December Report

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OVERVIEW OF MONTHLY ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, ENGagements

November Recap

➢ **ASUW Legislative Reception** Each year, we put on the ASUW Legislative Reception during which we unveil our legislative agenda for the session and bring students and policymakers in the same room to talk about the importance of funding higher education in Washington. This year, we had great administrative and student speakers including Joe Dacca (State Relations), Toka Valu (Ethnic Cultural Center), Lindsey Muszkiewicz (student disability advocate), and Chris Corry (UW Alum; Washington State Representative-Elect, District 14). We are excited to begin lobbying for student needs in Olympia throughout the rest of the quarter and highlight the importance of fully funding higher education.

➢ **Queer API Narratives** Historically, the ASUW’s Asian Student Commission, Pacific Islander Student Commission, and Queer Student Commission have collaborated to hold a quarterly discussion about intersectionality, lived experiences and solidarity as they relate to queer and API identities. This year, our commission directors revamped the event into an open mic centering queer API voices and stories through poetry, spoken word, singing, dance, and more to provide a healing space through art and community.

OVERVIEW OF YEARLY GOALS, PROGRESS TOWARDS GOALS, CHALLENGES

What’s on the minds of our students?

➢ **Resolution 25-8: A Resolution in Support of the Affordable-Housing Development at Fort Lawton** Given the lack of affordable housing in the University District and Seattle as a whole, students are vocal about their support for increased access to housing. Therefore, our Student Senate passed a bill supporting the development of affordable housing at Fort Lawton, which has been stalled repeatedly over the past few years.

➢ **Resolution 25-11: A Resolution Condemning Anti-Semitism and Affirming Active Support of the UW Jewish Community** In light of the tragic events at the Tree of Life in Pittsburgh at the end of October, the ASUW Student Senate passed a resolution affirming public support of UW Jewish students, staff, and faculty members and committing to ensuring that students feel safe, welcomed, accepted, and empowered on campus. In particular, this resolution calls for the implementation of an annual lecture event on or near International Holocaust Remembrance Day and encourages further conversations across campus to determine and implement methods of effectively combating anti-Semitism on campus.

AUTUMN QUARTER REVIEW

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Throughout this quarter, we have been working towards the goals that we had established at the beginning of the year. One of our main aims was to continue to work with students from marginalized communities to inform our advocacy and amplify student concerns, and the ASUW diversity commissions have been central to bringing up these conversations and ensure that the experiences of their constituents centered in the work that we do across campus. We also sought to facilitate meaningful partnerships across the University and develop new and creative strategies of serving the student body, which we are aiming to do with the establishment of student liaison positions to projects in the Office of Capital Planning and Development. Finally, with the creation of the ASUW Ambassadors program to connect new students with the Association, we have emphasized the intentional development of leadership-building opportunities within the Association, promoting the transfer of institutional knowledge to future ASUW leaders. While we have made progress as an Association, we still have much work to do to ensure that ASUW is representative of all student voices, with special emphasis on marginalized student groups, to continue to serve the student body and create a better Husky Experience for our current and future students.