

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Submitted by Nandana Jaideep, ASUW President

BOARD BILL 3.149 An Act to Fund a BSC Campus Speaker Event Featuring Angela Davis

WHEREAS, the Black Student Commission (BSC) has historically allocated funding toward an annual large-scale campus concert intended to promote student engagement, cultural expression, and community building at the University of Washington;

WHEREAS, for the current funding cycle, BSC has determined that a campus speaker event would better align with evolving student interests in civic engagement, political education, and socially relevant discourse;

WHEREAS, the University of Washington benefits from programming that brings nationally and internationally recognized scholars and public intellectuals to campus to engage students in dialogue on pressing social, political, and cultural issues;

WHEREAS, Angela Davis is an internationally recognized scholar, author, and activist whose work on abolition, civil rights, feminism, and structural inequality has significantly shaped academic scholarship and public discourse;

WHEREAS, hosting Angela Davis at the University of Washington would provide students with a unique opportunity to engage directly with a leading thinker whose work continues to influence contemporary movements for justice and equity;

WHEREAS, the proposed event will include a 30-minute keynote address, a 30-minute moderated Q&A session with students, and optional engagement opportunities including a backstage meet-and-greet and pre-event dinner, subject to speaker availability;

WHEREAS, the selected venue for this event is Meany Hall, capable of accommodating large-scale campus attendance and accessibility needs;

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost of hosting this event is approximately \$47,500;

WHEREAS, the speaker fee for Angela Davis is \$40,000, which includes a 30-minute prepared keynote address and 30-minute Q&A session, as well as standard hospitality accommodations;

WHEREAS, additional costs include approximately \$2,500 for travel and lodging and \$2000 for Meany Hall venue booking;

WHEREAS, external contributions toward this event include \$5,000 from OMAD and \$3,000 from BSC's budget, reducing the total ASUW funding request;

WHEREAS, the remaining funding request from ASUW is approximately \$44,500.

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

THAT: The ASUW Finance and Budget Director shall transfer up to \$44,500 from the ASUW General Fund to support costs associated with hosting a campus speaker event featuring Angela Davis, including speaker fees, travel, lodging, and venue expenses; and

THAT: Any unspent funds shall be returned to the ASUW General Fund upon completion of the event; and

THAT: The event organizers, in coordination with ASUW Communications and relevant campus partners, shall ensure effective promotion of the event through appropriate outreach and publicity channels, including but not limited to social media, digital marketing, and campus-wide communications, and shall share post-event engagement content to highlight attendance and overall community impact;

THAT: A copy of this bill be forwarded to Jackson Hamilton, ASUW Black Student Commission Director, Khushi Loomba, ASUW Finance and Budget Director; Marshall Traverse, Director SAO; Trevor Hunt, Associate Director, HUB Finance and Business Operation; Carrie Moore, HUB Director.

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