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Subject: First Month Report

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Dr. Haynes & Dr. Meiers,

As our first month in office comes to a close, Savanna and I are proud of what we have accomplished thus far. This month, we have had countless meetings to work towards changing the internal culture of our organization to better serve the students. We believe ASWSUTC is transitioning to a more mature stage, but it will take some long-term goals to achieve the organization that will most effectively advocate for student needs. We may not see short-term, instant gratification from our work; however, the changes we make now will make lasting improvements in the coming years.

#### ASWSUTC Constitution & By-Law Revisions

After reflection, it has come to our attention that our organization needs to develop with the evolving campus. Our By-Laws have not had a major overhaul since 2002, and we are not sure our constitution has ever had a major change, so it was time for a much-needed revision. We are editing our ASWSUTC Constitution to be more applicable to our new, progressing organization and our By-Laws to be more inclusive and easier to understand. We will be holding a special election in the fall to have the students vote on our Constitution and By-Law edits; even though a student vote is not needed for By-Law amendments, we want to reach out to students since we are changing major parts of our By-Laws.

#### ASWSUTC Retreat

Generally, ASWSUTC holds “Transition” three times a year; these three meetings consisted of welcoming new officers, creating goals for the year, and reviewing our past work. This year, we have decided to shift from telling our officers what to work on and how to improve campus; instead, we want to involve them in our overarching organizational goals, focusing on their strengths and interests. We hope this change

helps decrease our turnover as well as increases true advocacy on campus because our officers will be advocating for something they are passionate about.

### 5-Year Plan

To our knowledge, there has never been an official, multi-year plan for our organization. By creating a 5-Year Plan, the organization has clear goals to work towards every year with the addition of specific goals with each new administration. Savanna and I have created a draft plan, but we want to share it with everyone else in the organization, and then the campus community, before it is finalized. Once it is finalized, it will be posted on our website.

### Involvement

Savanna's passion for legislation led her to be selected as the Vice President of Diversity for the Washington Student Association, a lobbying group we work alongside to help us advocate for students in Olympia. I have been selected as the Vice Chair for the WSU Student Government Council, a group of presidents, vice presidents, and legislative affairs officers from each WSU campus that advocates for all students within the WSU system. We believe that these strong ties to WSA and SGC will assist us in seeing real change for students throughout the system and the state.

### Officers

We have decided to change our ASWSUTC Officer positions to better serve the students. We are increasing the Senator job descriptions to perform more student outreach, and we have removed some positions that are now obsolete. One position we have removed is the Director of Student Affairs and reallocated those responsibilities to the Senators. The Director of Student Affairs has traditionally advocated for issues affecting all students; however, we believe this takes away opportunities from Senators to represent their constituents. Senators will now have the ability to tailor their work to their students' interests, and we are hoping this improves retention and morale within our organization.

In the upcoming months, we are going to be finishing up our Constitutional amendments and By-Law changes; then, we will present them to the student body with special election in the fall. Additionally, we will be appointing students to campus committees and continuing to make positive change to our organization. Savanna and I are excited for the year, and we hope all of us can work together to improve the student experience here at WSU Tri-Cities. Be on the lookout for our next monthly report and our campus-wide 5-Year Plan presentation.

Sincerely,



Zachary Harper  
President, Associated Students of WSU Tri-Cities