



Associated Students of Oregon State University

2024 Elections Packet

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Letter to Candidates

To the students of this year's election,

Thank you for your interest in running for an elected position with the Associated Students of Oregon State University (ASOSU). Enclosed below, you'll discover comprehensive guidance intended to support you through this electoral process. These forthcoming elections will play a pivotal role in appointing the new ASOSU President & Vice President, Senators, SFC Chair, and SFC At-Large Members. The term for these positions span from June 1st, 2024, to June 1st, 2025.

As a respected student government body, our organization stands as a crucial platform for student leaders to advocate for various causes. It is our hope that this opportunity empowers you to address issues significant to you and represent your fellow students effectively. We strongly advise all candidates to thoroughly review the provided materials and take the necessary time to comprehend the information. A clear understanding of the ASOSU election cycles, rules, and guidelines is vital for successful participation.

For accessibility concerns, or any other accommodations necessary to engage with this process, please contact me, or the Elections Committee at asosu.elections@oregonstate.edu.

Thank you for your dedication and best of luck in your candidacy,

Dakota Canzano,

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Important Dates

Date Event
December 7th, 2023: Candidate Registration Opens
Fall Term Information Sessions will be held in SEC 294: December 6th, 2023 @ 9:30 a.m. Winter Term Information Sessions will be announced by the first day of Winter Term.
January 29th, 2024: Campaign Period Begins
February 5th, 2024: Candidate Registration Closes
February 10th, 2024: Mid Campaign Financial Statement Due
February 19th, 2024: Ballot Opens
March 1st, 2024: Ballot Closes
March 1st, 2024: Final Campaign Financial Statement Due at 5:00 p.m.
June 1st, 2024: Inauguration

Requirements for Candidacy

Candidates for any elected or appointed office must meet University requirements to hold office (*ASOSU Constitution Constitution, Article VI, Section A: Requirements for Candidacy or Appointed Position*).

1. Requirements for Candidacy or Appointed Positions

- All candidates for elected or appointed offices of the ASOSU Student Government must:
 1. Be currently admitted to the university.
 2. Be eligible for student employment with the university except for requirements regarding credit hours or eligibility for employment in the United States.
 3. Have been previously enrolled in at least one prior OSU or college-level credit, or be enrolled in their first term at Oregon State University
- Occupants of any ASOSU office may refuse employment with the university including any associated pay at their discretion. Occupants of these offices may also refuse to receive compensation as an independent contractor, or through any other means of compensation provided on behalf of the university.
- All student employment by the university is subject to university requirements.
- An occupant of ASOSU office rendered unable to receive compensation, as an employee or otherwise, does not by this alone fail or cease to occupy the office, if meeting all requirements to hold office stated herein.

Position Descriptions

Open Positions this Election:

ASOSU President

ASOSU Vice President

Student Fee Committee (SFC) Chair

Senators (18)

Student Fee Committee (SFC) Members At-Large (5)

The below summaries are non-exhaustive. Roles and duties are further outlined in the ASOSU Constitution, as well as applicable statutes and governing documents. In some cases, these are subject to change by the ASOSU Senate. Hours and rates of pay are reflective of the current fiscal year and provided for informational purposes only, as they may change prior to taking office. More information can be found at asosu.oregonstate.edu.

ASOSU President

One open seat; serves a **one-year** term. | Current pay model: 24 hrs./wk. year-round

The ASOSU President helps represent ASOSU and lead the executive branch of the student government. The President of the ASOSU shall be responsible for conducting all administrative affairs of the ASOSU, including, but not limited to:

1. Overseeing and administering the ASOSU Student Government budget.
2. Performing policy oversight and assisting the executive committees, task forces and services, and staff of the Executive Branch.
3. Representing the ASOSU to increase the visibility and influence of the ASOSU both on and off campus.
4. Performing all duties as outlined in the ASOSU Statutes.

The ASOSU President may also participate on boards or committees within the university or broader campus community. In prior years, these have included:

1. Student Athletic Advisory Board
2. Campus Planning Committee
3. OSU Faculty Senate
4. OSU President's Cabinet

The ASOSU President also helps lead a process to formally recommend students for appointment to the Student Trustee position on the OSU Board of Trustees.

ASOSU Vice President

One open seat; serves a **one-year** term. | Current pay model: 24 hrs./wk. year-round

The ASOSU Vice President helps assist the President in representing ASOSU and leading the executive branch of the student government. The Vice President will also serve as the President of the Senate. The ASOSU Vice President may also participate on boards or committees within the university or broader campus community. In prior years, these have included:

1. Recreational Sports Advisory Board
2. Memorial Union Student Advisory Board
3. Architectural Naming Committee

In the event the position of ASOSU President becomes vacant prior to the scheduled end of the term of office, the ASOSU Vice President succeeds to the office of President.

