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New S&A Funding Request received!

Requesting Organization

ASEWU

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Budget Request and History

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Please select which represents your request best?

FY26 Budget Request

Please provide a summary of your dept/prog/unit.

ASEWU serves as the dynamic and dedicated voice of the student body, representing and advocating for the diverse interests of our student population. Comprising elected and appointed members, ASEWU is committed to enhancing the overall university experience for all students. Our mission focuses on fostering a vibrant, inclusive, and collaborative campus environment where student voices are not only heard, but are instrumental in shaping university life. Over the past academic year, some of ASEWU's accomplishments include having successfully implemented various programs and events aimed at improving student engagement on campus, increasing voter turnout by registering 245 students to vote, the CAAR Advise-a-thon event which saw in excess of 100 students register for winter courses, and promoting wellbeing among the student community. ASEWU is not just a governing body, but a hub for leadership development, where students are encouraged to take on roles that build critical skills in leadership, communication, and teamwork. Our structure allows for wide participation, with members holding roles in executive, legislative, and judicial branches. With 19 officer positions and 25 students appointed to committee positions, we have the capacity to involve 44 students with ASEWU.

How does your dept/prog/unit plan to spend awarded funds?

ASEWU is committed to the judicious and transparent use of funds to maximize the benefits for our student body. Major usage of our funds goes towards supporting the numerous student clubs and organizations under the ASEWU umbrella. This includes providing them financial support for activities, events, and necessary equipment, thereby encouraging diverse interests and talents among the student population. The largest portion of our budget goes to wages, ensuring that we have the necessary human resources to effectively run ASEWU. By increasing funding to our organization, we can afford to increase hours for ASEWU officers, allowing for more dedicated work to take place to better aid the student body. We also wish to be able to provide student's at large more equitable opportunities to be involved with shared governance of the university.

Did your dept/prog/unit receive funds in FY25?

Yes

Please submit the total amount received in FY25.

\$250,000

Please describe any changes in the amount requested from the previous year.

\$290 increase to program advisor wage
\$25,000 increase to student wages
\$1,733.35 increase to program advisor benefit increase
\$6,700 allocation to training expenses (Fall / Winter Trainings)
\$3,300 increase to office supplies and promotion items
\$10,000 reduction to programming / events budgets
\$2,500 reduction to clubs / orgs funding budget (many of these clubs now receive funding from the Multicultural Center, hence the reduction in allocation request).
\$11,000 for Lobby Day in Olympia (sending student representation to the State Capitol for university-related lobbying efforts).

Salaries, Benefits, & Wages

Does your request include any staff salaries/benefits, and/or student wages?

Yes

How many UNDERGRADUATE student employees are being supported by S&A funding?

19

How many GRADUATE student employees are being supported by S&A funding?

0

How many CLASSIFIED staff are being supported by S&A funding?

0

How many ADMINISTRATIVE staff are being supported by S&A funding?

1

How many FACULTY are being supported by S&A funding?

0

Please confirm that you have budgeted for all salary increases, according to the Budget Assumptions outlined, and that number will be included in your direct expense figure when you build your budget

- Yes

Impact From Funding

How does your dept/prog/unit collaborate with other departments, programs, units, outside stakeholders, and the local/regional community?

ASEWU actively collaborates with various departments, programs, and units across the university to foster a cohesive and enriching environment for students. Our collaborative efforts are guided by the principles of mutual respect, shared goals, and a commitment to the overall well-being and success of the student body. So far this academic year we have worked with a variety of organizations across campus. Such collaborations have been with organizations such as the Multicultural Center, Student Rights and Responsibilities, and the Center for Academic Advising and Retention. We also worked with campus police to run vehicle safety checks before the start of winter break where we checked over 50 cars were checked for proper winterization. One of our biggest events was our Student Voting Hub, which saw 518 new visitors and 245 new or updated voter registrations. Overall, our efforts have made a clear impact to the EWU / Cheney community.

Do these collaborations include financial contributions? If so, please describe.

No.

What impact(s) does this dept/prog/unit have on campus? Briefly describe the need for your dept/prog/unit. How does your dept/prog/unit support the mission, goals, and strategic plan of EWU?

