECURITY

A 2018 report by the Wisconsin HOPE Lab found that 36% of students in higher education experience food and housing insecurity, citing the rising cost of education as the main reason for blame. Without access to reliable nutritious dietary sources, students are not able to fully dedicate to academic success. In addition, students are also at risk of housing insecurity which is defined as difficulty paying rent, being forced to move to unhealthy living conditions, and in extreme cases–homelessness. While national surveys have shown that this is a serious concern, we must investigate the severity of these issues here in Washington State to make informed policy decisions.

