



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Submitted by Owen Rivera, Personnel Director

BOARD BILL 2.45: An act to Hire Helaman Faamausii as Pacific Islander Student Commission Director for the 2026-2027 Academic Year

WHEREAS: Helaman Faamausii brings direct cultural connection and community awareness to the Pacific Islander Student Commission Director role as a member of the Polynesian Student Alliance at the University of Washington and as a conversant Samoan speaker, demonstrating both personal investment in the Pacific Islander community and the lived cultural understanding needed to create programming that is appealing, relevant, and welcoming to all portions of the Pacific Islander community, maintain strong communication with constituents, and serve as an authentic and trusted advocate for Pacific Islander student issues on campus and in the broader community; and,

WHEREAS: Helaman's financial expertise — developed through his Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with a focus in Accounting at the UW Foster School of Business, his internship at PricewaterhouseCoopers where he gained exposure to Tax, Assurance, and Advisory services, and his coursework in Managerial Accounting and Personal Finance — combined with his 3.75 business GPA and selection as a Management Leadership for Tomorrow Career Prep Fellow, reflects the financial acumen and budgetary discipline needed to oversee the PISC's annual budget, maintain accurate financial records, prepare budget proposals for the Finance and Budget Committee, and submit quarterly reports detailing activities and budget status; and,

WHEREAS: Helaman's experience coordinating logistics, managing communications, and providing administrative support as a Student Assistant at the Buerk Center for Entrepreneurship, and as Assistant Program Manager for Business Bridge where he managed program activities, maintained organized records, analyzed outcomes, and implemented feedback while collaborating with a team to create a welcoming participant environment, demonstrates the organizational, administrative, and operational capabilities needed to oversee commission programming, maintain office files and records, initiate necessary paperwork, manage the PISC website, and ensure transparency across the commission's day-to-day activities and 19 weekly office hours; and,

WHEREAS: Helaman's sustained commitment to mentorship, community building, and leadership development — evidenced by his work mentoring 10 high school students from diverse backgrounds through college preparation as a Young Executives of Color Mentor, his leadership as DECA Club President where he managed officer meetings and directed the student store, and his engagement in DEI-focused programming through PricewaterhouseCoopers and Building Networks — reflects the supervisory, outreach, and coalition-building skills needed to recruit and monitor volunteers, maintain relationships with Pacific Islander organizations and OMA&D, attend Joint Commission Committee meetings, and serve as an effective liaison between the ASUW and the Pacific Islander legacy groups at the University of Washington.

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

THAT: A copy of this bill be forwarded to Helaman Faamausii, Pacific Islander Student Commission Director, and Alan Galvez, SAO Advisor.

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