



Associated Students of Western Washington University 2010 State Legislative Agenda

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The Associated Students of Western Washington University, the representative body of the students, advocates for legislative issues that are of premier interest to the students. This document represents the current priorities of the Associated Students at Western Washington University.

Funding

- Oppose further budget cuts to Western Washington University.
- Affirms that higher education is a public good and state support should be returned to historic levels.
- Students now provide more than fifty-percent of the operating budget to Western Washington University; the funding situation does not accurately reflect the benefit and need for state support in higher education.
- Support a tuition rate that is affordable for students.
- Oppose institutional tuition setting authority in any form.

Financial Aid

- Support legislation and funding to raise eligibility for the State Need Grant to 100% of the median family income for Washington State.
- Support increased funding and access to State Work Study.

Student Representation

- Student representation in the governance of the Western Washington University should be increased due to substantial decreases in state support for the institution.
- Support legislation that grants students control and/or oversight of all student fees not including building or operating fees.
- Supports legislation that gives full voting rights to student members on University Board of Trustees/Regents.
- Support efforts that retain and improve student representation in all planning for the future of higher education including but not limited to Higher Education Coordinating Board committees and work groups.
- Support the appointment of a voting student member on every community and technical College Board of trustees/regents.

Campus Life

- Support giving students with children increased access and funding for reimbursements or credits to receive childcare services from state approved childcare providers.
- Support improved funding to increase the availability, affordability and quality of healthcare on campus.
- Support legislation that improves student and campus safety.
- Support increased funding for student support services, including but not limited to academic advising, career advising, and disability resources.