

UNIVERSITY *of* WASHINGTON

# GPSS SENATE MEETING

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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# Attendance!

- > <https://tinyurl.com/gpss14>
- > Word of the Day: **Seattle**





# Resources

## SafeCampus (206-685-7233)

*Call SafeCampus anytime to anonymously discuss safety and well-being concerns for yourself or others.*

[uw.edu/safecampus](http://uw.edu/safecampus)

## Student Technology Loan Program

*The Student Technology Loan Program (STLP) is a free, student-led program that supports the academic technology needs of UW Seattle students.*

[STLP.uw.edu](http://STLP.uw.edu)

## Childcare Assistance Program

*UW Seattle program designed to assist students in covering the costs of licensed childcare for their children (ages birth–12 years old).*

[tinyurl.com/uw-childcare](http://tinyurl.com/uw-childcare)

## UW Food Pantry

*The program provides food to students, staff, and faculty who may be experiencing short-term food insecurity.*

[tinyurl.com/uw-food-pantry](http://tinyurl.com/uw-food-pantry)





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# Call To Order

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# Approval of the Agenda



- > Sent on Mail and available on GPSS Website <https://tinyurl.com/gpss14>
- > **Total Time:** 86 minutes
- > **Anticipated End Time:** 7:00 pm



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# Approval of Minutes

- > Please refer to the Meeting Minutes document of **February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026** Senate Meeting
- > **Quick Recap** on GPSS Website



# Land Acknowledgement

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# Resources for Action

## Within UW:

- Get involved with LAB and the WSA! GPSS has advocated for a tuition waiver program for Native American students

- wəłəbʔaltxʷ - UW Intellectual House -

<https://www.washington.edu/diversity/intellectual-house/>

- ASUW American Indian Student Commission (AISC):

<http://aisc.asuw.org>

## Community:

- **Native and Strong Lifeline – 988 (option 4)**

The Native and Strong Lifeline is the first program of its kind in the nation dedicated to serving American Indian and Alaska Native people. Operated by Volunteers of America Western Washington, this line is available for people who call the 988 Lifeline and choose option 4. It is specifically for Washington's American Indian and Alaska Native communities. Calls are answered by Native crisis counselors who are tribal members and descendants closely tied to their communities. Native and Strong Lifeline counselors are fully trained in crisis intervention and support, with special emphasis on cultural and traditional practices related to healing.

- **Stand with the Duwamish:**

<https://www.duwamishtribe.org/stand-with-the-duwamish>

- **Real Rent Duwamish:** <https://www.realrentduwamish.org>

## Other resources:

Find out whose traditional land you live on with this interactive map: <https://native-land.ca/>

**What is the purpose of a land acknowledgement?**

<https://retirees.uw.edu/event/from-recognition-to-action-understanding-land-acknowledgments/>

- Article from Patagonia: All Trails Belong to Mother Earth, Following in Indigenous Footsteps on the Ute Pass Trail

[Documentary on "The Rights of Nature: A Global Movement"](#)





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# Announcements & Public Comments

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# GPSS Senator Onboarding

- > Ask Program Advisor to send [gpssvpadmin@uw.edu](mailto:gpssvpadmin@uw.edu) an email nominating you as the Senator for your program
- > Get added to the Teams chat
- > Get added to the Senate Email List
- > Take the Senator Onboarding Course





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*Senate Food Survey!!*  
*Coming soon* 🍷





GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL  
STUDENT SENATE

# GRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

[CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS]

GPSS is hosting the 2026 Interdisciplinarity graduate research symposium. We are looking for research that is ready to be presented by May 2026 Via a poster board or a three minute thesis presentation.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** March 31st, 2026



**MAY 13th, 2026, 12-5pm**  
**HUB South Ballroom 211B**

All graduate disciplines are welcome and encouraged to apply. Scan the QR code to apply!



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Contact: [gpss@uw.edu](mailto:gpss@uw.edu) The University of Washington is committed to providing access, equal opportunity, and reasonable accommodation in its services, programs, activities, education, and employment for individuals with disabilities. To request disability accommodation, contact the Disability Services Office at least ten days in advance at 206.543.6450 (voice), 206.543.6452 (TTY), 206.685.7264 (fax), or email at [dso@uw.edu](mailto:dso@uw.edu).





GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

# YOGA CLASS



**Free class &  
smoothies!  
No experience  
necessary**

March 12th, 3-4pm  
Studio 316 of the IMA



<https://tinyurl.com/gpss14>

**RSVP HERE!**



Yoga class for all graduate and professional students, relax and recharge with GPSS!  
**Free smoothie from Dawg Bites included after class! RSVP required**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REQUEST ACCOMMODATIONS EMAIL [GPSS@UW.EDU](mailto:GPSS@UW.EDU)

IMA





<https://tinyurl.com/gpss14>

*DRAG SHOW!!*

*March 28th*

*Doors open at 6pm*

*Performance is from 6:30pm to 7:30pm*

*At ECC Theatre*



# Federal Grad Student Lobby Day

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# Ana Mari Cauce Welcome Center – April 8th

## *Session Information and Questions*

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- > **Presenter:** Maitri Karia, Vice President of Administration
- > Please refer to document shared on mail
- > UWAA presentation at GPSS Senate on **April 8th, 2026**
- > Share questions now: <https://forms.office.com/r/1bH6kv8vFQ>



# JOIN NOW



Care about human rights? Looking  
for leadership experience?

Amnesty @ UW is looking for an **Internal  
Policy Parliamentarian!** Scan the QR code  
to apply!



APPLY NOW!



<https://tinyurl.com/gpss14>





UW Planetarium Arts  
and  
Colectivo Arte GUENDA  
present

# Constelaciones y Supernovas

*Paintings Inspired by the  
Sloan Digital Sky Survey*

Art x Astronomy Exhibition  
April 3rd – May 1st, 2026  
Physics/Astronomy Auditorium  
3910 15th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98105



## Opening Reception

Friday April 3rd, 5pm-9pm

RSVP in bio!

5pm-6pm  
guided gallery tours (English & Spanish)

6pm-7pm  
Art x Science lightning talks (English)

7pm-8pm  
Art x Science panel discussion (English)

8pm-9pm  
guided gallery tours (English & Spanish)

*featuring artists and scientists  
from Oaxaca, Seattle, Portland,  
UW, and National Autonomous  
University of Mexico*



# UW Food Pantry Recognition

- > **UW Food Pantry Student Director:**  
River Elewski
- > **Presenter:** Maitri Karia, Vice President of Administration



# The UW Food Pantry By the Numbers

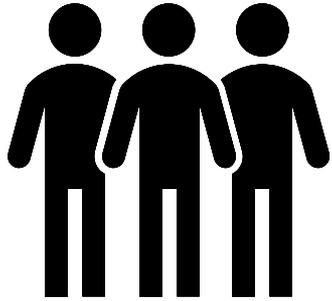
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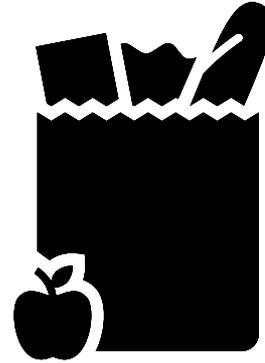
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# 2025 Impact



