

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES**A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

In Joint Session with

B. Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee**Draft UW Vision Statement**

The University of Washington educates a diverse student body to become responsible global citizens and future leaders through a challenging and inclusive learning environment informed by cutting-edge scholarship. Discovery is at the heart of our university. We discover and advance timely and useful solutions to the world's most difficult and complex problems of our times, serving and enriching the lives of all people throughout Washington state, the nation, and the world. We are committed to integrity, diversity, excellence, collaboration, and innovation in all that we do.

Uniquely Washington

The University of Washington's vision and strategic priorities must consider the characteristics which make us great and unique, and must reflect our core values and culture.

UW Standard of Excellence

Committed to academic excellence, we recruit the best, most diverse, and most innovative faculty and staff from around the world, encouraging a vibrant and diverse intellectual community for our students. Through scholarly exploration and intellectual rigor, fueled by passion for new knowledge, we link our academic excellence to cutting edge, world-leading research. With honesty and integrity, we hold ourselves to the highest standards of ethical and moral example, a beacon for our community and the world.

Educators

Foremost, we are educators and learners. We strive to inspire each other through education that emphasizes the power of discovery and the foundation of critical, analytical, and independent thinking. We will promote opportunity for everyone through access to excellence.

World Leaders in Research

With determination and independence of mind and spirit, we have grown into the most productive public research university in the nation. More than teachers and students, we are a community of diverse collaborators who are reaching for the next great thing. Ours is a proud culture of innovation and discovery that has, and will continue to have, transformational impact.

Celebrating Place

The natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest envelops us. This is an important element of who we are, for this awe-inspiring place not only anchors us, it reaffirms our desire to effect positive change in the world around us. We accept gratefully our role in preserving and enhancing Washington: the place, the people, our home.

Spirit of Innovation

As Washingtonians, we trumpet our shared history of innovation and entrepreneurship, and with an energetic sense of curiosity coupled with profound optimism, we find inspiration for the future. The Northwest has an uncanny concentration of thought leaders and innovators in all sectors, from the private to the nonprofit. Ours is a culture with a determined persistence that engenders innovation and a belief that our goals, however lofty, can be realized.

Academic Community

The UW is a rich and diverse tapestry of free and scholarly exploration. Through unique and interdisciplinary partnerships, we foster creativity, challenge the boundaries of knowledge, stimulate creative thought, cultivate independence of mind and personal conviction, and encourage the fearless challenge of currently perceived beliefs. Our pursuits are flexible and evolving, encompassing both breadth and depth of expertise in a wide array of academic endeavor.

World Citizens

As world citizens we are compassionate and committed to the active pursuit of global engagement and connectedness. We assume leadership roles in moving the larger social agenda to address the collective good, making the world a better place through education and research – not just for today but for future generations. As global citizens we embrace our role to foster engaged and responsible citizenship as part of the learning experience of our students, faculty, and staff.

Being Public

More than a description of our financial base, being a public university is a state of mind that reflects our deeply held commitment to serve all the citizens of the state of Washington and, more broadly, the world. We collaborate with partners in the community and the world to be at the forefront of development and discovery. This measure of public trust, accountability, and shared responsibility guides our decision-making as well as our aspirations and vision for the future. With judicious use of limited resources, we are careful stewards of intellectual innovation. We will take risks with our ideas, but not our values.