



**Elections 2024**

# Voter's Guide



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# President & Vice President



**President Candidate**  
**Adrian Bernal Canales**

Hello, everyone! I'm Adrian Bernal Canales, and I'm thrilled to announce my candidacy for ASOSU President for the 2024-2025 term. Over the past two years, I've dedicated myself to ASOSU, first as the LGBTQ+ Advocacy Coordinator and currently as the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. My efforts have centered around enhancing student resources and championing initiatives related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

I am passionate about fostering an inclusive environment and have actively worked towards this by building strong foundations and relationships across campus. As your ASOSU President, I aim to continue advocating for the diverse needs of our student body, with a particular focus on students of color and our Queer and Trans community. Join me in creating a more inclusive and supportive campus for all!



**Vice President Candidate**  
**Diego Menendez**

Hey! I am Diego Menendez, and I'm running with Adrian to be your ASOSU Prez and VP. I am a third-year Physics major driven to show representation in schools that Latinos can teach more than Spanish. I am highly motivated to make a difference in my community, especially as coming to OSU has become the best decision of my life. I plan to build upon the great work done this year by improving the campus's accessibility, increasing acceptance of diversity, and working on having the student body feel heard. Since starting at OSU, I have worked as a TA, Tutor, Mentor, Peer Advisor, Deputy Diversity and Inclusion Director, Landscaper, and even a doordasher. With all these jobs, my purpose has always been about the advancement of minorities, as it is hard to be us without seeing us. I have helped work towards improving relations amongst campus, worked on the diversity action plan for the entire university, and now I am hoping to be your Vice President for ASOSU :)

## Platform Statement

### 1. Promoting Diversity Representation and Acknowledgment

- Strive for increased visibility and acknowledgment of diverse voices across campus.
- Implement initiatives to celebrate cultural diversity and promote understanding among the student body.

### 2. Building upon Existing Work and Community Partnerships

- Strengthen collaborations with existing student organizations and community partners.
- Expand upon successful programs and initiatives to further benefit the student community and foster a sense of unity.

### 3. Increasing Institutional Support for POC Students, Primarily First-Generation Students

- Advocate for increased resources and support systems tailored to the unique needs of POC students, especially those who are first-generation college students.
- Collaborate with academic services to establish mentorship programs and workshops that aid in the success of POC students.

### 4. Working Towards the Safety and Representation of Our QTBIPOC+ Community

- Prioritize the safety and representation of the Queer, Trans, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (QTBIPOC+) community.
- Advocate for inclusive policies, gender-neutral facilities, and mental health resources specifically tailored to the needs of QTBIPOC+ students.

### 5. Enhancing Institutional Transparency and Education on Student Rights

- Work towards greater transparency in institutional decision-making processes.
- Implement educational campaigns to inform students about their rights, ensuring they are aware of policies and procedures that impact their academic and personal lives.

By electing us as your ASOSU President and Vice President, we will actively work towards a campus environment that values and supports diversity, provides essential resources for underrepresented students, and ensures transparency in institutional matters. Together, let's create a campus that truly represents and uplifts every member of our student community!

# President & Vice President



**President Candidate**  
**Audrey Schlotter**

Hi Everyone! My name is Audrey Schlotter and I am a third year transfer student from Spokane Community College majoring in Public Policy, but what is more important is why I'm running, why I'm qualified, and why you are going to vote for me. During my time at SCC I found a home not only in student government, but also in student advocacy. My first term at SCC I jumped feet first into student government and soon after that my role as Student Government Vice President. I served two terms as Vice President working towards and implementing policies that widened access to mental health services, prioritized student physical and sexual health, and combated food insecurity all while NOT RAISING STUDENT FEES. My passion for student leadership led me to the ASOSU office and I'm currently the Student Engagement and Marketing Director. I have worked to increase student engagement and participation around campus and collaborated with different organizations which house large numbers of OSU students from a diverse background. I am beyond excited to take this journey with you all and cannot wait to share Zach and I's plan to Build Back a Better Beaver Nation!



**Vice President Candidate**  
**Zach Kowash**

Hey! I'm Zach and I am a third year Honors student studying Bioresource Research. When I arrived at Oregon State, I decided I was going to dive headfirst into the community I found myself in. Since then, I've worked hard to give back to the OSU community through leadership, serving on the Interfraternity Council, as an ambassador for the College of Agricultural Sciences, and lead research assistant in the College of Health, to name a few. During my time here at OSU, I've also worked hard to give back to the greater community of my home state Oregon, performing vital research specific to the challenges we face here on the West Coast. From the variety of experiences I've had throughout my academic career, I've gained a bird's eye perspective of Oregon State that will assist me as I serve students through ASOSU. I want to keep working hard to improve our Beaver Nation and the great state of Oregon, and as your ASOSU Vice President, you can count on us to continue putting Beaver Nation first. I've been able to make Oregon State my home, and I hope to help make Oregon State your home as well!

## Platform Statement

### Building Back a Better Beaver Nation **Student Experience**

College is supposed to be a time of academic growth, but more importantly, the time of our lives and we firmly believe that, in order to make it so, it is vital to find new experiences and meet new people by getting involved in our community. To advocate for the student experience, we will focus on initiatives that bolster student organizations and encourage more student engagement.

We will do this by advocating for closer collaboration between our student government and campus student councils, cultural centers, and other leadership organizations in order to support them financially and actively working with these organizations to support all students.

### **Student Health and Wellness**

The physical and mental well-being of our fellow students is our highest priority. We will advocate for improved healthcare accessibility on campus and focus on addressing stigmas around substance abuse and sexual health. To ensure a safe college experience, we will fund the distribution of Narcan and Fentanyl Test Strips to all Oregon State students. Additionally, we are committed to providing at-home STI testing to increase accessibility and reduce stigmas. Beyond this, we will implement late night hours at Dixon at least twice a week in an attempt to spread out the distribution of access so it becomes a more welcoming environment for all students. In addition we will collaborate with campus partners to destigmatize programs supporting students' basic needs.

### **Fiscal Integrity**

Currently, we are OSU students at a pivotal time within our campus's history. We won't burden you with the details of the athletic challenges we have faced but we understand this has created financial unease for students. We see and experience the struggles that students face on our campus, ranging from food insecurity and student debt, to not being able to get a ticket to the UW game. We see your struggles both big and small and we stand with you, because even in the pouring rain, Beaver Nation always shows up.

### **We want to show up for you.**

Our vision for Beaver Nation extends beyond the classroom, encompassing the lively spirit within the walls of Resser and Gill. As the ASOSU absorbs the athletics ticket budget, we vow to prioritize the student experience because we know, now more than ever, we are the community we build. As the largest, most influential part of OSU, you deserve to know where your money is going, so we promise 100% financial transparency to all students.

### **Building a Better Beaver Nation**

This being said, our primary role is to act as your representatives. As such, we will make it a priority to listen and respond to the voices of students and will look to these voices as we create a collaborative Oregon State community.

ASOSU is a government of, for, and by the students. We vow to act in your best interests as we build Oregon State University into a **Better Beaver Nation.**

# President & Vice President



**President Candidate**  
**Chandler Donahey**

Hello Beaver Nation! My name is Chandler Donahey, and I am running for ASOSU President. I'm a junior studying electrical and computer engineering, so I'm no stranger to working hard. As a self-supporting first-generation college student, I work to put myself through school, and have the drive to succeed. A leader in the OSU community, I've done everything I can to support my fellow Beavers. Co-founder and former President of the General Engineering Club, I am a leader and mentor within the College of Engineering. In addition, as a Senator, I have supported important initiatives such as a living wage for all student workers and campus micro-mobility, and have created partnerships with other advocacy organizations, such as the Residence Hall Association. In my role as Chair of the ASOSU Campus Improvements Committee, I am actively working on increasing campus lighting in a sustainable and efficient manner, with a focus on student safety. Outside of leadership, I like to keep busy. I'm an amateur pianist, marathon hiker and biker, barista, badminton player, programmer, painter, gardener, and college football enthusiast. As President of ASOSU, I promise to do everything in my power to serve and support my fellow students. Let's OpenOSU.



**Vice President Candidate**  
**Will Garrison**

I am a 3rd year Computer Science student studying graphics and user interface programming, while waist- deep in university logistics and student leadership. Today, I'm ready to serve you at the highest level as the Vice President of ASOSU. During my freshman year, I worked with Chandler to found the General Engineering Club, a small student group dedicated to funding cross-disciplinary side projects. Since then and to this day, I've served as: Administration and Finance Officer for the Residence Hall Association; Leadership Liaison for the Engineering Student Council; President of the Karate Club, General Engineering Club, and Linux Users Group; and Vice President of the Video Game Development Club.

I believe that this extensive and diverse leadership experience makes me the best person to keep your government in check and ensure that we all work hard and keep student interests at the absolute forefront of our minds. Additionally, my academic experience makes me uniquely qualified to tackle our biggest problem of information inaccessibility. When students are kept in the loop and have access to what they need, problems are solved faster, mistakes are caught earlier, and the university community becomes more effective as a whole. Let's build a better OSU.