24,899 Visitors  
SERVED

↑ 12% from 2024



159,092 LBS  
DISTRIBUTED

↑ 13.5% from 2024



361 TOTAL  
VOLUNTEERS

# How the Pantry Works

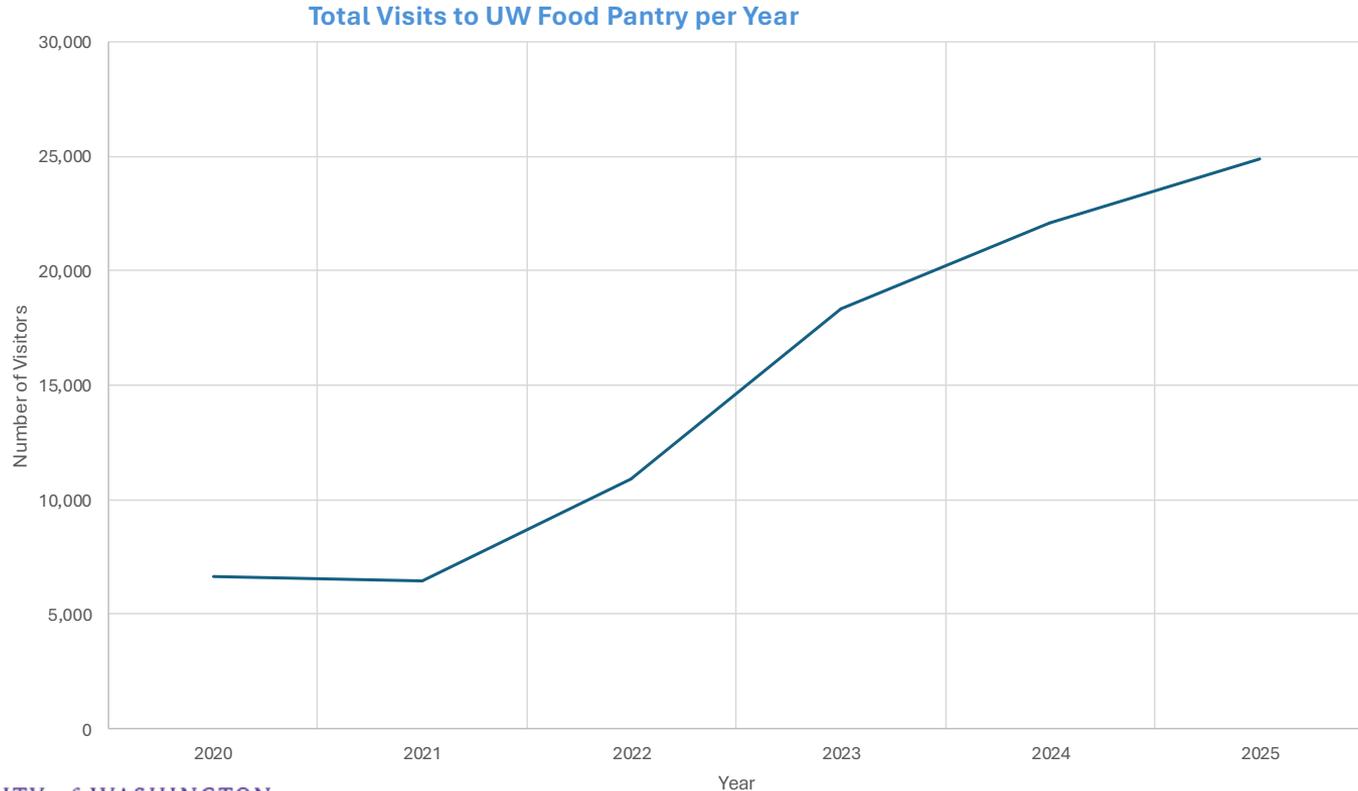
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Harry the Husky demonstrating how to use the pantry; milk stocked in the pantry.

