



Class C Bulletin No. 554

Class C Resolution concerning student collective to host Tent City 3.

July 5, 2016

Background and rationale:

Our region is facing an unprecedented state of emergency with over 4,505 people without any kind of shelter. By hosting a tent city during the Winter Quarter of 2017, we hope initiate a campus wide conversation on homelessness in our community. We hope this conversation will begin to break down stereotypes, provide students with pragmatic knowledge around the issue, and inspire Washington's current and future leaders to take an active role in ensuring everyone has a safe, affordable place to live.

ASUW, GPSS, AAUP, President Cauce, and a number of elected officials have publicly affirmed that the bi-directional educational opportunities which would accompany hosting tent city align with the University's mission to take a leading role in solving the challenges facing our world. We seek the support of Faculty Senate because we view faculty as essential stakeholders in creating these transformative learning opportunities."

Class C Resolution adopted at the May 19, 2016, Faculty Senate Meeting

WHEREAS, Tent City 3 is an authorized temporary tent encampment that provides life-saving shelter and safety to up to 100 men, women, and children experiencing homelessness year-round; and

WHEREAS, Tent City 3 moves to a new host site every 90 days, and previous hosts have included churches, parks, and two universities in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, hosting Tent City 3 is an innovative pathway to transformative, bi-directional learning experiences for all members of the University of Washington community; and

WHEREAS, hosting Tent City 3 offers the University an opportunity to take a bold, action-oriented stand against inequity; and

WHEREAS, students, faculty, and Seattle-area community members have advocated for the University of Washington to host Tent City 3 since 2009; and

WHEREAS, GPSS passed Resolution 11.08-09: Resolution in Support of Hosting Tent City III, in April 2009; and

WHEREAS, ASUW and GPSS have approved resolutions in support of hosting TC3 at UW in Winter 2017; and

WHEREAS, the University has gone on public record about their current consideration of hosting TC3, and we are now in critical window for bringing in voices of support; and

WHEREAS, the student organizers of the Tent City Collective have already formed partnerships with faculty in departments across campus, including medicine, nursing, law, geography, dentistry, social work, build environments, and public health; and

WHEREAS, faculty are vital stakeholders in this and all campus affairs, who are essential to fulfilling the educational goals in which the initiative takes root; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:

THAT in an effort to support the University's mission to provide experiential•learning based education and serve the public of Washington State, the faculty of the University of Washington support the University in hosting Tent City 3 during the Winter of 2017, for 90 days; and

THAT faculty, Tent City 3 residents, students, administrators, and community members will be involved in the planning and implementation of University activities related to hosting; and

THAT this be forwarded to UW President Ana Mari Cauce, Director of Regional and Community Relations Sally Clark, GPSS President Alex Bolton, ASUW President Tyler Wu, and Dean of Undergraduate Academic Affairs Ed Taylor.

Submitted by:
Associated Students of the University of Washington
May 2, 2016

Approved by:
Senate Executive Committee
May 2, 2016

Approved by:
Faculty Senate
May 19, 2016

