



Associated Students of Western Washington University

2011 State Legislative Agenda
Board of Directors November 2010

Legislative Mission: The Associated Students of Western Washington University, the recognized student governance organization on campus, advocates measures that protect the institutional integrity that fosters a students' personal growth and prepares them to make positive contributions in our society.

FUNDING AND TUITION

- Affirm that higher education is a public good. State support should be equivalent to the maintenance operating level established in the 2009-2011 biennium.
- Support a tuition rate that is accessible and predictable for students.
- Support legislation that accounts for any increase in tuition with an equivalent increase in financial aid.

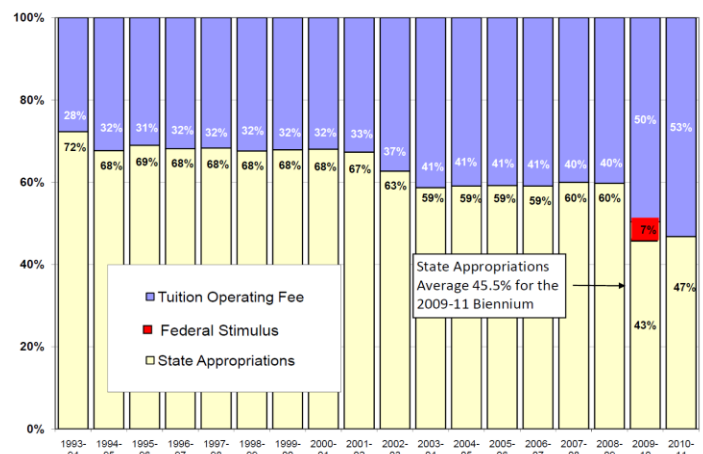
FINANCIAL AID

- Oppose funding reductions to all forms of financial aid in order to maintain minimum levels of accessibility to higher education in Washington State.
- Support legislation and funding to raise eligibility for the State Need Grant to 100% of the median family income for Washington State.
- Support legislation and funding that increases access to State Work Study.



Tuition Rates

Tuition rates have increased substantially outpacing median family income.



State vs Student Funding

Students now fund more than the state since the 2008-09 budget