

Former ASWWU VP for Governmental Affairs Concerns

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Hello Josh Kurz,

My name is Ankur and I previously served as the ASWWU VP for Governmental Affairs. It has been brought to my attention that Western Intersectional Lobby Day (WILD) was reduced this year from 100 spots to 50 spots. This is a deeply concerning development. This decision was made explicitly without the consent of and despite the input of both the DOLA and ASWWU President. The purpose of WILD is to uplift the voices of marginalized identities, yet women of color, who have typically organized and led WILD, are being excluded this year. Furthermore, the 50 spots, alongside a waitlist, filled in just 7 days with another 7 to go. This is indicative of overwhelming student interest in the event. From my understanding, the LAC fund currently constitutes tens of thousands of dollars. Listen to women of color and restore the previous capacity for WILD. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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