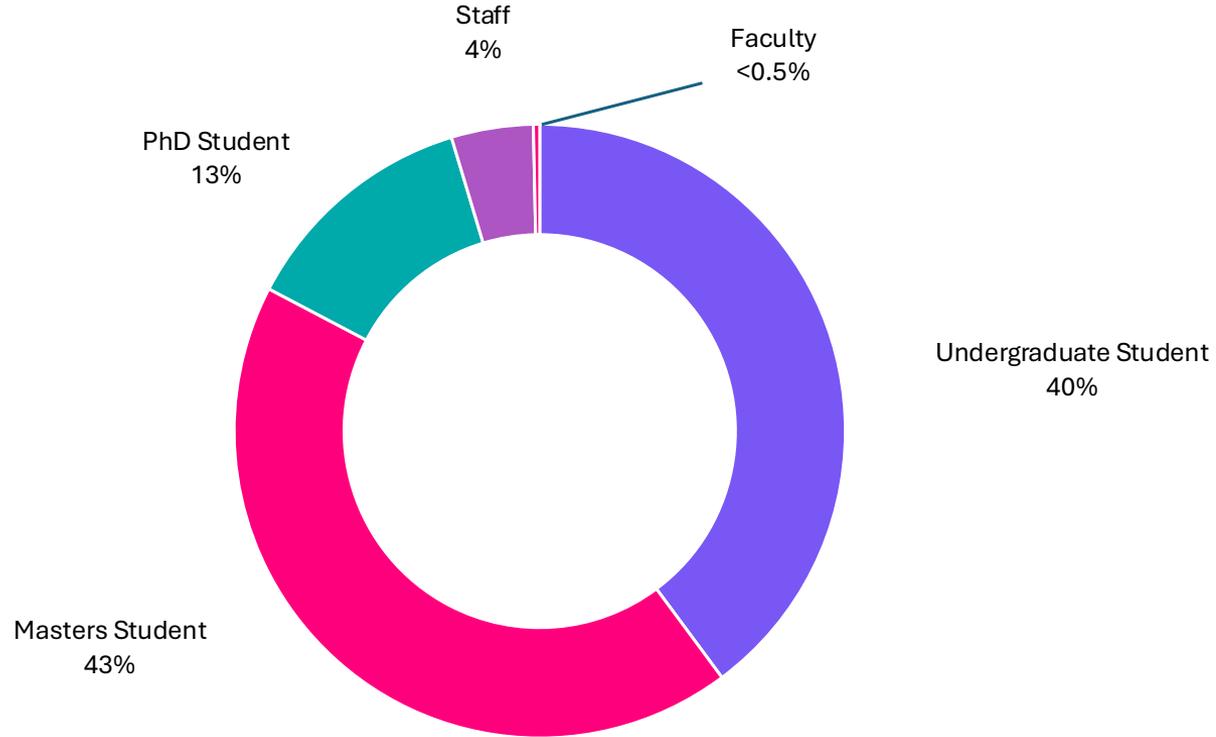
# Visit History (by Year)

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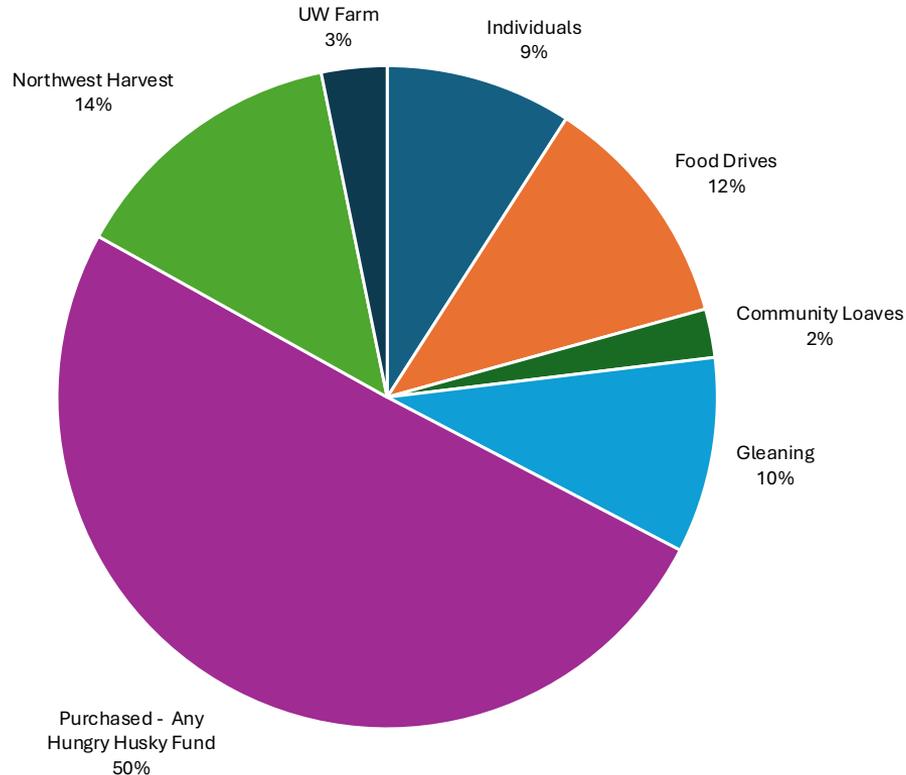
# Who are our visitors?

