

December 6, 2023

Student Fee Committee c/o Matteo Paola, Student Fee Committee Chair 282 Student Experience Center Corvallis, OR 97331

Dear Chair Paola and Members of the Student Fee Committee:

We, the Intercollegiate Athletics Student Advisory Board, request that you approve and recommend to the ASOSU Senate the acquisition of the unit's FY25 budget by ASOSU, effectively removing Athletics from the incidental fee space and merging its fee allocation with that of ASOSU under the ASOSU budget. Pursuant to Title IV § 5(B)(3)(i) of the ASOSU Statutes, this letter serves to notify you of our request and to provide justification for such action.

The evolving landscape of athletic conference realignment, and particularly the recent abrupt departure of ten of the institutions comprising the Pac-12 conference, has presented a unique opportunity for Intercollegiate Athletics to reevaluate our participation in the mandatory incidental fee-setting process.

The distribution of Athletics' incidental fee revenue has long been a point of confusion and is rather anomalous as compared to the structure of other fee-funded units. Because the unit has a diverse revenue stream comprised of a multitude of sources, the exact allocation of incidental fee dollars to the unit has only recently begun to be reported with more clarity. This primarily includes the allotment of student tickets to athletic events.

In the last several weeks, growing frustration with the availability of student tickets to athletic events has prompted conversations between ASOSU leadership and Intercollegiate Athletics as to how best to structure the sale of student tickets. In response to student demand, ASOSU leaders have indicated a desire to purchase student tickets on behalf of the student body.

In an effort to eliminate confusion moving forward regarding the exact dollar-for-service breakdown of the incidental fee-funded portion of Athletics' budget, as well as to enable ASOSU to negotiate student ticket purchases on behalf of the student body, we are requesting that you recommend to the ASOSU Senate that incidental fee funding for Intercollegiate Athletics be stopped beginning in FY25 and that the base dollar amount that would otherwise be requested by Athletics instead be included in the budget for ASOSU. As you will note in the budget proposal submitted by ASOSU, the total dollar amount to be absorbed by ASOSU is \$2,998,039, representing a per student per term cost of \$45.08 for FY25.

Please see attached a statement of support from the ASOSU Student Advisory Board, pursuant to Title IV § 5(B)(3)(ii) of the ASOSU Statutes.

Sincerely,

Intercollegiate Athletics Student Advisory Board

Joe Page, Board Member
Zoe Eberle, Liaison to the Student Fee Committee
Kimya Massey, Deputy Athletic Director and Chief Operating Officer
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## **ASOSU Student Advisory Board**

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Dear SFC Chair Paola and Members of the Student Fee Committee:

This statement serves as evidence of support from the ASOSU Student Advisory Board for the Intercollegiate Athletics Student Advisory Board's request to merge its incidental fee funding with ASOSU beginning in FY25.

Sincerely,

Jordan Satterfield

ASOSU Student Advisory Board Chair