ASEWU has a profound and multifaceted impact on campus life. ASEWU plays a critical role in fostering a vibrant campus community. Through organizing events, supporting clubs, and facilitating social activities, we significantly enhance student engagement and create a sense of belonging. Serving as the voice of the student body, ASEWU is a vital bridge between university administration and students. Our efforts in campus governance ensure that student perspectives are considered in university decisions, leading to a more student-centered campus environment. By offering leadership roles and involvement opportunities, ASEWU is a key player in developing future leaders. Students involved in ASEWU gain valuable skills in leadership, communication, and problem-solving, preparing them for success beyond college. ASEWU contributes to EWU's mission in many ways. By advocating for high-quality education and academic support, ASEWU upholds EWU's commitment to educational excellence. Our initiatives to celebrate diversity and promote inclusivity resonate with EWU's goal of creating a welcoming and diverse learning environment. All of ASEWU's activities are aimed at enhancing the overall student experience, directly supporting EWU's objective of student success and wellbeing.

How does your dept/prog/unit assess the effectiveness of your programs/services and how is it tracked?

ASEWU assesses and tracks the effectiveness of its programs and services through various methods. We use student surveys and feedback forms to gather direct input on satisfaction and engagement. Participation metrics provide quantitative data on the popularity and reach of our initiatives, for example a survey conducted by the ASEWU superior court at the last clubs and organizations meeting which sought out opinions from club leaders on how ASEWU can better support them. Additionally, just direct student feedback to our contact line on the ASEWU web page and from meeting students one on one in person is taken into account. We also analyze social media and online engagement. We establish clear performance metrics for each officer, regularly reviewing these against set benchmarks. This process includes quarterly review for each officer by the ASEWU superior court, ensuring continuous alignment with student needs and contributing positively to the campus community. Through these methods, ASEWU ensures our initiatives effectively meet student needs and enhance the overall campus experience.

Financial Responsibility

What are the top funding priorities for your dept/prog/unit and is any of this funding for contracts? If so, how much?

The top funding priorities for ASEWU are strategically aligned with our mission to enhance student life and representation on campus. Right now one of our main priorities is to increase officer hours to a

number representative of the pre-COVID era. As it stands, Executive members work 15 hours per week, Senate and Court work 10 hours / week, and Senators-at-large work 3 hours / week. We'd like to see a return to a 19 hour week, 15 hour week, and 5 hour week, respectively. This increase in hours would thus reflect an increase in pay, all worth the while to better serve and aid the student body. More hours for student employees means more time spent on projects concerning each facet of our organization, more time spent allocating club funds, more time spent advertising and advocating campus events and organizational programs. More hours for ASEWU student employees is thus a boon for all those who call EWU their alma mater.

How does your dept/prog/unit track and manage your budgets to ensure financial sustainability?

At the beginning of the year our senate votes on a budget that we will follow for the rest of the year, with money being split in separate executive, senate, elections, court, direct expenses budgets (In addition to the predetermined club funding budget). We utilize an excel spreadsheet to track our spending throughout the year ensuring we do not overrun any of these predetermined budgets throughout the year. With the program advisor, ASEWU's Finance Vice President, an executive position in the organization, performs a quarterly audit of all expenditures to be sure we stay within our budget and are carefully and thoughtfully managing our allocation of student fee money. We also receive monthly updates from Student Accounting to make sure our tracked spending lines up with our projections.

How will you ensure that student fees do not subsidize non-student use?

Ensuring that student fees are exclusively used for the benefit of students and not for non-student use is a crucial aspect of financial integrity for ASEWU. We strictly follow Services and Activities fee usage guidelines, and make these guidelines clear to clubs and organizations when they request funding from us.

Engagement

Please share the number of FACULTY your dept/prog/unit serves annually.

400

Please share the number of STAFF your dept/prog/unit serves annually.

800

Please share the number of ALUMNI your dept/prog/unit serves annually.

100

Please share the number of OUTSIDE STAKEHOLDERS your dept/prog/unit serves annually.

100

Any additional information or considerations you would like the S&A Committee to have:

Direct quote from President McMahan's recent Strategic Resource Allocation action plan: "Increasing funding for ASEWU is integral to advancing the university's mission of cultivating an engaged, involved, and supported student body... Augmenting investment in ASEWU would afford more hours dedicated to these pivotal roles and elevate the onboarding experience for student representatives" (ELT Action Plan, 59-60.)

Acknowledgment



I confirm that the details included in this budget request are accurate to the best of my knowledge and are fully aware of S&A Fee regulations.