



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Submitted by Owen Rivera, Personnel Director

BOARD BILL 2.41: An act to Hire Arushi Sharma as Elections Administration Committee Director for the 2026-2027 Academic Year

WHEREAS: Arushi Sharma has developed direct and substantive knowledge of ASUW governance, legislative processes, and student electoral engagement through her prior role as a Hall Senator on the ASUW Student Senate, and through her candidacy for Director of Internal Policy during this year's election period, providing her with the institutional familiarity, policy knowledge, and understanding of ASUW's electoral and governance structures needed to oversee the EAC, amend the Elections Policies and Procedures document, and present changes to the Board of Directors and Judicial Committee; and,

WHEREAS: Arushi's experience as a Civic Engagement Fellow at Fuse Washington, where she mobilized over 1,000 students to pledge to vote, organized a high-impact canvassing event with Governor Inslee, spoke at press conferences and lobbying sessions, and partnered with ASUW and advocacy groups to expand campus outreach, combined with her work as a Lead Electoral Communication Intern at Northwest Passage Consulting, where she drafted voter guides, coordinated letters to the editor, and conducted fact-checking on candidates and policy positions for multiple winning campaigns, like Bob Ferguson and Erika Evans, demonstrates the voter education, candidate outreach, and electoral ethics expertise central to the EAC Director's responsibilities of recruiting a diverse candidate pool, holding educational sessions, and ensuring fair practices throughout the ASUW Elections process; and,

WHEREAS: Arushi's experience coordinating and staffing high-profile campaign events for the Bob Ferguson for Governor Campaign, managing logistics, volunteer assignments, and on-site operations, alongside her role as Standards Chair of Phi Alpha Delta, where she enforces organizational policies, manages member records, maintains attendance standards, and distributes newsletters to over 200 members, reflects the supervisory, organizational, and policy-enforcement capabilities needed to recruit and train an intern team, coordinate the physical setup of election information booths, organize candidate forums and the ASUW FAIR, and manage the EAC's budget and quarterly reporting; and,

WHEREAS: Arushi's background as Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Nordic News, 2023 Washington State Student Journalist of the Year, WJEA Superior Award recipient in Editorial Writing, and current contributor to The Daily at UW, combined with her experience drafting campaign communications, newsletters, and outreach materials across multiple political and civic organizations, positions her to work effectively with the ASUW Office of Communications to establish an elections theme, build educational presentations for campus outreach, promote ASUW Elections across a wide range of student groups, and ensure the visibility and accessibility of the electoral process for the entire UW student body.

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

THAT: Arushi Sharma be hired for the 2026-2027 Academic Year; and,

THAT: A copy of this bill be forwarded to Arushi Sharma, Elections Administration Committee Director, and Alan Galvez, SAO Advisor.

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