## Platform Statement

Good day fellow Beavers,

We are OpenOSU, and the vision for our campaign is rooted in the principles of transparency, accessibility, and support for every student at our university. We are committed to truly accessible information, the expansion of student media, and having unwavering support for student-run organizations.

### **Truly Accessible Information:**

Our university is incredibly complex and can be both difficult and intimidating to navigate. As the leaders of your student government, we will work tirelessly to ensure that vital information such as financials, staff contacts, and other crucial data are easily available. Above all, we understand that transparent governance is the key to building trust between the student body and the administration, especially at a publicly funded university. Through the implementation of user- friendly platforms and regular updates, we aim to make information more than just available; it should be understandable, empowering you to engage meaningfully in the decisions that shape our university.

### **Expanding Student Media:**

A thriving university requires a well-informed student body, and we believe that a robust media is central to achieving this goal. By allocating time and resources to the Orange Media Network, we will ensure that every major OSU event is reported on, with a strong focus on the inner workings of the university. Under our administration, the expansion of student media will serve as a catalyst for student engagement and prosperity.

### **Supporting Student Organizations:**

As club leaders, we know the obstacles that student organizations face on a daily basis, and the immense impact they have on our university as a whole. From building our public image to fostering a passionate community, clubs are one of the most impactful aspects of OSU. Our priorities lay in streamlining common processes, making leadership transitions easier, and finding dedicated spaces for clubs. Your efforts and commitment should be matched with the resources and support of the university as we work toward our collective mission of building a better OSU.

OpenOSU is more than just a campaign. Rather, it is a critical part of what makes us a public university to begin with. As your leaders we promise to represent the will of the students, to listen to your concerns, and to advocate for policies that enhance the student experience. We will be transparent in our decision- making processes and actively seek your input on matters that impact you directly. We envision a university environment that prioritizes openness, values honesty, and reflects the hard work of our student body. We will be the advocates you deserve, tirelessly working to ensure that Oregon State University is a place where every student can thrive.

It's time to OpenOSU. Go Beavs!  
Chandler Donahey and Will Garrison

# President & Vice President



**President Candidate**  
**Efimya (Mya) Kuzmin**

Hi! My name is Mya Kuzmin and I am thrilled to be running for ASOSU President. I am a third year, a Public Health and Spanish major, and a proud first gen-student. Going into my second year as the ASOSU Deputy Policy Director, I've witnessed the impact of student advocacy through two administrations. I believe that we have great potential to enact meaningful and lasting change through collaboration with campus partners. ASOSU faces the challenge of annual turnover, depleting our institutional memory. But with both my experience in the Executive Branch and campus collaborations, I am confident we can create projects that outlast us. In my involvement with the Educational Opportunities Program and Greek life, I've seen a collective drive to achieve the same goal—creating a better campus. We need to make it easier for students who share this drive to participate in their student government, and we can do this by being more transparent and accessible. To reach our shared goal, all we need to do is work together—united—and I believe that I can help with that.



**Vice President Candidate**  
**Angelo Arredondo Baca**

Hello! My name is Angelo Arredondo Baca and I am honored to be running for ASOSU Vice President. I am a fourth year, a Political Science major and also a proud first gen-student. In my second year as the ASOSU Policy Director, I've witnessed and been part of how impactful student advocacy really is. As mentioned, ASOSU faces the challenge of annual turnover, especially in our ASOSU Senate. As someone who has worked in collaboration with our senate, I believe that I have the necessary experience to make sure that they feel confident when serving you. In my experience in both serving in the executive branch as well as outside of campus in the community, I am confident that I can help support our Senate, our executive branch and our president create lasting impacts that will help shape our campus for everyone. In my work, I have seen the drive and passion that students share for creating change. Our student government needs to be more accessible and transparent so that all students feel like they have a voice. These goals will take work, but I truly believe that we can work together—united—for a better campus.

## Platform Statement

As student leaders we are here to serve you. This means taking meaningful and tangible actions towards improving our campus, student experience, and wellbeing. We have shaped our campaign based on feedback from students, just like you. What we found is that students wanted results—meaning things that they could both see and benefit from. That's why each of our campaign pillars came directly from student issues. Each of them have a story behind them, just as unique as your own.

### Healthy Beavs

- **Free STI testing:** STI testing is currently unaffordable for students, with the low cost option provided by Student Health services being well over \$200. We are committed to providing accessible STI testing campus-wide so we can reduce the spread.
- **Narcans distribution:** with the rise of fentanyl in our community, it is important that our community is equipped with this life-saving drug.

### Beavs Belong

- **Expanding the Disabled Student Lounge:** the DSL currently shares its space with the MVRC in Snell Hall. Unfortunately, this location sits at the top of a very steep hill and has uneven sidewalks, making it inaccessible for disabled students with mobility restrictions. We would advocate for a new location as well as continued funding of this lounge as well as the International Student Lounge.

- **Priority Parking Passes:** students who move on campus early often are unable to get parking passes despite already being here. We would establish an early parking pass drop date for students who have been approved to move in before the parking pass date. This would include students in Bridge programs, RAs, LAs, etc.

### Sustainable Beavs

- **Increase Eco-To-Go Drop Off Locations:** many students are not returning the boxes to the proper drop-off locations, as they can sometimes be hard to find or are full. We want to add them in more high traffic locations like the MU and the SEC.
- **Terracycle Wrapper Disposal:** students are busy, and that means we often eat food on the go—unfortunately this contributes to a lot of wrapper waste. We want a pilot program that adds terracycle boxes, so students can dispose of wrappers and have them recycled into new materials, instead of going into the landfill.

### Outreach to Beavs

- **Promoting Senate:** we want to increase promotion of the ASOSU Senate's activities such as bills/resolutions being discussed, updates on projects, and opportunities for involvement
- **Increasing Outreach Staff:** we would focus more of our resources on outreach to help promote our activities and make it easier for students to know what is going on in ASOSU

### Beav Workers

- **Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA):** with increasing cost of living, our wages should reflect that. We would increase Student Fee Funded worker's wages with inflation. We also would advocate for adjustments of all student wages to a living wage matching the cost of living in Corvallis.

- **Continued Expansion of Working Hours:** we would increase the amount of hours students are allowed to work in alignment with other public universities so that students don't have to work multiple jobs.

# President & Vice President



**President Candidate**  
**Nathan Schmidt**

Hello! I'm Nathan! I'm a Junior studying Pre-Law with a minor in Indigenous Studies, and would like to pursue a career in Law. I'm from Salem, Oregon, and enjoy hiking, snowboarding, and hanging out with my two dogs. On campus, I currently sit on the Recreation Sports Advisory Board, the Memorial Union Advisory Board, and the ASOSU Advisory Board. These boards all work with the Student Fee Committee and ASOSU to help manage student funds and the operations of these units. As the current President of the Residence Hall Association (RHA), I've helped introduce programs bringing NARCAN (Naloxone) to the Residence Halls, provide mental health resources to students through wellness fairs, and secure equal access to free menstrual products in the Residence Halls. I have been in the SFC process for multiple years, serving as an ASOSU Representative last year. This year, through my other role as SFC Liaison for ASOSU, I've helped our unit cut costs and wasteful spending, helping students save money.



**Vice President Candidate**  
**Narmeen Rashid**

Hi I'm Narmeen from Portland! I am a junior studying political science and economics. I have a concentration in international affairs and plan to go into a human rights-related career. I help with undergraduate research centered on representation and environmental organizations. These past few months as an ASOSU senator my life has undergone a profound transformation. Engaging in conversations with fellow students about the challenges they face has reshaped my perspective on the crucial need for support among students. Seeing how the legislative process works and the change we are making for the student body has been very impactful. Additionally I bring experience from the budgets committee, which includes sitting on a student advisory board and learning the ins and outs of the SFC process. Outside of class, I am involved with the Muslim Student Association as the primary events coordinator. It has taught me the importance of communication and time management. When I am back home I love going to try new restaurants and boba shops. I am also always cooking and trying new recipes or I learn from my mom. I have recently gotten into rock climbing and I like climbing at McAlexander!

## Platform Statement

A vote for Nathan Schmidt and Narmeen Rashid is a vote for a more accountable and transparent student government, responsible spending with the student fee, increased inclusivity on a university level, a minimum wage raise from \$14.20, and more access to textbooks across campus. The Schmidt-Rashid ticket will fight for students and work to make college a more affordable, accessible, and attainable place for all.

Creating a culture of honesty, openness, and accountability is important. It creates an environment where people are willing to work together within and outside of ASOSU. As a team we will not tolerate unethical practices or conflicts of interests. Creating long-lasting relationships with admin that also centers on openness will help in achieving goals and passing legislation that will create a deep-rooted impact. A Schmidt-Rashid ticket will center on transparency on all sides. We believe that students should know when and how their money is spent and how ASOSU is delegating time and resources.

