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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: The Associated Students of Washington State Global (ASWSUG) Report

SUBMITTED BY: Abigail Chandos, ASWSUG President

The Associated Students of Washington State University Global is pleased to report the following:

- **ASWSUG has maintained a fully staffed Executive Board;** The following individuals comprise the 2023-2024 Executive Board.
 - o Abigail Chandos, President (Located in Spokane, WA)
 - o Chanel Randle, Vice President (Located in Seattle, WA)
 - o Lauren Kimler, Director of Legislative Affairs (Located in Clarkston, WA)
 - o Mia Darnell, Director of Communication and Compliance (Located in Gig Harbor, WA)
 - o Amber Heinemann, Director of Diversity and Equity (Located in Richland, WA)
 - o Ema Skinner, Director of Events (Located in Vancouver, WA)
 - o Talei Fatafehi, Director of Finance (Located in Los Angeles, CA)
 - o Trish Tisdale, Director of Promotions (Located in Port Angeles, WA)
 - **ASWSUG Internet Reimbursement:** As online learners, we depend on reliable internet access to participate in our classes. Our Board recognized an opportunity to better serve our students by offering a new reimbursement program for internet costs. We have allocated \$15,000 of our funding toward this program, which will allow us to serve up to 300 students.
 - **ASWSUG Student Book Club:** This is our third year hosting this program, run by our President, to offer students an opportunity to get together and discuss a book of the month. The selection of books this year places emphasis on diversity by authors of diverse backgrounds. We have seen the most consistent engagement in these book club meetings.
 - **Virtual Career Week:** ASWSUG is moving away from the in-person Summit event to better meet the needs of our students. We will be hosting a week of career development webinars in March, focusing on topics such as searching for a job, building a resume, creating a LinkedIn page, interview skills, and applying for Graduate school.
- Third Annual Hybrid Global Commencement & Reception:** To celebrate our unique campus and provide students with an accessible commencement, Global Campus will host the third *hybrid* (in-person and Zoom accessible) commencement in Seattle, WA. In addition to commencement, ASWSUG will host a dinner reception the evening before for graduates and their families to celebrate our students' achievements and to give students an opportunity to meet their fellow online Cougs and academic advisors. Participation increased from the first to second years and we expect another increase in participation this year. We hope to continue this commencement as a longstanding Global Campus tradition.

In recognition of our distinctive model and student population these are the areas that ASWSUG will continue to focus on and advocate for further development:

- **Basic Needs:** Just as other campuses our students have been impacted by tuition increases and inflation. ASWSUG initiatives will continue to focus on basic needs like childcare. We currently utilize a reimbursement system to help offset the cost of basic needs for our S&A fee paying students. Our reimbursement program is one of our most utilized resources that we provide to students. We offer reimbursements in the following

areas: Childcare, Grocery Vouchers, Mental Health and Wellness, Technology, Internet, Travel Grants, Honor Society Dues, Cap & Gown, and WSU Sporting Events.

- **OneWSU Advocacy:** Global Campus SGC representatives spearheaded the campaign for a shift in SGC leadership. We advocated for a committee model with rotating Chair and Vice-Chair positions, rather than a year-long term. This system addresses issues from past SGC teams, namely communication, accountability, campus representation, and increased workload. While there have been a few growing pains, our organization has seen overall improvement. Global Campus saw record attendance at Cougar Day at the Capital, organized by SGC. We had eight students travel to Olympia to lobby for legislation that impacts students.