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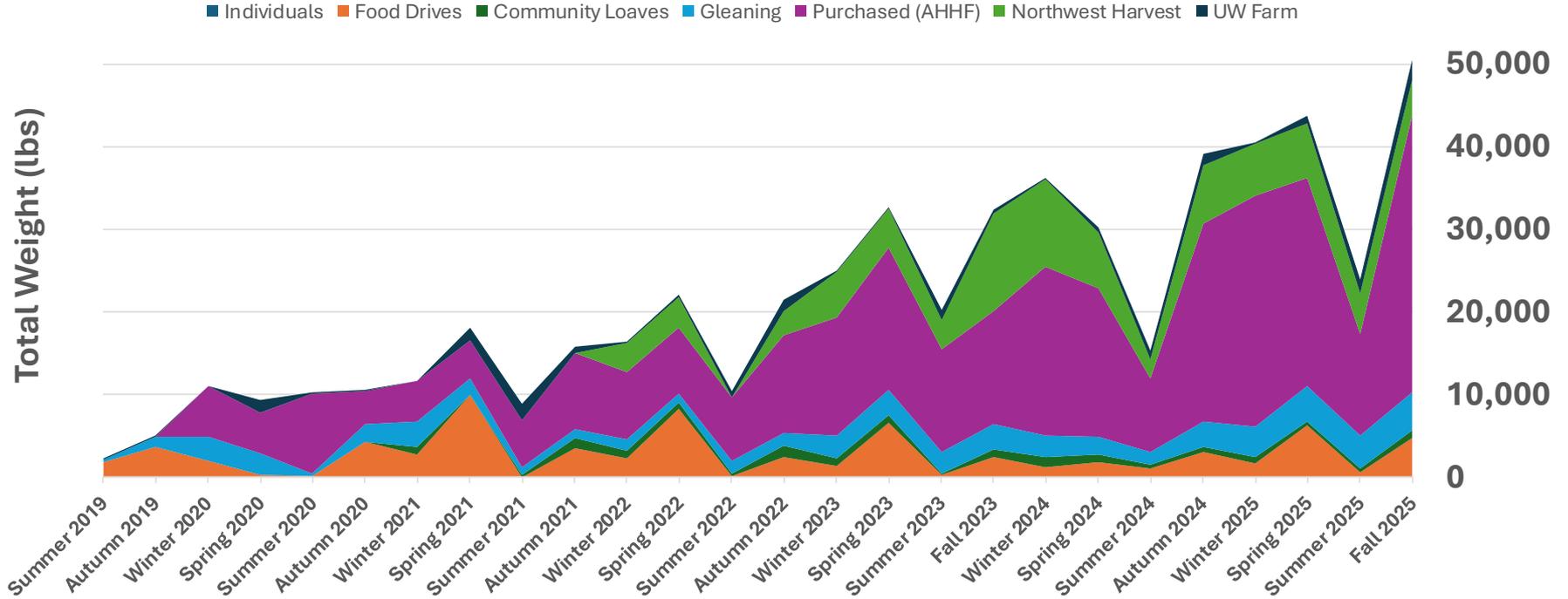