ASOSU Senators

*Eighteen open seats; each serves a **one-year** term. Fifteen seats reserved for undergraduate students and Three seats reserved for graduate students | Current pay model: up to 8 hrs./wk.*

The Senate makes up our unicameral Legislative Branch. The Senate votes on incidental fee requests as well as pass bills or resolutions. Senators shall represent the interests of the student body to the best of their abilities and shall stand ready to assist students in matters relating to the ASOSU.

ASOSU Student Fee Committee (SFC) Chair

*One open seat; serves a **one-year** term. | Current pay model: 24 hrs./wk. year-round*

The SFC Chair presides over meetings of the ASOSU Student Fee Committee. The Student Fee Committee is a committee of elected students and unit liaisons who oversee the budgeting process for the entirety of student fees. Each year, the SFC revises budgetary guidelines for the student fee-funded units, reviews executive reports, strategic plans, and final budget submissions for the upcoming fiscal year.

Upon passage of student fee recommendations by the SFC, the chair reports these recommendations to the ASOSU Senate.

ASOSU Student Fee Committee (SFC) At-Large Member

*Five open at-large seats serve with appointed unit liaisons; each member serves a **one-year** term. | Current pay model: up to 3 hrs./week stipend for SFC At-Large Member*

The SFC recommends fee levels for each department and then forwards these recommendations to the ASOSU Senate. After approval from the ASOSU Senate, the recommendations are sent to the OSU Board of Trustees for final approval.

Campaign Rules and Violations

Please read the following carefully. The ASOSU Statutes permit that the Election Committee “may disqualify a candidate for any Major Offense, gross violations of the University policies, or actions that cause great harm to the student body.”

Volunteers for candidate campaigns must follow the following guidelines as well. Volunteers are an extension of the candidate when acting on behalf of the campaign.

If you have any questions about the campaign rules and violations please contact:
asosu.elections@oregonstate.edu

Major Offenses: the following is prohibited.

1. Providing students with the means to vote (e.g. giving students a direct link to the ballot).
2. Submitting votes for other students
3. Tampering with the electronic election system
4. Violence, harassment, intimidation, bribery or fraud with the intent of affecting the outcome of the election.
5. Tampering with another campaign’s materials with malicious intent.
6. Failing to file required documents on time unless given an extension prior to the due date.
7. Intentional actions to mislead or obstruct the duties of the Elections Committee.
8. Failing to comply with the rulings of the Elections Committee.
9. Exceeding the campaign finance limit by more than five (5) percent on any Financial Statements.
10. Promising to hire any student or making overtures to hire or appoint students to positions prior to the final election, particularly in order to gain support for a campaign. Candidates may openly recruit individual students and students at-large to apply for positions and are encouraged to do so. Candidates may also describe their desire to have individual students or students at-large take interest in specific positions, but candidates are prohibited from “earmarking” students for positions and vice-versa.
11. Hiring paid employees of the campaign.
12. Accepting financial contributions by any organization or individual acting on behalf of an organization. This includes complimentary lunches or gifts. All expenses related to your campaign must be on your financial statement.
13. Failure to turn in a financial statement by the deadline becomes a major offense after 3 days.
14. Committing three or more Minor Offenses equates to a Major Offense.

Minor Offenses

1. Marketing materials are posted in non-university locations.
2. Putting up campaign materials in buildings without their permission and/or protocol.
3. OSU offices (i.e. a cultural center) endorsing candidates is not allowed. Publicizing any endorsements from these entities is prohibited.

4. Any violations of the Elections rules and regulations not specifically stated as a Major Offense.

Campaign Finances

For the 2024 ASOSU General Election, the campaign spending limit for all candidates is **\$300**. Spending limits apply to each candidate as an individual with the exception of the President/Vice President who run as one ticket.

The Elections Committee may be able to provide assistance and marketing resources upon request.

To ensure accountability to campaign spending limits, as well as transparency of funding, the ASOSU Statutes also require the Elections Committee to set deadlines for a Mid-Campaign Financial Statement, as well as a Final Financial Statement, from all candidates. Financial statements shall include an itemized list of all expenditures and a detailed list of all contributions, whether personal or student.

Candidates are prohibited from using their finances for other candidates.

Candidates running jointly for President and Vice President are not required to submit statements independently.

The deadlines are as follows:

Mid-Campaign Financial Statement: Thursday, February 10th, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. PST

Final Campaign Financial Statement: Friday, March 1st, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. PST

Please note this restriction: “No contributions shall be allowed by any organization or individual acting on behalf of an organization.” (ASOSU Statutes Title VIII § 11(D)) This means your sources of campaign funding must be purely from your own funds, or those contributed to your campaign by other individuals. If you receive material donations (like free posters), please note these accordingly and provide a fair market value estimate of their worth. You may consult with the Elections Committee on these estimates before submitting your financial statements.

