



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE
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Submitted by Owen Rivera, Personnel Director

BOARD BILL 2.39: An act to Hire Alena Dotzauer as Gender Equity Commission Director for the 2026-2027 Academic Year

WHEREAS: Alena Dotzauer has demonstrated direct and proven excellence in the Gender Equity Commission Director role through her current tenure, where she has organized and executed events for 50+ attendees, collaborated with ASUW Commissions and RSOs to serve marginalized students, managed a \$7,500 budget, directed interns in marketing and event planning, developed a legislative agenda for constituents, and maintained active participation in ASUW Student Senate — providing her with the institutional knowledge, community relationships, and operational continuity needed to build upon the commission's programming, advocacy, and intersectional feminist mission in the year ahead; and,

WHEREAS: Alena's concurrent roles as Logistics Officer for Peers at UW and Trans Joy Project Manager — where she reserves and builds events for LGBTQIA+ and allied communities, writes grant and funding proposals, and collaborates with the Q Center to uplift transgender identity and equality — alongside her elected position as Culture and Equity Chair of WashPIRG, demonstrate her deep personal commitment to gender equity and her hands-on experience maintaining the working relationships with the Q Center and Women's Center, organizing collaborative programming, and advocating for the constituents at the heart of the GEC's mission; and,

WHEREAS: Alena's sustained advocacy work through WashPIRG — where she lobbied in Olympia across two years to educate Washington legislators on bills including HB 1483 and SB 1826, passed amendments and bills within ASUW Student Senate, and led 30+ volunteers as elected Vote Captain — reflects the legislative engagement, coalition-building, and constituent advocacy skills central to the GEC Director's responsibilities of serving as a Senate representative, attending Joint Commission Committee and Student Advisory Board meetings, advising the ASUW President on diversity and commission status, and working with the Elections Administration Committee to encourage gender diverse students to run for campus office; and,

WHEREAS: Alena's consistent record of customer service, time management, and reliability across multiple concurrent part-time roles at Regal Movie Theater, Dos Taquitos, and UW Dining — where she accommodated diverse patron needs, maintained trust with management, and balanced demanding work schedules alongside academics and extensive extracurricular commitments — reflects the organizational discipline, dependability, and interpersonal attentiveness needed to maintain weekly office hours, oversee the commission's annual budget and financial records, prepare quarterly reports, supervise and coordinate interns and volunteers, and ensure the smooth day-to-day administration of the Gender Equity Commission.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THAT: Alena Dotzauer be hired for the 2026-2027 Academic Year; and,

THAT: A copy of this bill be forwarded to Alena Dotzauer, Gender Equity Commission Director, and Alan Galvez, SAO Advisor.

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