The Student Fee has been ballooning out of control in the last few years, placing a tough financial burden on the students of OSU. A vote for the Schmidt-Rashid ticket is a vote for implementing student fee-saving and external revenue-generating measures in our fee-funded units. We would also plan to cap increases on the student fee and encourage responsible spending. We would work to make sure students save money and keep our fee-funded units operating at their full capacity while preventing the Student Fee from ballooning out of control.

Inclusivity and diversity recognition is at the forefront of our goals for the OSU student body. Students should feel represented in every aspect of school. Students should be able to trust ASOSU to act in the interests of the student body. I know how important feeling represented is which is why I am running so those who feel like me can be seen. A Schmidt-Rashid ticket will take measures to have the university recognize students and their needs more effectively. Additionally, create avenues for students to have opportunities to voice their opinions to ASOSU.

No Student should be left behind. While the minimum wage for Student-fee-funded units and UHDS has risen recently, a large portion of students at Oregon State still make 14.20. The Schmidt-Rashid ticket will work with university administration and colleges to help encourage raising the 14.20 minimum wage. The cost of books on campus has risen quite dramatically in the past few years, with the average college student paying \$300 a term for books. The Schmidt-Rashid ticket will work with the Basic Needs Center, the Valley Library, and the OSU Academic Faculty to provide more access to low-cost/free textbooks and help expand textbook access across campus. We'll also work to find better solutions to expensive online textbooks that can't be re-used, unlike their physical counterparts, and work to access more options and codes for students.

In short, we will work to fight for our fellow students. A vote for Schmidt-Rashid is a vote for change.

# SFC Chair



**SFC Chair Candidate**

## **Cole Peters**

My name is Cole Peters, and I am from Morgan, Utah. I am a third-year student here at OSU and I am currently majoring in Supply Chain and Logistics Management. After graduating from OSU I would like to use my degree to help manage the supply chain for a worker cooperative on the Oregon Coast. I love the Oregon wilderness, and it was a big factor in my decision to move to OSU from Utah. During my free time, I love to play board and tabletop games with my friends as well as to meet new people. I am also very interested in older technology and I love to make mixtapes on cassettes as well as fixing original game boys. I hope to use my time here at OSU to explore more of Oregon and get more involved in campus organizations.

## **Platform Statement**

During my time at OSU I have worked as an RA for the past two years and have served on the Student Fee Committee for one year. From these experiences, I have been able to witness the plurality of issues that students here at OSU face. I have chosen to run for a position on the Student Fee Committee because I believe that influencing how the incidental fee is spent is one of the greatest determining factors of student experience at OSU. If I were to be elected to the Student Fee Committee again, I will focus my efforts primarily on finding ways to increase the pay of student workers. This issue is very important to me as many like myself have to work on campus jobs in order pay for college. This makes ensuring a livable wage for on campus jobs a crucial topic as it is a determining factor in guaranteeing the success of all OSU students. I will also use my platform to ensure funding to other cornerstone OSU programs such as our Basic Needs Center and Family Resource Center.



# SFC Chair



**SFC Chair Candidate**

**Kyle Locke**

Hi, I am Kyle Locke, a junior at Oregon State University majoring in Forestry. I grew up in Beaverton Oregon where I have lived my entire life. I have a passion for the outdoors and finding ways to stay active. Some of the interests I have in my free time are hanging out with friends, working out, going to football games, and teaching myself piano. When I'm back home I enjoy mountain biking, hiking, and spending time with my family. Last summer I worked in North Idaho for the Idaho Department of Lands helping to manage timberlands and plan on doing so again this summer. A future goal of mine is to become drone pilot certified as it is increasingly becoming a larger part of the industry. After school, I plan on finding a job in the Pacific Northwest region in either the public or private sector continuing work to help better manage forests.

## Platform Statement

My reason for running for an ASOSU position stems from wanting to become more involved in the Oregon State community. Having spent considerable time at Oregon State I recognize the importance of decisions that impact the well-being of our student population. I pride myself in having an open mind and a commitment to considering all ideas, I aim to contribute to the committee's work in choosing options that best benefit the student body. If elected, I aim to allocate funds based on the information presented to me and on what is the most beneficial for the Oregon State community. Anyone who knows me personally can attest to my easygoingness when working with others. Despite the challenging time commitment this position may have, I believe I possess the necessary skill set to balance academic responsibilities and effectively fulfill the obligations of this role. Overall, I believe in having the best interests of the Oregon State community at heart when choosing where funds are to be allocated and possess important attributes that are sought after in a member of the ASOSU student fee committee.

# SFC Chair



## SFC Chair Candidate

### Lillian Judith Goodyear

Hi Beavs!

I'm Lillian Goodyear (they/she), and I'm thrilled to be running for Student Fee Committee Chair at Oregon State University. As a third-year student double majoring in History and Digital Communication Arts, I'm deeply committed to driving positive change on our campus. For the past year and a half, I've been actively involved with Orange Media Network, serving as a show producer for KBVR-TV. Currently, I hold the role of Locals Live producer for the 2023-2024 school year, where I've had the opportunity to spotlight diverse musicians not only in our Corvallis community but across Oregon. It has been an incredible privilege to utilize this platform to amplify underrepresented voices, a goal I hope to push further as Student Fee Chair.

In my free time, I love rock climbing, bothering my professors during office hours, and peeling an orange in one piece behind my back.

## Platform Statement

My primary commitment as Student Fee Committee Chair is to uplift student workers by ensuring they receive a livable wage. This means working closely with elected members to develop sustainable budget plans that prioritize funding for fair compensation and support for our students.

I believe in creating a campus environment where every student feels valued and heard. As SFC Chair I plan on amplifying minority voices and ensuring their needs are considered first in all decision-making processes. By centering harm reduction initiatives, we can support all Oregon State students and foster a culture of inclusivity and understanding. This encompasses unwavering support for student-led activities, clubs, media, and organizations, fostering a vibrant campus community conducive to the flourishing of all students.

One of my top priorities is addressing food insecurity among students. I'm committed to connecting students with the resources they need and increasing funding for the Basic Needs Center to ensure reliable access to food for all. I also want to make sure that resources and services are accessible to every student, regardless of their needs or mobility levels. This means raising awareness of existing resources and making them more readily available to everyone on campus.

As SFC Chair candidate, I am committed to relentless efforts in formulating and implementing sustainable budget plans that prioritize the welfare of students.

A livable wage should be a basic human right, not a privilege.

# SFC Chair



**SFC Chair Candidate**

## **Madison Wusstig**

My name is Maddie, and I'm running for the Student Fee Committee because I know how big of an impact our money can make. I have plenty of experience working on campus within different communities, engaging with fellow students, and advocating in higher positions to ensure we have what we need to succeed.

Currently, I hold the position of Treasurer for the Pacific Islander Association and have experience managing money to give students the best experience. I also hold three jobs on campus. I work at SOL: The initiative for BIPOC students within the LGBTQ+ community, and the Dr. Lawrence Griggs Academic Success Center for Black & Indigenous Students. I've also worked as a Diversity Learning Assistant within the dorms for the past 3 years, where I connected with students new to campus and helped them find community and support. My experience as Student Body President in high school gave me the opportunity to learn how to stand up, advocate for our needs, and listen to the community to produce what we want to see on our campus.

## **Platform Statement**

Being a queer, woman of color, I wanted to learn about as many resources as I could that would help connect me to community, help me academically, and benefit my overall experience here in college. After learning about where our student fees go, and talking with other students who had no idea, I wanted to help other students connect to as many useful resources as possible since that's what we pay for. I want to ensure it's redirected to the student body in the most impactful, useful, and accessible ways. My work on campus has given me better insight into where our money might be better spent, and what additional resources students need. Using my positions on campus, I've been devoted to connecting with students from different subcultures here on campus, and ensuring that the entire student body has equal access and knowledge about the university resources our money pays for. I'm also passionate about advocating for increased student wages, expanding basic needs services, and redirecting student fees back to students. I plan to ensure that all students, especially those from minoritized communities and untraditional students, can access them.

# SFC Chair



**SFC Chair Candidate**

## Shawn Aundrae Durr

My name is Shawn Durr and I'm a second year Bio-Health Sciences major here at OSU. I am very passionate about the healthcare system and how it is currently undeserving people (and what we can do about that!). I am currently involved with OSU Student Workers (OSUSW) as a member of its Organizing Committee, who are dedicated to fighting for student workers. In my spare time, I love playing video games (most types), watching old movies, and brushing up on my Warhammer 40k lore (I'm an Ultramarines guy if you were curious). If you ever need a guy to help you with car troubles, talk to someone else. I don't understand how cars work. I like Garfield (the cat) a lot.

## Platform Statement

ASOSU allocates over \$30 million in student fees. These fees fund a variety of services and programs for OSU students, including student employment opportunities. I am running for Chair of the Student Fee Committee (SFC) because I believe that making OSU the best it can be for students is ASOSU's most important responsibility.

