



BOARD BILL 3.192

An Act to Authorize Funding from the Student Food Cooperative to
the Free Food Alert Program

A.S.U.W.

125th Session

Sponsored by Erick Jacobsen, *Speaker of the ASUW Senate.*

Co-sponsored by Khushi Loomba, *ASUW Director of Finance and Budget,*
and Grace Clarke, *ASUW Director of Programming.*

- 1 **WHEREAS** the ASUW Student Food Cooperative (SFC) was allocated
2 \$24,691.72 for the 2025-2026 Academic Year's FY26 Budget,
3 including \$20,791.72 for Wages and Benefits, \$5,500.00 for
4 Programming, \$400.00 for Advertising & Promotion, \$400.00 for
5 printing copies, \$300.00 for printing the SFC Cookbook, and
6 \$400.00 for Supplies and Materials [1]; and
- 7 **WHEREAS** the Wages and Benefits allocated for the FY26 Budget
8 must remain to fairly compensate the employees of the SFC
9 throughout the year and shall be used in full; and
- 10 **WHEREAS** the other line items, collectively the "Operations"
11 budget of the SFC, will return to the General Fund if it remains
12 unused by the end of the year; and
- 13 **WHEREAS** the Academic Year will cease two weeks after the
14 submission of this bill, and it remains unlikely that the SFC
15 can allocate its unused Operations budget in this time; and
- 16 **WHEREAS** the SFC has been in conversation with the UW Food
17 Pantry's Food Recovery Program about the possibility of
18 allocating some of this funding to "Free Food Alert" [2]; and
- 19 **WHEREAS** Free Food Alert is an opt-in text system that alerts
20 students, faculty, staff, and other community members of excess
21 food leftover after on-campus catering events [2]; and
- 22 **WHEREAS** Free Food Alert has an annual cost of \$5,000.00 to use
23 the application [3]; and

WHEREAS a 2019 UW Study found that roughly 20% of UW students experience food insecurity, which has been exacerbated by budget cuts to federal programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program [4]; and

WHEREAS the Student Senate has recommended that the Student Food Cooperative's funding be used to initiate the Free Food Alert program and that funding be allocated by future ASUW Boards to continue the program annually [2]; and

WHEREAS the UW Food Pantry has secured an extension in their free trial so that the program may begin in Summer 2026;

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

THAT the unused Programming budget of the SFC, up to \$5,000.00, shall be allocated to the UW Food Pantry for the enactment of the Free Food Alert Program in concert with the ASUW; and

THAT the funding be appropriated from the Programming budget first and, if the \$5,000.00 amount is not reached with that line item, funding shall be taken from other Operations line items, with the following degree of priority: Supplies and Materials, Advertising and Promotion, Printing - Copies, and Printing - Cookbook; and

THAT additional funding shall be allocated from the General Fund if the remainder of the SFC Operations fund do not amount to at least \$5,000.00; and

THAT no funds allocated by this Board Bill may be allocated to any item other than the Free Food Alert program; and

THAT the funding be dispersed to the UW Food Pantry immediately for the program to begin in the Summer 2026 Quarter; and

THAT the incoming Director of Community Relations be charged with managing and continuing the Free Food Alert partnership with the Food Pantry's Food Recovery Coordinator in accordance with the will of Resolution 32-12; and

THAT a copy of this bill be forwarded to the following parties:

1. Angelina Durbin, UW Food Pantry Food Recovery Coordinator;

- 59 2. River Elewski, Student Director of the UW Food Pantry;
60 3. Chris Jaehne, Special Assistant to the Vice President for
61 Student Life and Staff Director of the UW Food Pantry;
62 4. Simon Thompson, Director-Elect of Community Relations;
63 5. Khushi Loomba, ASUW Finance & Budget Director;
64 6. Anushka Julakanti, ASUW Operations Coordinator;
65 7. Alan Galvez, Student Activities Adviser;
66 8. Carrie Moore, Executive Director of the Husky Union
67 Building;
68 9. Marshall Traverse, Husky Union Building Associate
69 Director for Student Activities; and
70 10. Trevor Hunt, Husky Union Building Associate Director
71 for Finance and Business Operations.

References :

- [1] [ASUW FY26 Annual Budget](#).
[2] [BOARD BILL 5.18 \(R-32-12\) A Resolution to Support the Implementation of FreeFoodAlert Under the UW Food Pantry Food Recovery Program](#).
[3] [Free Food Alert Membership](#).
[4] [UW Food Pantry Services & Activities Fee \(SAF\) Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Request](#).

End.