



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Session 125

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Submitted by Owen Rivera, Personnel Director

BOARD BILL 2.29: An Act to Hire Preston Fradet as Bike Shop Mechanic for the 2026-2027 Academic Year

WHEREAS: Preston Fradet brings direct and extensive bike shop experience through his work as a Sales Associate at multiple bike shops from March 2022 through June 2024, where he repaired high-end bikes, developed innovative solutions to novel repair challenges, educated customers on bike options and pricing trade-offs, consulted on the opening of a new bike and ski shop, and led sales numbers on a six-person team — providing him with the hands-on mechanical knowledge, customer service ability, and shop operations familiarity central to the Bike Shop Mechanic role; and,

WHEREAS: Preston's background as a Test Engineer with Design Build Fly, where he manufactured aircraft components including carbon wing spars and composite control surfaces, designed testing apparatuses, and collaborated across engineering teams to complete time-sensitive projects, reflects the precision, problem-solving discipline, and mechanical aptitude needed to perform quality bike repairs, maintain an organized workspace, and actively support the Head Mechanic and Operations Manager in keeping the shop running smoothly; and,

WHEREAS: Preston's experience guiding clients through complex, high-value purchasing decisions as a Junior Sales Broker at AV8RS LLC — including analyzing condition, features, and maintenance costs for aircraft exceeding \$600,000 in value — demonstrates the consultative customer service and communication skills necessary to inform UW community members about bike services, teach members to repair and maintain their own bicycles, and manage walk-in customer interactions with patience and professionalism; and,

WHEREAS: Preston's sustained record of leadership, discipline, and commitment — evidenced by captaining his Cross Country and Track teams to three state podiums, completing a Half Ironman and ultramarathons, and spending years building an experimental RV-10 aircraft to precise safety and fabrication standards — reflects the work ethic, attention to detail, and collaborative spirit that will allow him to contribute meaningfully to weekly all-staff meetings, merchandise stocking, and the broader goals of the ASUW Bike Shop team.

**THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE
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THAT: Preston Fradet be hired for the 2026-2027 Academic Year; and,

THAT: A copy of this bill be forwarded to Preston Fradet, ASUW Bike Shop Mechanic, and
Alan Galvez, SAO Advisor.

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