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President, Board of
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Speaker, Student Senate

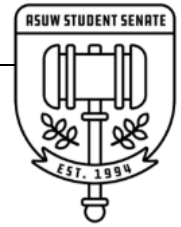
CERTIFICATE

I, Erick Jacobsen, Speaker of the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE RESOLUTION R-32-07** as passed by the Senate on the date set forth.



Erick Jacobsen
Speaker, Student Senate

Under Consideration



R-32-07

A Resolution to Advocate for the Establishment of a
Permanent Staff Position for the UW Food Pantry

Under Consideration - 2025-2026 Academic Year

A.S.U.W.

Autumn Quarter 2025

32nd Session

Sponsored by Jothsna Sundar, *ASUW Senate Clerk*.

Referred to Committee on Off-Campus Affairs on 03/09/2026.

Read on the floor 03/31/2026.

BILL SUMMARY: This bill aims to establish student support for the UW Food Pantry to receive funding for a permanent staff member and encourages the ASUW and GPSS SAF members to consider this need when establishing the budget for the upcoming year.

- 1 **WHEREAS** the Services and Activities Fee (SAF) is a student levied,
2 student distributed fee that supports and enhances the out of class
3 experience of students at the University of Washington (UW) Seattle
4 [1]; and
- 5 **WHEREAS** the SAF Committee is comprised of six (6) voting ASUW
6 members and five (5) voting GPSS members, along with two nonvoting
7 representatives from UW administration [1]; and
- 8 **WHEREAS** the SAF Committee meets throughout the Fall and Winter
9 quarters to develop an annual recommended operating and capital
10 budget based on a series of submitted reports and budget
11 discussions with leaders of units funded by the SAF fee and meets
12 at the beginning of Spring quarter to take these reports and
13 discussions into account during final budget deliberations; and
- 14 **WHEREAS** the UW Food Pantry is a student-run organization that seeks
15 to provide food to students, staff, and faculty who may be
16 experiencing food insecurity and is one unit funded by SAF [2];
17 and
- 18 **WHEREAS** the pantry is currently experiencing record high
19 utilization seeing a 12% increase in visitation and distributing
20 159,092 lbs of food in FY26 [A]; and

21 **WHEREAS** the UW Food Pantry is staffed entirely by five (5) student
22 positions, focusing on day-to-day pantry operations and volunteer
23 management in addition to individual specialized responsibilities,
24 which are always at risk of rotating out quarter to quarter [2];
25 and

26 **WHEREAS** testimony from current pantry staff members indicates that
27 a permanent staff member at the pantry would allow for greater
28 consistency in schedule ensuring regular hours and clearer
29 management; and

30 **WHEREAS** the UW Food Pantry has requested funding across multiple
31 years for a permanent staff position, including for the upcoming
32 fiscal year FY27 [3]; and

33 **WHEREAS**, during the UW Food Pantry's request last year they
34 requested far above the maximum value of increase the 2024-2025
35 SAF Committee had delineated for all of its units which led to the
36 2024-2025 SAF Committee declining to allocate funds for a permanent
37 staff position [3]; and

38 **WHEREAS**, in their FY27 budget request packet to the SAF Committee,
39 the UW Food Pantry has demonstrated a vital need for a permanent
40 staff position through extensive data reports [B]; and

41 **WHEREAS** the UW Food Pantry has postulated that with a permanent
42 staff position, they would become eligible for additional
43 financial and staffing support, which would serve to eventually
44 diminish their reliance on the SAF fee; and

45 **WHEREAS** ASUW and the pantry are in discussion to expand the pantry
46 to a secondary location to increase access indicating the need for
47 a permanent stable position to assist in these discussions [4];

48 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE**
49 **UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**

50 **THAT** the ASUW wholeheartedly supports the UW Food Pantry in
51 establishing this permanent staff position as the next step in its
52 organization; and

53 **THAT** the ASUW strongly recommends that the ASUW members of the SAF
54 Committee take into consideration the UW Food Pantry's budget
55 request and endeavor to enable the Food Pantry to have a permanent
56 staff position throughout the budget deliberation process; and

57 **THAT** the ASUW encourages the GPSS members of the SAF Committee to
58 follow suit in supporting the UW Food Pantry; and

59 **THAT** the intent of this legislation should not be viewed currently
60 or in the future as an attempt to manipulate the decisions of the
61 SAF Committee or to directly or indirectly insinuate that other
62 funding choices requested by other SAF units besides the Food
63 Pantry should not be supported, but instead as evidence for the
64 SAF Committee to consider similar to the budget packets and
65 presentations already used in this manner; and

66 **THAT** if the SAF Committee cannot fully fund the newly established
67 permanent staff position or the SAF does not fund the total cost,
68 then the ASUW should work to fund it to the best of its abilities
69 for the remaining funds that SAF does not fulfill; in this event,
70 the ASUW should consider the long-term fiscal costs of
71 supplementing these additional costs; and