I have attended numerous meetings and navigated the student fee setting process as an active member of the OSU Student Workers (OSUSW) Organizing Committee, where I took part in proposing a resolution in support of increasing student workers' wages to a living wage of \$16.65. I believe all students should have a job that pays them a livable wage and treats them first and foremost as employees-not 'student' employees.

I believe that every student should have the ability to come to OSU and pay a reasonable and affordable level of tuition and fees, and hold the administration accountable when this standard is not met. The power to create change should ultimately be in the hands of the students.

**Keeping student fees as low as possible, and prioritizing student needs above other forms of spending, is my highest priority.**

If elected, I will continue the good fight for continued support for the cultural centers here on campus, as well as the pilot cultural lounges. I would also continue efforts to budget to ensure student clubs receive sufficient funding to further their goals. The university should be more transparent with us as students. We should know why tuition is constantly going up, where our dollars are going, and what say we have in the process.

We must also prioritize environmental sustainability in university operations, more so than we do already-which has not been enough to meet the university's own goals for carbon neutrality. ASOSU can take an active role in leading the university to take steps towards a greener future and reducing its reliance on fossil fuels.

I look forward to hearing your concerns and addressing them in my campaign for SFC Chair. Please feel free to reach out to me anytime with questions. Thank you!

# SFC Chair



## SFC Chair Candidate Sophia Nowers

Hi everyone! My name is Sophia Nowers. I'm a third year student here at OSU, studying Agricultural Sciences with a minor in French. I was born and raised in Palmer, Alaska, a small farming town just north of Anchorage. I've greatly enjoyed my time here in Corvallis so far, though it's certainly very different (there are no moose for starters). Since high school I've been deeply passionate about local government, advocacy, service, and food insecurity and production issues. We make better decisions when everyone gets a say. Through my previous work with ASOSU and as Vice Chair of the Student Fee Committee, I've seen how very important it is that the views and experiences of the entire student body are expressed as budget priorities and service levels are set. In my free time, I enjoy crocheting, hiking, rock climbing, and wandering the shelves of the Valley Library looking for new books to read. If elected, I am excited to represent student voices in the student fee process. Go Beavs!

## Platform Statement

The Student Fee Committee (SFC) is an integral part of the setting of the student fee, which is charged at over \$500 per student per term. That's over \$32 million dollars in student fees that goes to services utilized by most if not all students on campus, such as the MU, Dixon Rec, free tickets to football games, the Basic Needs Center, and Student Experiences & Engagement (SEE). Students must be engaged in this process. All this money comes out of our pockets and should be used to provide services that students actually use. As SFC Chair, I will work to improve transparency in the SFC process, to ensure that students are aware of what their money goes towards and that our views are given the time and consideration they deserve.

Every year, tuition and fees increase, and it's no secret that the cost of college is a heavy burden on students. I pledge to work with unit budget managers to lower the student fee while maintaining current service levels, so none of the amenities that students use are cut. I will also continue the work started by the current ASOSU administration to establish a uniform student minimum wage across campus that is above the Oregon minimum wage. Student fee funded units employ more than 1000 student workers who are paid a minimum of \$16.38/hour; other departments, including UHDS and academic departments, should pay a comparable amount.

Additionally, as SFC Chair, I will prioritize environmental sustainability on campus and amongst student fee funded units. As the record high temperatures and unpredictable weather of the last few years has shown us, the climate is changing, and rapidly. I will push units and the university to prioritize net zero- and renewable energy projects to reduce our carbon footprint and hopefully our energy costs. For example, ASOSU SafeRide is looking to add electric vehicles to its fleet using reserve funds; as SFC Chair, I will support and search for projects like this that reduce emissions while not increasing costs for students.

I look forward to hearing your perspectives on the student fee process and hope we can work together to lower fees and build a stronger campus community. As a student body with control over this much money, we can create a huge amount of positive change at OSU. The student fee should be set and allocated at a level where all students get the most bang for their buck—where the fee is as low as possible but the services we all use and benefit from can still be provided.

# SFC At-Large Member



SFC At-Large Member Candidate

## Cole Peters

My name is Cole Peters, and I am from Morgan, Utah. I am a third-year student here at OSU and I am currently majoring in Supply Chain and Logistics Management. After graduating from OSU I would like to use my degree to help manage the supply chain for a worker cooperative on the Oregon Coast. I love the Oregon wilderness, and it was a big factor in my decision to move to OSU from Utah. During my free time, I love to play board and tabletop games with my friends as well as to meet new people. I am also very interested in older technology and I love to make mixtapes on cassettes as well as fixing original game boys. I hope to use my time here at OSU to explore more of Oregon and get more involved in campus organizations.

## Platform Statement

During my time at OSU I have worked as an RA for the past two years and have served on the Student Fee Committee for one year. From these experiences, I have been able to witness the plurality of issues that students here at OSU face. I have chosen to run for a position on the Student Fee Committee because I believe that influencing how the incidental fee is spent is one of the greatest determining factors of student experience at OSU. If I were to be elected to the Student Fee Committee again, I will focus my efforts primarily on finding ways to increase the pay of student workers. This issue is very important to me as many like myself have to work on campus jobs in order pay for college. This makes ensuring a livable wage for on campus jobs a crucial topic as it is a determining factor in guaranteeing the success of all OSU students. I will also use my platform to ensure funding to other cornerstone OSU programs such as our Basic Needs Center and Family Resource Center.



SFC At-Large Member Candidate

## Dylan Perfect

Hi! My name is Dylan Perfect. I am a longtime Beaver wrapping up my Honors Thesis with plans to pursue another degree at OSU after completion. I have never lived far away from OSU, growing up in nearby Albany. My involvement on campus has included working with Sunrise Corvallis, ASOSU, the Ecampus Environmental Alliance Club (EEAC), and currently sitting on the Climate Action Advisory Board for the City of Corvallis, among other groups. I have met and learned from many others who are passionate about improving the world around them, and look forward to continuing that work into the future.

## Platform Statement

Over \$35 million in student fees is allocated by the Student Fee Committee (SFC). That's a lot of money, but most importantly of all, it's **your** money!

With the rising cost of tuition and fees year after year, I am running to help reduce the burden upon students and support the wellbeing of the student body. I bring extensive experience working within ASOSU, where **I have previously served as ASOSU Vice President, as the Coordinator/Director of Government Relations, and as a Student Senator.**

I have also worked beyond ASOSU to drive institutional change. Most recently, I have been involved as a member of the **Organizing Committee for OSU Student Workers (OSUSW)**, advocating for better wages and working conditions for student workers across the university.

I helped organize and lead efforts in 2021-22 and 2023-24 to raise the minimum student workers' wages overseen by the SFC. In 2021, working alongside my friend and colleague, ASOSU President Dhru Patel, we secured a \$15 living wage for all fee-funded student workers, which was also adopted by several large non-fee funded units, including UHDS. We also successfully advocated for a pilot investment in the International Students' and Disabled Students' Cultural Lounges now located in the MU and Snell Hall.

My more recent advocacy with OSUSW has focused on raising wages to match the rising cost of living over the past two years, particularly through our petition, resolution, and proposed funding package for a \$16.65 cost-of-living adjustment for student workers.

As a member of the OSUSW Organizing Committee, I am pleased to support the core five priorities of its **#LaborBeavs** electoral slate:

- 1. Student Jobs and Livable Wages**
- 2. Tuition and Fees Affordability**
- 3. Social Justice and Equity**
- 4. Institutional Accountability**

**5. Environmental Sustainability and Climate Justice**  
(Check out the full **#LaborBeavs** platform at [platform.osusw.org](https://platform.osusw.org), or [@osustudentworkers](https://www.instagram.com/osustudentworkers) on Instagram!)

**If elected to the SFC, I promise to keep an open door to all constituents and consciously scrutinize and reduce unnecessary or wasted student fee spending.** I will prioritize student services, job opportunities and livable wages, as well as social, economic, and environmental justice at OSU.

# SFC At-Large Member



SFC At-Large Member Candidate

## Elizabeth Eckman

I am Eliza Eckman, a second-year student majoring in history with a minor in math. In the future, I hope to become a teacher or work for an environmental advocacy organization. I come from Roseburg, a small town located south of Eugene. I am a current senator on the Budgets Committee. I have worked to amplify student voices through voting on legislation backing a living wage for student workers. I attend the ASOSU and Rec Sports student advisory board meetings, helping the Senate to stay informed about budget plans. I also run on the cross country and track teams.

### Platform Statement

I am determined to make a difference on campus by listening to the needs of all Oregon State students. I hope to **work with the Sustainability Council** to draft and support legislation that clubs and organizations have found important. Additionally, by working alongside the student advisory boards, I wish to **improve the allocation of the student fee** by polling students to identify the items we consider most necessary and trying to find ways to decrease the student fee. I **support a living wage for student workers** and think that it should be adjusted annually. I want to **lower the barriers to tutoring** that students face by expanding available resources.



