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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: ASWSU Spokane 2016-17 Report to the Regents

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The ASWSU Spokane staff is happy to report about the events and developments happening on the Spokane campus this academic year. It has truly been a year of growth and excitement in Spokane. The timing of our meeting with you means that we can report on the last 1.5 years of activity at WSU Spokane. We have built on the goals set last academic year, set and accomplished goals for this academic year, and look forward to the bright future our campus has ahead of us. This report will summarize our previous and present goals, and also lay the foundation for what you can expect from us next year.

First, let's take a look at goals we have set in the past and the progress we have made towards accomplishing them this year.

**2015-16 Goal #1 – Create a fitness center for WSU Spokane**

As a health sciences campus, it is only fitting that we make progress towards creating a fitness center on our campus. Now, ASWSUS is closer than ever to accomplishing this goal and providing a viable, quick, and easy workout location for students on our campus. We have secured space in an existing building and are working with the university to renovate the space into a small, but functional, fitness center. Our staff has been working diligently to identify viable fitness equipment for this facility to use, as well as funding for said equipment. We look forward to opening this space at some point in the next academic year. This fitness center will provide students with more job opportunities as well as a place for them to unwind and blow some steam off after a difficult exam or a long day in the classroom. We will also use this fitness center as a pilot for any future expansion into the Jensen-Byrd space. Student usage data will be tracked, and this will be a great way to gauge the amount of space needed in the upcoming expansion for a fitness center.

**2015-16 Goal #2 – Establish a program to help students who have children while attending WSU Spokane**

ASWSUS was able to work with representatives from our Graduate and Research Student Association (GRSA) to establish a Childcare Survey for our students on campus. We felt the need to re-assess the prospective usage of childcare by our students, due to the large amount of student turnover since the last survey. The results of this survey helped spur our group to secure S&A money to be used as a subsidy for childcare, much like our gym membership subsidy system. We look forward to offsetting childcare costs for our students and easing their financial burden just a little bit as they progress on their journey to become health professionals.

**2015-16 Goal #3 – Improve student life and resources for students in the Yakima extension of WSU Spokane**

Improving communication with our Yakima students has been a continual goal of ours, and we feel like we have made significant strides towards improving our relationship and collaboration this year. We were able to visit the Yakima campus three times this year, each time building rapport between our student government and the registered student organizations there. We always have a reminder to keep Yakima in mind in all of our dealings. Some key events in Spokane have now been established in Yakima, such as Bingo Night and Trivia night. It is our hope that Yakima students will continue to follow our lead and create events that appeal to all students, and it is always our goal to empower the Yakima students to implement their own original and unique ideas for their location. We are also proud to have established the next step in improving communications between our locations in the form of creating Senator positions for both the Pharmacy and Nursing programs in Yakima. By creating these positions, we hope to further integrate the Yakima campus into our daily lives and make sure that their needs are adequately represented through their Senators.

Next, let's look at some of the goals we set for this particular academic year and assess our progress towards achieving these goals.

**2016-17 Goal #1 – Support the development of spaces and services to address specific student needs**

This goal spanned the support and development of spaces like the fitness center (addressed earlier), a diversity center, and student commons. We are so excited to have our Diversity Center up and running on our campus. They have taken all of their wonderful ideas and put them into fruition and our campus is certainly better for it. We love collaborating with them on events and are excited to move into a shared space with them next year. The discussion on a student commons is highly dependent on the status of the Jensen-Byrd space negotiations and development, but as always, we are ready and willing to provide our input when necessary.

**2016-17 Goal #2 – Cultivate stronger relationships with other WSU campuses and other colleges (i.e. Gonzaga University, Eastern Washington University)**

Inter-campus collaboration definitely increased this year as we found several ways to collaborate with the other WSU campuses. If you are familiar with the Student Government Council, which is the group of student leaders across all branches of the WSU system, you know the level of collaboration which we are referring to. We are proud to have collaborated on projects such as Cougar Day at the Capitol and Mental Health Awareness Week, both events involving other WSU campuses across our state.

Inter-collegiate collaboration was another goal of ours, and with our planning and participation in the Spokane Gives Health Fair, we feel we were successful. We collaborated with Gonzaga, EWU, Spokane Falls CC, and Whitworth on the Spokane Gives Health Fair, which served community members in the East Central Community of Spokane. For our part, we planned the entire health assessment portion of the fair, organizing the layout and demographic of the participants, and coordinating all volunteer aspects of the fair. We have laid the foundation for much more collaboration in the future on events that can showcase our students. Further, we have encouraged community service among all college campuses in the Spokane area.

**2016-17 Goal #3 – Prepare students to become the most well-rounded health professionals we can be**

As stated above, the Health Fair was the ultimate event in showcasing the talents of our wonderful students while collaborating with other colleges to help our patients in need. Students from all

programs on our campus came together to immunize, screen, and educate our community members about any and all health topics, while encouraging healthy activities to improve quality of life. Encouraging interprofessional activity is always a goal of ours, and with this health fair, we were able to allow our students to not only show off their skills and knowledge to the community but also to fellow students in other professions. Collaboration between professions leads to understanding of the roles of each profession, and in turn, will lead to better patient outcomes due to the teamwork involved. Other events that we hosted to encourage interprofessional activity include mixed social events and interprofessional professional development events put on by each college. In the end, we want our students to embody the spirit of teamwork, which is the Cougar way.

Finally, we would like to address a couple of the goals that our next administration has in mind, and some ways in which they plan to implement them.

**2017-18 Goal #1 – Welcome and integrate the first class of Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine students into the WSU Spokane culture**

The culture that we have set in the past two years here at WSU Spokane is one of interprofessionalism. We hope to inspire our newest students, the medical school students, to embrace this type of thinking and all of the benefits of working with other professions. We will measure our success by setting a high participation goal for medical students in terms of attendance at interprofessional events, as well as encouraging them to create their own registered student organizations and host their own events to share with the other students. We have also created a new Senator position for the College of Medicine and are excited to see what ideas this new representative can bring to our table.

**2017-18 Goal #2 – Continue to support students on their journey to becoming well-rounded health professionals**

This is a constant goal of ours and does not go away, but we wanted to mention our never-ending commitment to our students. We will continue to encourage collaboration between professions and aim to take the interprofessional aspect of our campus to new heights. We hope to be the catalyst for many friendships between our students along the way to our new careers.

We are incredibly proud of our accomplishments and have enjoyed sharing them with you. Personally, I consider it an incredible privilege to have served in student government these past two years. I hope that you have seen an improvement in our campus over these two years, because I know I can say, without a doubt, that the students we are putting out into the real world are going to be quality health professionals in whatever field they are in. I hope to stay involved as an active student member and future alumnus of this great institution. Thank you for all the opportunities that you have given to me and all of the students that have been at WSU Spokane. ASWSUS looks forward to checking in with you next year as our campus moves forward towards the future of health professions!

Respectfully submitted,  
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