72 **THAT** this legislation be sent to the following parties or
73 organizations by the ASUW Senate GAVEL Committee and the ASUW Board
74 of Directors:

75 **Nandana Jaideep** | President, ASUW (asuwpres@uw.edu)

76 **Khushi Loomba** | Finance Budget Director, ASUW (asuwfb@uw.edu)

77 **Grace Clarke** | Director of Programming, ASUW (asuwbdp@uw.edu)

78 **Riley Talamantes** | Vice President of Finance, GPSS
79 (gpssvpfb@uw.edu)

80 **Haley Chee** | Services and Activities Fee Chair, SAF
81 (safcom@uw.edu)

References:

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- [2] **UW Food Pantry Website** (2026). [<https://www.washington.edu/anyhungryhusky/the-uw-food-pantry/>]
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APPENDIX A

Screenshot of budget request presentation slide showing graphics of UW Food Pantry visitation and operations.

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APPENDIX B

Thank you, members of the ASUW Student Senate, for the opportunity to share my experience working at the UW Food Pantry and to speak in strong support of funding a permanent, full-time staff position. My name is Angelina Durbin, and I serve as the Food Recovery Coordinator at the UW Food Pantry. I am one of five student staff members responsible for operating the pantry and providing food assistance to UW students and staff. I want to share with you both the impact our pantry has on students and the serious constraints we face due to the absence of a permanent staff member.

The UW Food Pantry is primarily funded through two sources:

1. Student Activities Fee (SAF) – This fee, paid by all students with their tuition each quarter, supports a wide range of campus activities and staff positions. SAF funds all five of our student staff positions and our non-food supplies, such as office and administrative needs. However, due to the many demands on SAF, we are not able to request large, sustained increases in funding from this source. For years, we have wanted to secure a permanent staff member who can work more than 20 hours per week, but constrained SAF funding has made that goal extremely difficult.
2. Any Hungry Husky Fund (AHHF) – This is a publicly accessible fund supported by individual donors and business partners. Through AHHF, our overall monthly budget for purchasing shelf-stable pantry goods is about \$8,000. That \$8,000 a month is nowhere near enough, given the level of need we are seeing. We currently serve around 700–750

visitors every week. The demand for food assistance on our campus is high and growing. Each autumn, the UW Food Pantry administers a visitor survey. From the hundreds of responses we received this year, roughly 50% of respondents reported sometimes or often experiencing multiple markers of food insecurity. To meet this growing need, we are continually expanding our resource base, especially off-campus. We have already exhausted most of the on-campus options for partnership and support, so we are increasingly looking outward. As the Food Recovery Coordinator, I am actively working to grow our off-campus gleaning partnerships. I am currently in conversation with several local cafés and with the U District Farmers Market to recover surplus food and redirect it to our pantry. Our student director, River, is also working to deepen relationships with organizations to secure additional food resources. These partnerships are promising, but they require significant time and coordination. Time that student staff often struggle to provide on top of academic and personal responsibilities. The single greatest barrier to our program's growth and sustainability is the absence of a full-time, permanent staff position. All five of our current staff members are students. We are juggling full course loads, extracurricular commitments, jobs, and personal responsibilities, while also running a food pantry that serves hundreds of students each week. The result is that basic operations, de-escalation, volunteer coordination, data collection, and partnership management all fall on students who are limited in both time and capacity.

Speaking personally: I have been with the pantry for two years, and I cannot count the number of times I have skipped class, cancelled personal plans, or stayed significantly overtime to handle emergencies or cover for absent volunteers. When a volunteer is sick or a last-minute issue arises, there is often no one else to step in. We frequently have to choose between closing early so staff can care for their health and well-being and keeping the pantry open so that more students can access food. This is a difficult choice that no student worker should have to make, and it is not a sustainable way to operate a service that hundreds of students rely on. A permanent staff member would provide consistent leadership and institutional memory, beyond the one- or two-year turnover of most student staff. They would ensure reliable day-to-day operations, including managing emergencies without requiring student staff to sacrifice their health or education. They would be able to coordinate volunteers and community partnerships more effectively, opening the door for expanded gleaning and food procurement. Right now, so many of our staff hours are consumed by simply keeping the pantry running, coordinating volunteers, and maintaining relationships with partners that there is almost no capacity left to expand the programs and services we know our community needs.

The Pantry is an essential part of supporting student success and well-being. Food insecurity directly affects students' ability to learn, to stay enrolled, and to thrive on this campus. We are already doing everything we can with the limited resources and staffing we have. But student labor alone cannot sustain this level of need, nor can it support the growth that our campus food security crisis demands. A permanent, full-time staff position is a necessary investment in the stability, safety, and impact of the UW Food Pantry. On behalf of our student staff, our volunteers, and the hundreds of students we serve each week, I urge you to support legislation that encourages SAF to fund a permanent staff member for the UW Food Pantry.