



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Session 125

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Submitted by Grace Clarke, ASUW Director of Programming

BOARD BILL 3.103: An Act to Allocate Funding for Arab Fest

WHEREAS: The Associated Students of the University of Washington (ASUW) is committed to supporting commissions in expanding their constituent base through community events; and,

WHEREAS: The Middle Eastern Student Commission (MESC) has hosted several events this year that serve and celebrate their constituents; and,

WHEREAS: The month of April is celebrated as National Arab American Heritage Month; and,

WHEREAS: MESC is planning an Arab Fest event, an event aiming to bring Arab students together in celebration of their culture through performances, speeches, and vendors; and,

WHEREAS: MESC has utilized the majority of their programming budget and the remainder will not sufficiently support this large of an event; and,

WHEREAS: MESC is one of the newer student commissions at ASUW, therefore they have had fewer legacy events in comparison to other commissions, and hope to establish Arab Fest as a legacy event; and

WHEREAS: Several essential plans are already secured such as room reservations, food permits, and performers; and

WHEREAS: Allocating \$7,000 to the MESC programming budget will ensure adequate funds to make this event successful and authentic to the vision of the commission and their constituents;

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

THAT: The ASUW Finance and Budget Director allocate \$7,000 from the General Fund to the Middle Eastern Student Commission to support the Arab Fest event; and,

THAT: This funding will be used at the discretion of the MESC Director, in collaboration with the Director of Programming to ensure proper usage of funds for event planning; and,

THAT: A copy of this bill be forwarded to Nagham Sttout, Director of the Middle Eastern Student Commission; Rick Young, SAO Advisor; Grace Clarke, Director of Programming; Khushi Loomba, Finance and Budget Director; Owen Rivera, Personnel Director; Trevor Hunt, Associate Director of HUB Finance & Business Operations.

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