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Submitted by Audriana Scott, Director of Campus Partnerships

Board Bill 3.24 – An Act by ASUW to Increase Overall Campus Safety by funding self-defense classes held at UW Recreation

WHEREAS the Associated Students of the University of Washington (ASUW) aims to promote student wellbeing through self-defense classes, which increase student safety, wellness, and empowerment; and

WHEREAS Recreation has successfully offered free self-defense classes to students, demonstrating strong demand and positive student engagement; and

WHEREAS during Spring Quarter of FY25, Recreation incurred \$778.81 in instructional wage costs to provide self-defense programming that directly benefited ASUW students; and

WHEREAS Recreation has already offered two self-defense classes in FY26, incurring \$263.07 in instructional wages, with registration caps met and significant waitlists, 28 students in October and 36 students in November; and

WHEREAS Recreation proposes continuing free self-defense offerings in Winter and Spring Quarters with two classes per quarter, at an estimated total cost of \$490.75; and

WHEREAS providing ASUW funding for past and future instructional wages would ensure the sustainability and accessibility of this high-impact safety programming; and

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

THAT: ASUW shall allocate \$1,700 from the ASUW General Fund to support UW Recreation and reimburse instructional wage costs incurred during FY25 and FY26; and

THAT: the ASUW Director of Campus Partnerships shall oversee the implementation of this funding initiative in collaboration with UW Recreation; and

THAT: a copy of this bill be forwarded to Audriana Scott, ASUW Director of Campus Partnerships; Khushi Loomba, ASUW Finance and Budget Director; Nandana Jaideep, ASUW President; Marilyn Carruth, Student Life AVP; and Gregory Reinhardt, Associate Director of Recreation.

References:

Email from UW Recreation:

From: Marilyn Carruth <carruthm@uw.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 5:07:34 PM

To: Nandana Jaideep, ASUW President <asuwpres@uw.edu>

Cc: Gregory Reinhardt <greinuw@uw.edu>

Subject: ASUW funding for Recreation's Self-Defense offerings

Hello Nandana,

I'm reaching out on behalf of Recreation. I'm not sure who at ASUW would be best to connect with about this, so feel free to pass me along.

In February of this year, Naomi Snow reached out to Rec to explore the idea of ASUW funded self-defense classes. The two folks that worked with her on this initiative are no longer with Recreation, and we aren't sure how far the conversation progressed. It doesn't appear that a Board Bill was ever passed, or that funding was formalized, however Rec has been offering the self-defense classes in response since April 2025.

We'd like to continue offering the courses. They've been very well attended.

Our asks at this point, if possible:

- Is there a way to have the \$778.81 that was spent on wages for teaching the course last spring (FY25) provided to Recreation?
- There have been two offerings so far in FY26, costing \$263.07 in wages. Would ASUW provide Rec the funding for those? (The October course had 50 registered and 28 on the waitlist. The November offering had 50 registered and 36 on the waitlist.)
- Would ASUW like Recreation to continue the free offerings in Winter and Spring? The plan would be for two offerings each quarter. The estimated costs for those are \$490.75 total.

I've copied Gregroy here. Gregroy is Recreation's Associate Director and has been working with the staff to offer the courses.

I also attached the original email from Naomi to Gregory (and others) at Recreation for reference.

Thank you!

-Marilyn

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