SFC At-Large Member Candidate

## Kieran Hostetler-McLaughlin

My name is Kieran Hostetler-McLaughlin. I am a second-year computer science major. I'm active in several organizations at Oregon State University including computing-related organizations such as the Security Club, the Robotics Club and the Linux User's Group and political organizations such as Sunrise Corvallis and the Young Democratic Socialists of America. During my spare time I can be found reading and drawing and if I can get some people together, I love a good TTRPG game.

### Platform Statement

Thank you for reading my platform for the Senate. I am running on a platform of helping student workers, lowering the cost of attending OSU, social justice, accountability and transparency, and environmental sustainability. If elected, I will work to:

#### **Raise Wages for Student Workers:**

While the growth of the student incidental fee has greatly outpaced inflation, by contrast, wages funded by the fee have not kept up with inflation. Many students who wish to go into research are forced to take positions where they aren't paid at all. I will work to ensure that all student workers are paid an inflation adjusted living wage.

#### **Reform the Student Fee Committee:**

If elected, I will work to reform the Student Fee Committee to be more representative of students overall. There are only six elected members on the committee currently, out of fourteen total, and many students are not aware of how to participate in the process. I would work with other members of the committee and senators within ASOSU to help develop solutions to improve this engagement and representation.

#### **Address Disasters Brought on by the Climate Crisis:**

I will work to bolster climate resilience in Corvallis and at OSU by supporting better-defined extreme weather preparedness protocols such as the establishment of an overnight cooling shelter, similar to what has been proposed by Sunrise Corvallis. I also believe we should prioritize environmental justice so that the needs of all community members are met when addressing the urgent challenges presented by climate change.

#### **Open the Library for all hours of the day:**

Ever since the library reduced its hours roughly five years ago, there has been consistent student demand to return to longer availability of the library. Students support it because it provides a quiet and accessible location for late night studying, which is an enormous resource students benefit from when studying for midterms, finals and classes. However in the event of extreme weather the library can also provide heating and cooling to students who may not have access at home.

# SFC At-Large Member



SFC At-Large Member Candidate

## Kyle Locke

Hi, I am Kyle Locke, a junior at Oregon State University majoring in Forestry. I grew up in Beaverton Oregon where I have lived my entire life. I have a passion for the outdoors and finding ways to stay active.

Some of the interests I have in my free time are hanging out with friends, working out, going to football games, and teaching myself piano. When I'm back home I enjoy mountain biking, hiking, and spending time with my family. Last summer I worked in North Idaho for the Idaho Department of Lands helping to manage timberlands and plan on doing so again this summer. A future goal of mine is to become drone pilot certified as it is increasingly becoming a larger part of the industry. After school, I plan on finding a job in the Pacific Northwest region in either the public or private sector continuing work to help better manage forests.

### Platform Statement

My reason for running for an ASOSU position stems from wanting to become more involved in the Oregon State community. Having spent considerable time at Oregon State I recognize the importance of decisions that impact the well-being of our student population. I pride myself in having an open mind and a commitment to considering all ideas, I aim to contribute to the committee's work in choosing options that best benefit the student body. If elected, I aim to allocate funds based on the information presented to me and on what is the most beneficial for the Oregon State community. Anyone who knows me personally can attest to my easygoingness when working with others. Despite the challenging time commitment this position may have, I believe I possess the necessary skill set to balance academic responsibilities and effectively fulfill the obligations of this role. Overall, I believe in having the best interests of the Oregon State community at heart when choosing where funds are to be allocated and possess important attributes that are sought after in a member of the ASOSU student fee committee.



SFC At-Large Member Candidate

## Lillian Judith Goodyear

Hi Beavs!

I'm Lillian Goodyear (they/she), and I'm thrilled to be running for Student Fee Committee Chair at Oregon State University. As a third-year student double majoring in History and Digital Communication Arts, I'm deeply committed to driving positive change on our campus. For the past year and a half, I've been actively involved with Orange Media Network, serving as a show producer for KBVR-TV. Currently, I hold the role of Locals Live producer for the 2023-2024 school year, where I've had the opportunity to spotlight diverse musicians in our Corvallis community and across Oregon. Utilizing this platform to amplify underrepresented voices has been an incredible privilege, a goal I hope to push further as Student Fee Chair. In my free time, I love rock climbing, watching basketball, and hiking with my friends.

### Platform Statement

My primary commitment as Student Fee Committee Chair is to uplift student workers by ensuring they receive a livable wage. This means working closely with elected members to develop sustainable budget plans that prioritize funding for fair compensation and support for our students.

I believe in creating a campus environment where every student feels valued and heard. As SFC Chair I plan on amplifying minority voices and ensuring their needs are considered first in all decision-making processes. By centering harm reduction initiatives, we can support all Oregon State students and foster a culture of inclusivity and understanding. This encompasses unwavering support for student-led activities, clubs, media, and organizations, fostering a vibrant campus community conducive to the flourishing of all students.

One of my top priorities is addressing food insecurity among students. I'm committed to connecting students with the resources they need and increasing funding for the Basic Needs Center to ensure reliable access to food for all. I also want to make sure that resources and services are accessible to every student, regardless of their needs or mobility levels. This means raising awareness of existing resources and making them more readily available to everyone on campus.

As SFC Chair candidate, I am committed to relentless efforts in formulating and implementing sustainable budget plans that prioritize the welfare of students.

A livable wage should be a basic human right, not a privilege.



# SFC At-Large Member



SFC At-Large Member Candidate

## Madison Wusstig

My name is Maddie, and I'm running for the Student Fee Committee because I know how big of an impact our money can make. I have plenty of experience working on campus within different communities, and engaging with students. Currently, I'm Treasurer for the Pacific Islander Association and have experience managing money to give students the best experience. I also hold three jobs on campus. I work at SOL: The initiative for QTBIPOC students and the Griggs Academic Success Center for Black & Indigenous Students. I've also worked as a Diversity Learning Assistant within the dorms for the past 3 years.

### Platform Statement

Being a queer, woman of color, I wanted to learn about as many resources as I could that would help connect me to community, help me academically, and benefit my overall experience here in college. After learning about where our student fees go, and talking with other students who had no idea, I wanted to help other students connect to as many useful resources as possible since that's what we pay for. I want to ensure it's redirected to the student body in the most impactful, useful, and accessible ways. My work on campus has given me better insight into where our money might be better spent, and what additional resources students need. Using my positions on campus, I've been devoted to connecting with students from different subcultures here on campus, and ensuring that the entire student body has equal access and knowledge about the university resources our money pays for. I'm also passionate about advocating for increased student wages, expanding basic needs services, and redirecting student fees back to students. I plan to ensure that all students, especially those from minoritized communities and untraditional students, can access them.



SFC At-Large Member Candidate

## Nathan Raschkes

As an Electrical and Computer Engineering graduate student pursuing my Master's, I navigate the complex world of circuits and algorithms with enthusiasm and dedication. Beyond the realms of academia, I find joy in the simplicity of life and the adventures it offers. Hiking through nature's wonders, traveling to new destinations and conquering mountain biking trails are my preferred avenues for rejuvenation. Parenthetically, I enjoy hanging out with friends and spending quality time with my family. Each facet of my life contributes to a rich and fulfilling journey, blending the intellectual rigor of engineering with the diverse hues of personal experiences.

### Platform Statement

In the pursuit of academic excellence and fiscal responsibility, I stand before you as a candidate devoted to principles that emphasize prudent financial management. Our journey will be marked by financial prudence, unwavering commitment to medical freedom and a strategic reduction of unnecessary expenses, all woven together in a fabric of sophistication and intelligence.

#### 1. Balancing the Budget, Enriching the Experience:

The thoughtful management of our financial resources is more than just a guiding principle; it serves as the foundation for a thriving academic environment. Let's initiate a path to budget equilibrium without undermining the core of our educational experience. Every saved resource will find its way to initiatives that enhance our shared learning journey.

#### 2. Medical Freedom, Grounded in Wisdom:

I champion the cause of medical freedom not as an ideological stance, but as a beacon of reason. Our decisions should be informed, grounded in scientific wisdom, and guided by individual autonomy. I pledge to safeguard your right to make informed health choices, fostering an environment where personal well-being is prioritized with sagacity.

#### 3. Cutting Wasteful Spending, Nurturing Essentials:

The surgical precision with which we approach fiscal matters is not an exercise in austerity, but rather, a commitment to channel resources where they matter most. By identifying and curtailing wasteful spending, we carve a path for investments in essential services that enrich your academic journey.

#### 4. Elevating Student Voices:

As we navigate the complexities of financial management, I commit to maintaining transparency and open dialogue. Your voices, ideas and concerns will be integral to the decision-making process, fostering an atmosphere of collaborative governance.

This campaign is not just about conserving resources, it is about cultivating a campus environment where intellectual pursuits thrive, where individual liberties are revered and where every financial decision reflects our commitment to scholarly excellence. Join me on this journey and together, we shall build a legacy of fiscal acumen and academic distinction.