Campaign Materials

All candidates participating in the ASOSU-sponsored elections must have all campaign material submitted to the ASOSU Elections Committee (asosu.elections@oregonstate.edu), prior to posting. The Elections Committee will respond within 48 hours to approve or deny any marketing material.

We reserve the right to rescind approval of campaign materials.

Statutory Requirements for Campaign Materials & Locations (ASOSU Statutes Title VIII § 11(B)):

- No campaign materials may be placed on building exteriors, light poles, trees, or automobiles.
- Certain campaign materials, unless otherwise approved, must have the ASOSU Elections website address on them: asosu.oregonstate.edu/elections. These shall include:
 - Campaign posters
 - Social networking sites
 - Websites
 - Fliers
- Chalking is not permitted.
- No candidate or affiliate shall remove or deface the campaign materials of another candidate.
- Only the members of the Elections Committee shall remove illegal campaign materials.
- Candidates sending emails over listservs must obtain permission from that list's administrator.
- Campaigning may **NOT** include the use of Benny the Beaver, Oregon State University logos or symbols, or any pictures or models that may be perceived as an endorsement by the University.
- All candidates and campaigns shall comply with libel and slander laws under the provisions of ORS-260.532.
- Campaigning in University living establishments (residence halls, co-ops, fraternities, sororities, etc.) is at the discretion of that organization. Candidates are expected to abide by all regulations of the organization as well as University regulations.
- Campaigning in classes and lectures is left to the discretion of the instructor and the Elections Committee.

Registering for Candidacy

Steps to register:

1. Attend or watch an ASOSU Elections Informational Session prior to campaigning.
2. Visit the asosu.oregonstate.edu website and visit the “Elections” page.
3. Click “Candidate Registration”
4. Fill out the form and submit! Be sure to include your platform, biography, and campaign photo.

Elections Platform Guidelines:

Candidates for President and Vice President:

Platform statement (no more than 500 words per ticket)

Photo of candidates (one per person)

Personal bio (no more than 200 words each, per person)

Candidates for SFC Chair:

Platform statement (no more than 500 words)

Photo of candidate

Personal bio (no more than 200 words)

All Other Candidates:

Platform statement (no more than 350 words)

Photo of candidate

Personal bio (no more than 100 words)

Do's and Don'ts

A highlight of things you can and cannot do as a candidate.

DO	DON'T
DO encourage students to vote in this election!	DON'T provide a means to vote to any student! (i.e. do not give a direct link to the ballot)
DO prepare your marketing materials in a timely manner.	DON'T tamper maliciously with another campaign's materials.
DO submit required documents on time, including your candidate registration, mid-campaign financial statement, and final financial statement.	DON'T spend more than \$300 on your campaign.
DO positively represent the students of Oregon State University.	DON'T promise to hire a student or "earmark" a student for a position during the course of the campaign.
DO ask the Elections Committee any questions you might have.	DON'T wait until you have campaign violations to reach out.

Election Committee Members

Name	Position/Role Email
Dakota Canzano	Vice President/EC Chair asosu.vp@oregonstate.edu
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Glossary

Alleged: Something that has been stated but not necessarily confirmed.

Appeal: To make a serious or urgent request, typically to the public.

Appointed: To name or assign to a position, an office, or the like; designate.

ASOSU: Associated Students of Oregon State University.

Bill: An internal proposal to change something in ASOSU

Bylaws: A set of laws made by a local organization or government that only relates to its particular region and/or members.

Constitution: [ASOSU Constitution](#)

Endorsement: An act of giving one's public approval or support to someone or something.

Listserv: An application that distributes messages to subscribers on an electronic mailing list.

Resolution: A stance on behalf of the students of OSU regarding an issue or state level ballot measure.

Slander: The action or crime of making a false spoken statement damaging to a person's reputation.

Statutes: [ASOSU Statutes](#)

Student Advisory Board (SAB): A group of students, staff, and community members who provide important input to each of the student fee-funded units on everything from budgets, program priorities to advocacy goals. One of the most important functions of the Student Advisory Board is the presentation of each student fee-funded unit's annual budget request to the ASOSU Student Fee Committee.

Student Fee Committee (SFC): Located in the ASOSU executive branch. The SFC is a committee of elected students and unit liaisons who oversee the budgeting process for the entirety of student fees. Each year, the SFC revises budgetary guidelines for the student fee-funded units, reviews executive reports, strategic plans, and final budget submissions for the upcoming fiscal year.

Ticket(s): Refers to a single election choice that fills more than one political office or seat. For example, in the ASOSU, the candidates for President and Vice President run on the same "ticket," because they are elected together on a single ballot question.

Vacant: Not held, filled, or occupied, as a position or office. Having no occupant in a seat.

Violation: An action that breaks or acts against something, especially a law, agreement, principle, or something that should be treated with respect.