**WINTER QUARTER REPORT**

Session I

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1. **What were your major undertakings this quarter?**

My major undertakings during the Winter quarter were aimed at building on the work I did during Fall quarter and starting preparation for Spring quarter hiring and elections, as well as next year’s Board of Directors. I started January by working with our Senate Speaker (Vice President), Senate Vice-Speaker (Social Responsibility Representative), and Senate Clerk (Events Representative) to train our Student Senate for their inaugural session. The Senate effectively passed 4 resolutions to address various issues on campus focusing on campus operations, food service, and resources for students. My other major undertakings this quarter were continuing work on and passing some of our new governing documents, including our new bylaws and constitution that will be ready for a vote in Spring Quarter. I also worked significantly with our Executive Justice on our association’s legislative efforts during the 2023-2024 legislative session. I also worked on our process for our 2024-2025 Board of Directors hiring and elections, including restructuring, applications, and marketing.

1. **What was your greatest accomplishment?**

ASG has been very passionate about our advocacy efforts representing Bellevue College students in Olympia this legislative session. Working with our Executive Justice, we passed the association’s first legislative agenda in years and visited classes to survey hundreds of students on their opinions of our agenda. Our legislative agenda focused on supporting student mental health services, supporting measures to lower the cost of education, providing better support and resources for international and undocumented students, and ensuring mandatory reflection rooms are available on campuses across the state. We brought students to 4 different lobbying sessions/legislative events to talk directly with our representative and senators about issues affecting our students and students across the state. As a part of my on campus legislative efforts, I sent all-campus emails to gain student support and communicate information about our efforts this quarter. I’m proud to say that out of all of the Washington Student Association member campuses including the University of Washington, Washington State University, and Western Washington University who sent out all-campus emails asking for their students to sign in pro of SB5999, expanding financial aid eligibility, Bellevue College students made up nearly 30% of the total signatures. Unfortunately, SB5999 died in session but we successfully supported and lobbied for 8 bills that passed with impacts ranging from Narcan education and fentanyl testing strip access on college campuses to allowing undocumented students to receive professional licenses to expanding the Washington College Grant eligibility from 5 to 6 years.

1. **What were your goals for this quarter and how are you measuring your success in these endeavors?**

My goals for Winter quarter were to continue to fix the challenges with our governing documents, continue work on hiring and elections for the 2024-2025 Board of Directors, and to testify in Olympia and increase ASG’s collaboration with the Washington Student Association. Over the break, I restructured, reformatted, and made amendments to the ASG Constitution. Expanding it from about 1000 words to nearly 7000 words to provide a strong foundation for ASG to better outline the intent, authority, powers, purpose, and functions of the association. I also restructured, reformatted, and made amendments to the ASG Bylaws, nearly doubling the length of the document. This document now provides more depth to address issues and inconsistencies that the previous Board of Directors have faced in the past. I also made minor amendments to the SESF and STF contracts and amendments to our Financial Code. I’m measuring success in these by keeping track of where they are in the process to be fully implemented and will consider these a total success once they’ve reached the end point. Through these document restructurings, I also worked extensively on establishing the structure for the 2024-2025 Board of Directors.

1. **What barriers and/or difficulties did you face in implementing your goals this quarter? How do you plan to address these if they arise in the future?**

This quarter I faced some difficulties with communication specifically with long response times when working with others or trying to schedule meetings. This made the process for projects or editing the governing documents take longer so in the future, I will be sure to account for busy schedules or longer response times to make sure it doesn’t derail the project schedule. Otherwise, I had minimal difficulties in implementing my goals this quarter.

1. **What are your goals for Spring Quarter? How will you measure success in these?**

My goals for Spring Quarter are to get a higher voter turnout in our elections then last year, to see out the governing documents final steps (including the Constitution going to a vote from the students and then the Board of Trustees), and overall increase ASG presence on campus. I will measure success in getting a higher voter turnout through comparing the numbers at the end of the voting period to our elections last year. I will ensure our Board of Directors is doing extensive outreach and talking to students about how to vote and the importance of it so we can meet this goal. I will measure success in seeing out the final steps for our governing documents by having all of them approved/implemented by the end of Spring Quarter, ensuring our 2024-25 Board of Director’s has a strong foundation to the start of their terms. I will measure success in increasing ASG presence on campus through our event attendance, voter turnout, Instagram follower count, and overall, through the interactions we have with students. I will carry this out by having our Board of Directors focus on marketing and participating in events and opportunities to talk to students about how they can get involved with ASG, espicially with our upcoming hiring for the 2024-25 Senate, Office of Civic Engagement, and Office of Events and Community Relations.

1. **How did you include and/or reach out to people external to ASG in your work (students, businesses, community organizations, student organizations, faculty, staff, etc.)?**

This quarter I worked extensively with the others both within and outside of Bellevue College. I did a lot of work with the administration to look over and discuss my edits to our documents and contracts. I was apart of many meetings with the administration to review items like student fees and operating budgets of departments in the college. I’ve also been working with many departments alongside our Senate Speaker to connect senators to the necessary departments and people for their legislation. As mentioned in the second question, I did a lot of work this quarter with the Washington Student Association in lobbying and bringing Bellevue College students to Olympia. Alongside our Events Representative, we’ve been planning the Washington Student Association Spring General Assembly of which Bellevue College will be the first Community and Technical College to ever host it.