# SFC At-Large Member



SFC At-Large Member Candidate

## Saegis Abbott

Born about a mile from campus where my parents met as students, OSU has always felt like a second home. My passion for business and finance, especially in tech and engineering, ignited early alongside my math skills. Now a Mechanical Engineering student, I actively seek ways to improve student life and the University as a Whole. Although my studies and responsibilities keep me busy, I find time for my passions: Hiking in the Oregon wilderness, stary night camping, and lighthearted Minecraft escapes. My nine siblings and two feline companions also add so much joy to my life.

### Platform Statement

My name is Saegis Abbott, and I'm running for the student fee committee because I believe every dollar matters. As a Senior in Mechanical Engineering, TA for Engineering Economy, and Chair of Finance for the Engineering Student Council (ESC), I've developed a keen understanding of the student experience and responsible financial management. Collaboration strengthens solutions, and from building Rockets to managing thousands of dollars in funds, I thrive on teaming up with diverse individuals to tackle challenges. My commitment to responsible spending, open communication, and student-centered priorities will ensure the fee committee serves its true purpose: a committee by the OSU students for the OSU students.

**Priority 1. Responsible Funding:** Where student fees go matters. I will advocate for allocating resources to:

- Direct student benefits: Academic support, mental health resources, career development, and initiatives that enhance our educational experience.
- Essential infrastructure: Maintenance of critical facilities and technology directly impacting our daily lives.
- Careful evaluation: Every spending decision will be scrutinized to ensure maximum value and benefit for students.

**Priority 2. Accountability for Every Cent:** We deserve transparency. I will champion:

- Clear budget breakdowns: Easily accessible and understandable information on fee allocation and spending.
- Regular student engagement: Open forums, town halls, and surveys to solicit student input and concerns.
- Independent audits: Third-party evaluations when possible to ensure responsible and efficient fund management

**Priority 3. Reducing the Student Fee Burden:** We understand the financial pressures students face. I will work towards:

- Cost-effective alternatives: Exploring cost-saving measures and seeking external funding wherever possible.
- Prioritizing core needs: Focusing on essential services over non-essential expenditures.
- Advocating for alternative resources: Collaborating with student organizations and alumni networks to seek additional funding for valuable initiatives.

As TA and ESC Chair of Finance I've honed my financial management skills, fostered collaboration, and tackled challenges head-on. My analytical expertise will translate seamlessly to responsible fee allocation, while my commitment to teamwork ensures all voices are heard. Above all, my passion for

OSU drives my desire to be a responsible steward of our resources, making every dollar work for the betterment of our student community. **Go Beavs!**



SFC At-Large Member Candidate

## Spencer Thomas Kowash

Hi, my name is Spencer Kowash and I'm from Klamath Falls, Oregon.

I'm a first year here at OSU and I'm pursuing a degree in Bioengineering and pre-med. When I'm not studying or doing homework, you can find me working on my car, dancing to some T-Swift, or watching football (Go Birds!). The things that keep me going are an overwhelming amount of Red Bull, good conversation, and any movie with Robin Williams in it. I can't wait to meet you all and help serve as an ASOSU Senator!

### Platform Statement

Growing up in a small town, I learned that a strong community can overcome any challenge that comes their way. I also learned that strong communities are built upon everyone being able to have their voice heard. These are values that are essential to making a small town, but should be applied everywhere, including OSU. If I'm elected to ASOSU, I want to ensure that every student here at OSU feels like their voice can be heard, create a welcoming environment, and overcome the challenges we will face.

I want to make sure every voice is heard, and I want to do that by always having my door open to anyone and everyone. I promise to respond to any email, text, or call that comes my way. I believe the voices of the students are important, and I know that their opinions and thoughts deserve to be heard by those that are responsible for making change. Listening to our student body is how we learn about the challenges that we need to face, and if we don't know about what challenges there are, we can't solve them.

As a freshman at OSU, I felt welcomed, but I noticed a few things that we could do better. One of the major things that I saw was the way that we promoted clubs. Clubs shouldn't be promoted only to certain colleges; every college and every major should be exposed to all the amazing clubs that we have here at OSU. On top of the clubs, I want to make sure that students are aware of all the resources they have available to them, academic and otherwise. I want to make sure that information regarding all of OSU's resources is easily accessible and given to all students. It's easy to forget that even though we have separate colleges, we aren't stuck in them. There are opportunities all throughout OSU, and they shouldn't be exclusive to one college or even honors. I want to promote clubs across the entire university and increase the amount of exposure they get from outside their main college.

# Senator - Undergraduate



**Senator Candidate**  
**Adison Rowe**

My name is Adison and I'm majoring in Environmental Sciences. I love the beach, it's partially why I came here from Colorado Springs. A lot of my free time has been spent obsessing over cats or as Vice President of the gaming club. You may have seen me running our GameFests with hundreds of attendees, and I personally am a big fan of Board Games and Smash Bros. I also work at the IT service desk. If you need any computer help, or wanna chat about ASOSU over some games, don't hesitate to reach out :)

## Platform Statement

I originally got involved with ASOSU when club funding was overdrawn, which affected every club around campus. As such, the first goal on my agenda is **increased resources for clubs**. I've also advocated for increased student wages at previous ASOSU meetings - I will continue to propose and push for **increased pay and benefits for student workers**. In recent years, the student incidental fee has increased exponentially which, obviously, comes at a cost for students. Rather than increasing the fee I hope to reallocate current underused fees to pay for new proposals to **maintain or reduce the amount students pay**, while still ensuring the benefits that ASOSU provides. Personally I've found that ASOSU is mostly accessible to those already involved. I'd like to start changing this and **improve outreach to students** by either personally tabling or setting up newsletters. My academic studies have shown me we need to **improve sustainability and environmental justice** on our campus. With every action I take in and out of the senate, I will act with intent to have **diverse voices heard, and diverse needs met**.



**Senator Candidate**  
**Alexa Gomez Silva**

Hello everyone!

I'm Alexa Gomez Silva. I'm a first-year at Oregon State University studying Psychology/Spanish on a Pre-Law track. I'm extremely passionate about family law and hope to become a family lawyer after graduating from law school. I'm also an avid volunteer. I volunteer mostly in park recreation (specifically tending to roses at Avery Rose Garden), soup kitchens, and was awarded the 'President's Volunteer Service Award' (bronze pin) for 170 documented hours of service. I'm fervid about affordable housing and sustainability and have dedicated some time to research methods where I can help.

## Platform Statement

As a Chicana woman from Downey, CA, my socioeconomic background is a little different than most people. I grew up in a city in the Southeast area of Los Angeles where the financial situations of most were not suitable for a sustainable, healthy life. Persons experiencing homelessness are just around 75,600 individuals in Los Angeles county (as of 2023). In the Linn-Benton and Lincoln county alone in Oregon, there are around 700 houseless individuals (as of 2022). I worry most about the homeless population because I would not want any student feeling as if they are on the brink of becoming a statistic. Because of a lack of funding, and education, it is important to me that all parties are educated on homelessness and the resources we can provide or take advantage of. Through education and sustainability I hope to slowly work up to helping the larger houseless population.

A main focus would be on students and their financial literacy. As rent is raised, and inflation takes over this can cause stress to students. One way to start assisting students is to establish resources such as Jackson Street's (including but not limited to: Supported Housing, Life Skills Building, Mental Health, Education & Employment, Case Management, Aftercare) on our campus. I am aware that OSU has similar programs through the Basic Needs Center, however, implementing financial literacy programs on campus and potentially adding a course dedicated to it would be ideal (the more the better). One previous goal students had is also on my roster, and that is: reintroducing the idea of raising the student minimum wage.

And while following Tina Kotek's housing production bill is important, I also want to ensure that we are following ethically sustainable solutions for affordable housing, as well as an increase in housing, awareness, and resources. Following sustainable ways to keep Oregon's carbon footprint as small as possible is an ideal place to start. This includes thoroughly backing Oregon State University's sustainability mission while adding solar panels to housing and parking lots/structures.

# Senator - Undergraduate



**Senator Candidate**  
**Camryn Lau**

Hi everyone! My name is Camryn Lau and I am a second-year nutrition major from the Portland-metro Area. **I am running for re-election into the ASOSU Senate.** In my current role as a senator on the Budgets Committee, I have advocated for a student living wage and co-authored legislation calling for mentorship expectations for research credits. Here at OSU, I am a Student Health Advisory Board member, conduct research in the College of Health, and volunteer with CEL and at the Basic Needs Center. When I'm not working as a medical scribe, I enjoy crocheting, and baking sourdough bread.

## Platform Statement

I am committed to advocating for and supporting the needs of ALL Oregon State Students by:

- Advocating for a **student living wage that is adjusted for the cost of living** for ALL student workers. As the costs of everyday life continue to rise, all students should be paid for the true value of their work.
- Supporting the **eradication of student food insecurity**, by expanding SNAP outreach programs, partnering with UHDS to provide more affordable and nutritious meals (including Food for Thought Programs and Make Cents Meals), and working with the Basic Needs Center. Students should be focused on their classes—not about sourcing their next meal.
- Ensuring appropriate spending of student fee money.** This term alone, student mandatory fees totaled \$783.12 That's over \$2000 dollars per academic year! Let's make sure that your hard earned money is not being wasted.
- Supporting preventative health measures** like CCare (free contraceptive care), promotion of the new Student Health Services building, and CAPS peer support programming.