# Where does our food come from?

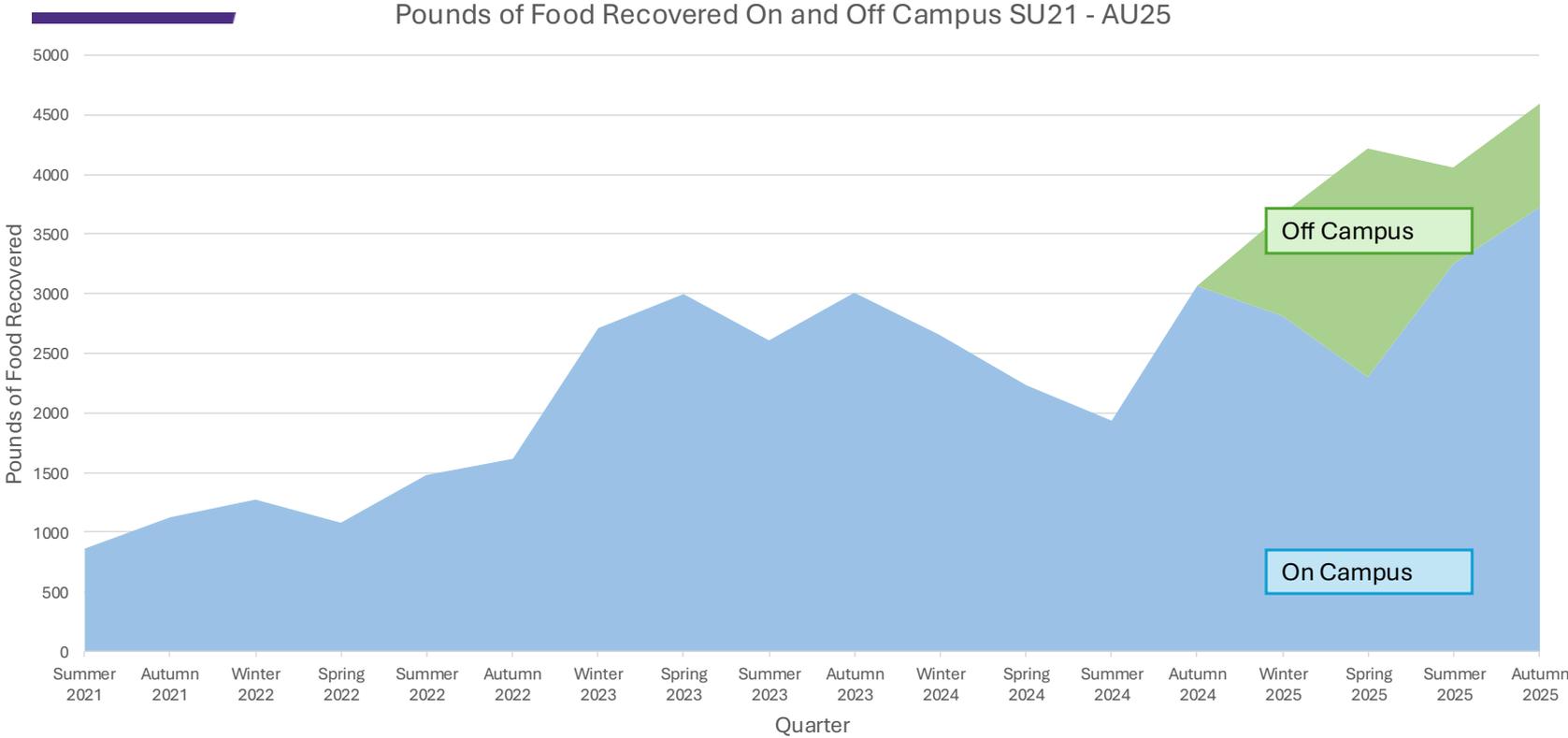
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# 2025 Impact: Food Weight In (by quarter)

