



## “Western Cares and Back 2 Bellingham Reunion”

**Proposed Motion:** *Approve the up to \$1,000 from AS Operating Enhancement (FXXENH) to cover the expenses for Western Cares-National Volunteer Week and the AS Board Back to Bellingham Reunion.*

**Sponsor:** *Carly Roberts, AS President*

**Persons of Contact:** *Cindy Monger, Sarah King*

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### Background & Context

This year there were several large expenses that needed to be covered out of AS Board Discretionary. In order to cover these unique onetime expenses we are requesting additional funding from Operating Enhancement.

National Volunteer Week is an event for Western Washington University students so they may have easy access to service projects in Bellingham and Whatcom County. After the riot in October, Western Washington University's image was changed slightly due to the riot's proximity to our campus and the assumption that the instigators of the riot were Western Students. The community has voiced their desire for students to become more involved in positively influencing the community in which they live, Bellingham and Whatcom County. Though damages were caused to Bellingham Police vehicles and equipment, it has been noted that the police wish for students to give back to Bellingham in the form of action on service projects and community clean up. National Volunteer Week is an event that would last April 6-12 and have various service projects at different times and locations that students could pick from. National Volunteer week would provide students opportunities to network, develop their leadership, and find allies in the community; aligning with what the Associated Students attempts to bring to our students. National Volunteer Week is an event that helps connect students from within and outside of the AS we hope to bring participants from many areas on campus. This was a way for students to say “thank you” to Bellingham for letting them be a part of the community while they attend school.

### Summary of Proposal

The AS Board of Directors Office is hosting an AS Board Reunion as part of Back to Bellingham. The purpose of the reunion is to bring former, current, and future Board Members together for networking as well as to offer a time to honor the 38 years of service by Jim Schuster and Kevin Majkut. A minimal reception has been planned for 50 attendees. Catering is aware that these numbers may change as RSVPs are gathered.

As a thank you for volunteering and to help advertise for the Western Cares Volunteer program the AS has provided T-Shirts for participating students. The purpose is to have Western as a visible part of National volunteer Week.

### Fiscal Impacts

Actual costs of the Western Cares T-Shirts was \$625

Estimated Costs of catering is under just under \$500

Any amounts over \$1,000 will be absorbed by the existing budget.