



**Associated Students of Western Washington University**  
Board of Directors

**Solidarity letter in support of students from University of Washington “Decolonize UW”**

The Associated Students of Western Washington University fully support the efforts coming forth from students as a part of Decolonize UW and demand that the University of Washington not only acknowledge the work students are dedicating but also meet all the demands coming forward. ASWWU recognizes that nationally students are coming forward and right fully demanding universities take responsibility for their lack in accountability in supporting under represented students.

We believe the demands of Decolonize UW including, but limited to, the Race and Equity Initiative, School of Public Health, Department of Anthropology, Washington Federation of State Employees Local 1488, School of Nursing, UW Pacific Islander Students, Students with Disabilities, American Ethnic Studies, Advo-QTs & QPOCA, Undocumented Students, School of Social Work Grievances, School of Medicine, School of Law, College of Engineering, and support for Felicity Abeyta-Hendrix are all completely necessary to be met by the university.

Whereas students are funding of 60% of higher education institutions in the state of Washington, universities must take student demands with the up most respect and priority. Students should not be burdened, on top of other daily responsibilities, with improving the culture of the university and administrators should welcome the work of Decolonize UW as a privilege and take it upon themselves to grant the needs of students.

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