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**AS Executive Board/Student Senate**

**Decision Package**

**Overview**

**Title:** AS Student Senate Assistant

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**Summary of proposal:** To hire an assistant to provide support with the demands of the Student Senate. This will be needed for the foreseeable future.

**Total fiscal impact: $**7,302 (15 hours per week starting October 1st, includes minimum wage increase and fringe benefits)

**Information**

Additional funds will be used to hire another assistant to provide support for the AS Student Senate. The current number of assistants is not sufficient to provide the help needed. In past years, the AS student government did not have a functioning Student Senate, and so the need for this position did not exist. Now with the formation of the senate, and the demands to support 20 senators plus the Senate Pro-Tempore, there is an urgent need for support and assistance to perform tasks. The Senate Pro-Tempore is overwhelmed with the increasing demands of the position, and so an additional support staff is needed.

**Fiscal Impact**

Hiring for this position will happen in October when the elections occur, and so the amount will be spread over the months starting in October and will go through the end of spring quarter.

**Justification**

[respond to the following questions, as applicable]

* What will be accomplished with the requested funding? Urgent need for help in supporting the needs of the Student Senate.
* How will the requested funding impact your office? It will allow for efficiency and will solve the problem of lack of support for the Senate Pro-Tempore.
* How will the requested funding impact students at-large? Students At-Large will be better served, especially if they are representing the student body of WWU as a Senator.
* What alternatives are available if no funding is awarded? There is not enough help and support with our current number of board assistants, so the only alternative would be to over work the current support staff, and over work the Senate Pro-Tempore.