



Memorandum of Understanding Between the Member Associations of the Washington Student Association

This memorandum is a cooperative agreement between the Associated Students of Bellevue College, the Associated Students of Central Washington University, The Geoduck Student Union at The Evergreen State College, the UW Graduate and Professional Student Senate, the Associated Students of Eastern Washington University, the Associated Students of the University of Washington Bothell, the Associated Students of the University of Washington Seattle, the Associated Students of the University of Washington Tacoma, the Associated Students of Washington State University Pullman, the Associated Students of Washington State University Spokane, the Associated Students of Washington State University Vancouver, and the Associated Students of Western Washington University.

This memorandum is intended to outline the conditions of membership to the Washington Student Association collectively agreed upon by the member associations. Membership to the Washington Student Association is contingent on the following terms:

- Uphold and abide by the WSA Guiding Principles.
- Uphold and abide by the WSA By-Laws.
- Pay WSA dues at the rate of \$1.05 per FTE students, with an optional \$15,000 cap for campuses that reach that amount. FTE students is based on the numbers reported by the Washington state Office of Financial Management's Budget Drivers Report as the previous year's annual average enrollment.

As a member, each student association will:

- Hold a vote on the WSA Board of Directors. If the designated voting member is unable to attend a Board of Directors meeting they will proxy their vote to another campus representative and notify the WSA President via email prior to the meeting.
- Participate in WSA legislative efforts by having a designated legislative liaison as well as an on campus presence to ensure student engagement in higher education related legislative activity.
- Have a designated funding source on their campus with which to pay WSA dues twice a year: Fall and Spring. Fall invoices will be sent out by the end of the first week of December and Spring invoices will be sent out by the end of the last week of April.

The Washington Student Association (WSA) is a 501c(4) organization established in 1982. The WSA is the only student-run, student-led organization in Washington that represents, serves and

protects the collective interests of students in attending public post-secondary education. As the leader in pursuing affordable, accessible, and quality higher education for students in the State of Washington, the WSA aspires to achieve continued victories in the representation and protection of collective student interests through expanded participation, diversity of ideas, unity of voice, and a strong dedication to our mission. The WSA involves students in higher education issues, influence decision-making, and participate in implementation of higher education policy.

Programs include:

- *Legislative advocacy:* Through the development of a student created legislative agenda, student issues are advocated on in the state legislature. We are the only student association in the country with full-time student lobbyists from every member school present at our state Capitol. Advocacy continues through in-district work on key issues and coordination of lobby days, bringing students to Olympia. Political wins have included the first tuition reduction in over 30 years, the DREAM/Real Hope Act, in-state tuition for veterans, and defeating differential tuition based on majors.
- *Student Voter Registration:* For the past 4 years, we have registered an average of 5,000 students across the state. Our voter registrations drives are campus based and with trainings starting in July and culminating in Get Out the Vote drives right before November elections. We partner with civic education organization, the Washington Bus.
- *Student leadership:* Through participation in our monthly Board meetings, Executive Board, and various committees (Diversity, College Affordability, Sexual Assault Prevention etc) students have the opportunity to strengthen not only their leadership skills, but organizing, legislative, and advocacy knowledge.

Signed the WSA Board of Directors

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