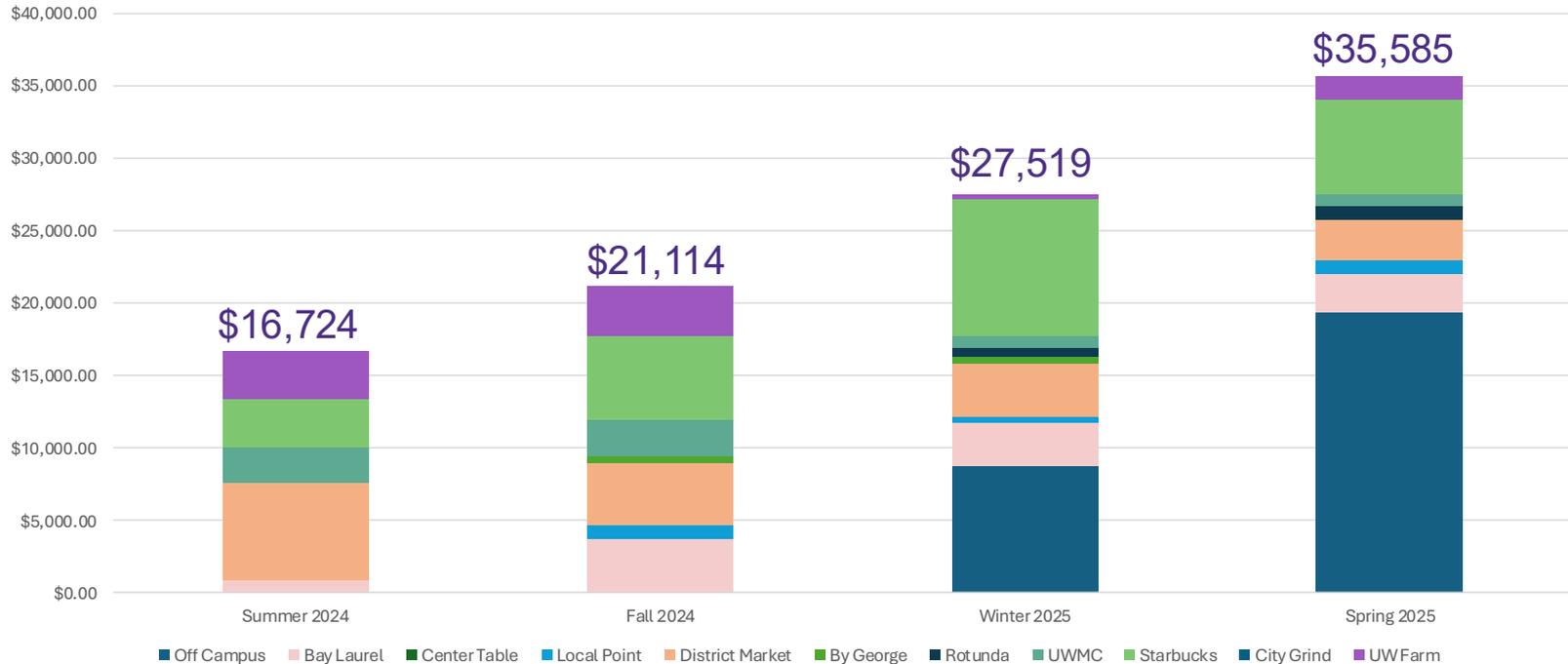


# Sustainability: Food Recovery



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UW Food Pantry: 2024-2025 Food Recovery



# How the Pantry helps: In the words of our visitors

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- “Thank you very much for running the pantry. I’ve been using this service every week, and you all truly helped me and my partner. I appreciate your support!”
- “Thank you UW food pantry, as an international student this program helps me in a lot of ways”
- “Pantry is one place at UW that really helps me manage my finances with everyday food items. Really grateful to have it here on campus.”
- "This resource has been a blessing. It has relieved me of the concern for my basic food needs, and in doing so, has allowed me to focus on my schooling. I believe that I speak on many students’ behalf when I say that this resource truly does make a difference."

# Thank you!



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 [uw.edu/anyhungryhusky/the-uw-food-pantry](http://uw.edu/anyhungryhusky/the-uw-food-pantry)

 [@uwfoodpantry](https://www.instagram.com/uwfoodpantry)

# Bylaws Amendments

- > **Sponsor:** Pavandeep Josan
- > Please refer to document shared on mail



FY27  
budget  
with  
personnel  
change

	FY 26	FY 27 BUDGET
<b>SUMMARY</b>		
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>		
SAF ALLOCATION	548,351	581,252
PROVOST FUNDS	40,000	40,000
STF FUNDING	7,690	11,299
DISCRETIONARY FUND		16,000
GPSS GENERAL RESERVE FUND	19,013	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 615,054</b>	<b>\$ 648,551</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
PERSONNEL	432,765	609,748
GRANTS	40,500	40,500
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION	5,122	6,580
SENATE	3,000	16,140
PROGRAMMING	38,300	40,591
SHARED SERVICES		26,500
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 519,687</b>	<b>\$ 740,059</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ 95,366</b>	<b>\$ (91,508)</b>
<b>NON-OPERATING REVENUE</b>		
ENDOWMENT DISTRIBUTIONS	5,000	5,000
<b>TOTAL (NON-OPERATING REVENUES)</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ 100,366</b>	<b>\$ (86,508)</b>



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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 519,687</b>	<b>\$ 637,058</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ 55,366</b>	<b>\$ 11,492</b>
<b>NON-OPERATING REVENUE</b>		
ENDOWMENT DISTRIBUTIONS	5,000	
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# The Right To Affordable Parking Information *Resolution*

- > **Sponsor:** Tarik Brown, MJ Mencias, Ryan Wicklund, Riley Talamantes
- > Second/Third Reading



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ADJOURNMENT

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