This is only a small sampling of the initiatives that I am passionate about. ASOSU is about student voices, not mine. As a senator, I will continue to put your interests first, and I am dedicated to fighting for your success. As a student you have the power to make a change. Make your voice heard by casting your vote. Go Beavs!



**Senator Candidate**  
**Carter Hawes**

My name is Carter Hawes, I'm currently a third-year student at Oregon State and I'm studying Supply Chain and Logistics Management for business. I enjoy going on hikes, creating music, and mountain-biking.

## Platform Statement

Hello Oregon State, my name is Carter Hawes, and I am running for the role of ASOSU Senator for the 2024-25 academic year. I'm passionate about amplifying your voices and driving meaningful change on campus. As a third-year student here at OSU, I am invested in the wellbeing of my peers, and intend to vote towards initiatives to improve the student-campus experience. I am a strong advocate for mental health and believe all students should be able to receive the support and care they need. Our university thrives on diversity, and I will work hard to create and maintain an inclusive environment where everyone's thoughts and ideas are valued. It's our duty to protect our planet. I'll advocate for the expansion of current and future eco-friendly practices like waste reduction and renewable energy initiatives. By prioritizing sustainability, we'll create a greener campus and maintain its beauty for future generations to thrive. Thank you for considering me as your next Senator.

# Senator - Undergraduate



**Senator Candidate**  
**Christina Lewandowski**

I am a Political Science major with a minor in Philosophy in the class of 2025. As the Founder and Co-President of The Students for Reproductive Freedom club at Oregon State I have found how important working as a team is, and listening to other people. I think one of the most important aspects of life is people and how we can change other people. I want this position because I know that I can be a voice for students. I want to lead in a benevolent way that helps others and makes a difference for individuals, as well as lead with transparency.

## Platform Statement

In the ASOSU senate I would lead as someone who wants to promote transparency and listen and hear individuals out. I am dedicated to creating a space where there is fair representation for everyone. I am interested in making sure that if someone has an issue or a proposition that these issues are brought to the attention of a larger group. I believe that in this position I can take a step back from my personal beliefs in order to lead in an unbiased way. I believe that everyone's ideas and wants need to be heard and I know from my leadership experience that I can lead in a way that represents everyone. As a founder of Students of Reproductive Freedoms and previous team Captain of Oregon State Mock Trial I know how to work as a team. I am also working on undergraduate research uncovering how to increase minority voters in elections.

Moving onto policies I support, As founder and co-president of Students for Reproductive Freedoms, we started from scratch and now have around 20 members in our club. We advocate for women's reproductive health and protecting this right, following the overturn of the Dobbs decision. One of the policies I feel strongly about and would move to implement as a senate member is having the abortion pill offered on campus. California schools have already implemented the pill on college campuses, and I feel strongly about this. I also feel strongly about policies that endorse diversity and promote inclusion. I believe that minority voices need to be uplifted and will support policies that protect diversity and inclusion in our community at Oregon State. Another policy I would endorse is Oregon State University helping with housing for lower income students that do not have access to housing near campus that are not freshman. There are so many students that work multiple jobs on top of attempting to pay for school and either have to live at home or commute far to campus. Policy that would help these lower income students I would endorse.



**Senator Candidate**  
**Destiny Jones**

Hi OSU Students! I'm Destiny Jones and I'm in my third year, majoring in Public Health with an option in Health Promotion and Health Behavior and a minor in Political Science. You can find me on-campus mentoring students at the Dr. Lawrence Griggs Center, serving as a Diversity Learning Assistant educating residents on various social justice issues, and on the board of the Black Student Union connecting with Black students at OSU, where I've learned the power of community and collaboration. My passion for advocacy and student rights fuels my vision for OSU—to enhance academic resources, promote diversity, and establish open communication channels.

Destiny Jones  
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## Platform Statement

Hey OSU students! I'm Destiny Jones, thrilled to run for Senator in the ASOSU election. As a dedicated representative, I'll ensure your voices are heard, fostering an environment where every student finds a sense of belonging in our community. As Senator, I'll bridge the gap between you and the student government, advocating for your concerns and contributing to a positive school experience.

### Key Priorities:

1. Student Advocacy:
  - I'm not just here to represent you; I'm here to actively listen, respond, and act on your concerns, suggestions, and feedback. My commitment is more than a promise—it's an open-door policy for accessibility and responsiveness. Your voice matters, and I'm dedicated to being a strong advocate for you.
2. Community Engagement:
  - Let's work together to make a positive impact beyond our campus. Starting community service initiatives, encouraging student involvement in local projects that benefit not just us but the wider community. By collaborating with clubs and organizations, we can create a vibrant and inclusive school community that everyone can be proud to be a part of.
3. Academic Support:
  - Your academic journey is essential, and I'm here to help you see it through. Improving low-income academic resources to support various student needs, my goal is to work with our diverse student body, from traditional to non-traditional students. Advocate for policies that promote a healthy work-life balance, especially for those balancing jobs and education.
4. Inclusivity and Diversity:
  - Our strength lies in our diversity. Let's engage with students from all backgrounds and ensure that everyone feels seen and heard. I'll actively support initiatives celebrating our school's cultural diversity, fostering an environment where everyone can thrive and contribute their unique perspectives.
5. Financial Transparency:
  - Your financial contributions deserve transparency. I'll work tirelessly to ensure clarity in the allocation of student fees. Let's advocate for transparent reporting, so you know exactly how your fees contribute to various programs and services. Your trust in our financial decisions is paramount.

Together, let's build an inclusive, supportive, and responsive school community. I'm committed to tirelessly advocating for your concerns and making positive changes.

Destiny Jones  
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# Senator - Undergraduate



**Senator Candidate**  
**Donovan Morales-Coonrad**

Hi Beavers! I'm Donovan Morales-Coonrad and I'm a third year Political Science Major with an Option in Law and Politics and a Minor in Ethnic Studies. While at OSU, I have held the positions of Event Coordinator for both the POC in Politics and Law club and the Pre-Law Society. As an outside viewer to ASOSU, I have observed that they have overlooked key groups. Diversity is important to me, and making sure that we have a wide range of student voices is an important issue. I plan to be the voice for all the students here at Oregon State!

## Platform Statement

Better access to mental health

- Besides focusing on school work, maintaining a healthy mental state is super important during our stressful lives on and off campus. The stressors of classes, homework, work, clubs, sports, and other outside activities, our current CAPS system should not be one of them, however, it is for many students. For many students, the things holding them back from obtaining the help they need is the current strenuous process of obtaining a CAPS meeting or counselor.
- Mental health also comes in different forms. There is such a diverse population here at Oregon State and sometimes these diverse groups are the ones that feel the most lost. We need a higher amount of mental health groups, specialists, and resources to reflect our student population.
- Overall, Students need to be able to make sure that the Health and Wellness fees that they are paying for are actually being used by them, and reflect the issues that are trying to be fixed.

Overall Fiscal Transparency

- As students there is a lot that we don't know what goes on with our fees and where that money goes. When a student is already working so hard on getting to college, I want to make sure these surprise student fees aren't what is holding a student back. I want to be someone to hear the grievances, report to ASOSU, and discuss the topics with the student body. I am an open book and I am not afraid to speak up on behalf of the student body.

More participation in ASOSU

- I have never been a part of ASOSU, and the main reason that it was due to the fact that there is such a disconnect from those on campus and the ASOSU body. If elected, I want to make sure that ASOSU runs hand in hand with the Cultural Centers, Clubs, and Councils as so much of our student population interacts with these communities daily. With a large amount of outreach to these groups, we can make sure that every OSU student feels not only heard, but represented.



**Senator Candidate**  
**Elizabeth Eckman**

I am Eliza Eckman, a second-year student majoring in history with a minor in math. In the future, I hope to become a teacher or work for an environmental advocacy organization. I come from Roseburg, a small town located south of Eugene. I am a current senator on the Budgets Committee. I have worked to amplify student voices through voting on legislation backing a living wage for student workers. I attend the ASOSU and Rec Sports student advisory board meetings, helping the Senate to stay informed about budget plans. I also run on the cross country and track teams.

## Platform Statement

I am determined to make a difference on campus by listening to the needs of all Oregon State students. I hope to **work with the Sustainability Council** to draft and support legislation that clubs and organizations have found important. Additionally, by working alongside the student advisory boards, I wish to **improve the allocation of the student fee** by polling students to identify the items we consider most necessary and trying to find ways to decrease the student fee. I **support a living wage for student workers** and think that it should be adjusted annually. I want to **lower the barriers to tutoring** that students face by expanding available resources.

