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AS Review Base Budget

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Context

As the Editor-in-Chief of the AS Review, I am requesting that $6,764 of our printing budget be reallocated to cover staff salary and wages. This year we have made the move from being print and online news to be a solely online alternative news source. These funds are better utilized in bringing more Western and student stories to the forefront as we transition into a more digital age. The remaining funds in our printing budget would be for "Welcome Back" Freshman guides or end-of-the-year wrap up issues.

Overall, it is a more productive use of student dollars to use our budget to pay Western students to write for a publication, than to print a weekly publication. It is also of note that the AS Review is changing, we are incorporating more student stories in our soon-to-be-released podcast, "On/Off the Record with the AS Review." The only additional cost this podcast would bring is the monthly $12 payment to host it, which will go from our advertising budget, without increase.

The overall increase of $480 in our budget is $235 for the increase of staff that isn't covered by the reallocation and $245 increase that has automatically been calculated in our fringe benefits (F900s). If there needs to be a cut in cost for this $480 increase, I recommend it be taken from what remains in our recommendation of (E171) the printing budget. We look forward to highlight the students of Western in our stories and in our podcast by utilizing the reallocation of our printing budget to fund student salaries.

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