# Senator - Undergraduate



**Senator Candidate**  
**Emerson Pearson**

Heyo! I'm Emerson, I'm a Political Science major and History minor. You might've bumped into me on campus helping host one of the OSU Gaming Club's Gamefests, as I've been an officer for the club for over two years. I'm also part of the OSU Forensics team, where I compete in both IPDA Debate and Impromptu Speaking. In my free time, I am a student activist who has advocated for the rights of student workers. I'm a Leo, I have a little fluffy cat named Boschloo, and I'm 5'4 and 3/4ths in person but 5'5 at the DMV.

## Platform Statement

I was inspired to run for the ASOSU Senate because of my work as a student activist. In my experience— despite the students within ASOSU having great goals and intentions —there has been a historical tendency towards the discussion of good ideas, yet a lack of decisive action. As a Senator, I hope to work with both university administration and the student body to turn those ideas into reality and bring distinct, material change to Oregon State University. As such, I will strive to:

- **Prioritize action** and streamlined, productive discussion, increasing the amount and significance of bills and resolutions.
- **Increase student worker wages** within student incidental fee-funded units while simultaneously advocating for an **inflation-adjusted university minimum wage** of at least \$16.65 an hour.
- Promote additional **resources for clubs and organizations** and facilitate regular meetings with club leaders.
- Advocate for **reforms to health services** such as CAPS and SHS to ensure accessibility to all students.
- Work directly with sustainability activists on campus to **mitigate OSU's climate impact** with an emphasis on local climate justice.
- Fight to **lower student incidental fees** and prevent increases to students' financial burden through reallocation and critical assessment of expenditures.
- Remove barriers to entry for students looking to engage with ASOSU by **increasing transparency** and ensuring that public meeting law is upheld by all bodies.
- Recognize the political impact of ASOSU and **promote a progressive, inclusive, and equitable vision** of OSU.
- Encourage accountability through **amplifying diverse student voices**, including and especially those that disagree with me.
- **Build a culture of respect and communication** not only between student government members, but also between the student body and ASOSU.



**Senator Candidate**  
**Emily Lilak**

My name is Emily Lilak and this is my first year at Oregon State. I am currently majoring in marketing. I am from the Aloha, Beaverton area and have an overall interest in leadership and serving my community that is deeply rooted in me. I have always been a natural leader, I was involved in my school's leadership for all four years. The last two years of highschool I was actively involved in officer positions, specifically being the head of our communications team. During my free time I like to spend time with my family, do homework in coffee shops, try new restaurants, and nanny as I have been working with children for several years now.

## Platform Statement

My name is Emily Lilak and I would be more than excited to serve my school and community as a senator this coming school year. As a senator my focus will be on the students, our community, and academic excellence. I will accomplish these goals by always being motivated and excited to communicate with students, teachers, administration, and overall community. This is something that I enjoy and have experience in. I have advanced skills in communication, and working with others whether it be in a team setting or a one on one basis.

I will focus on the students in our community and their opinions. I believe that everybody's opinions and concerns should be heard and given attention. I am a very open person and communicative and would be more than happy to take concerns in our community to others so we can come to solutions to make our community a better place, where everyone feels heard and represented.

As a new student here at Oregon state, I have experienced how daunting it can be to start a new chapter of your life and experience new things. I believe that by creating a bigger sense of community in our school that we can be more welcoming. Community is beyond important in a school environment and can help so much in making the transition to college as smooth as possible for other incoming students.

Academically, I have not always had the best experience. Personally, typical learning strategies and standardized testing has not been something that I have been particularly successful in. I have had to find new strategies and get help and access to the resources that I need. In these situations it can be hard to know who to reach out to, and where to really even look for help. I do not believe that finding the help that you need academically should be as difficult as it can be. I plan to create more of a voice for other students with learning disabilities. I strongly believe that everyone should have an opportunity to be academically successful.

Thank you for the support,  
Emily Lilak

# Senator - Undergraduate



**Senator Candidate**  
**Henrietta Rutaremwa**

Hey Osu fam! I'm Gloria Rutaremwa Henrietta a senior majoring in political science with an entry to pre law, am a nature lover and love everything about life.

## Platform Statement

I'm running to be your go-to person, especially for our incredible international student community. You see, I get it – being away from home, navigating a new culture, it's a lot. But guess what? I'm here to be your voice, your advocate, and that friendly face you can count on.

First off, let's talk about diversity – it's not just a buzzword. Our campus is a melting pot of cultures, and that's what makes us awesome. I want to make sure every international student feels heard and represented. It's not about where you're from; it's about making sure everyone's story is part of the bigger picture.

Now, being the middle person – that's my jam. I'm not here just to make promises; I'm here to get things done. Have a problem with paperwork, or confused about a policy? Let me be the bridge between you and the university. We'll sort it out together. No one should feel lost in the bureaucratic maze.

And let's not forget the fun stuff! We're all here to learn, but we're also here to make memories. I want to organize events that celebrate our diversity, bring us all together, and make our time here a blast.

Being a voice for all students means understanding that we're a team. Whether you're from the next town over or halfway around the globe, your concerns matter. Let's break down those communication barriers and make sure every student, regardless of where they're from, feels at home here.

So, when you're casting your vote, think about the person who's not just promising change but is ready to roll up their sleeves and make things happen. I'm excited to be that voice for you, Osu. Let's make this university experience one for the books – together!



**Senator Candidate**  
**HeRan Gao**

Hello, my name is Teddy and I am running for a Senator position! I am a Freshman that's made in China but has Sophomore standing. Don't let that fool you because I'm very motivated to do whatever I can to make this university a better place. Currently, I am involved in the Honors College Student Association as the First Year's Chair, I've hosted many events that regularly serve over a hundred residents at West and Sackett. My goal in running for Senator is to give back to this wonderful community by offering my hard work and commitment!

## Platform Statement

Picture this, a boy in his senior year of high school pushing and fighting on an exam that will determine college credits, but at the same time fighting colleges to be considered a domestic, in-state student instead of an international student. After residing in the US for eight years, being considered an American student from Oregon seemed like a sure shot, but it ended up being the toughest battle he's yet to face. That boy was me. Last year at around this time, and right when every college denied my request to be considered domestic, OSU rolled around and offered me in-state tuition. The reason I'm telling this story is because I want you all to understand what OSU means to me. This very school offered me a lifeline when the University of Oregon, the University of Washington, and many other colleges refused to consider me as a domestic student, and for that, I am extremely grateful. In China, we have a saying, and it goes "The kindness of a drop of water when you're dying of thirst should be repaid by a spring of water." To me, this means offering my service back to the community that accepted me.

You might not consider me as the most knowledgeable or the most experienced with me being only a Freshman, but I assure you I have worked hard to excel at any field I've set my mind to. During my short few months here I've already led 3 events at West and Sackett Hall, I've volunteered at other Honors College Student Association events, and currently, I am the CEO for a micro-business competition in my business class. My work ethic has always been to give it my all or not apply in the first place, because in the end I always aim to stand next to my work with beaming pride.

As someone who's done congress for speech and debate events, I am somewhat familiar with the process of the Senate. Still, never the less I am eager to learn and absorb whatever information's out there to better our community!



# Senator - Undergraduate



**Senator Candidate**  
**Jacob Field**

Hi! I'm Jacob, and my pronouns are he/him/his and they/them/theirs. This is my fourth year at OSU studying Electrical and Computer Engineering. I transferred here in 2020 from a community college, and will be graduating in June 2025. I am the first of my family to attend college, I come from a low income background, and I am queer. In my free time, I enjoy hiking, baking and cooking, taking care of my houseplant collection, tinkering with old technology, and playing board games with friends. If you see me around campus, feel free to say hi!

## Platform Statement

**Gendered spaces:** Many trans, nonbinary and gender nonconforming students do not feel safe using bathrooms and locker rooms at OSU. Despite some efforts to improve this situation (IE, valley library bathrooms, or gender neutral bathrooms in some newer buildings) this is still a significant problem. I firmly believe that degendering bathrooms, making bathroom stalls more private, and creating more single-user bathrooms will benefit all students in creating a more comfortable and safe experience, and will be advocating for this.

**Respect for gender identities:** I believe OSU needs to push for better inclusivity, visibility and recognition of trans, nonbinary and gender nonconforming identities. I would push to encourage professors and faculty to include pronouns by default in introductions (this is something I never see in my school, the COE). I would also encourage administration to communicate visibility and respect for queer identities as a much higher priority to staff and faculty.

**Mental health issues:** Many students have had poor experiences with mental health services on campus. While I think improvements are being made, I also think there is a lot of work to continue doing, and I intend to prioritize this as one of my areas of focus. Bringing more student feedback on the existing offerings and how they fall short is a crucial step.

**Better student pay:** Student workers don't get paid enough. I have worked several on-campus jobs and firmly believe OSU is doing their student workers a disservice with the current wages. I will push for further increases to student wages as well as a system that pays more than once a month.

Aside from these issues that are particularly important to me, it would be my duty as senator to remain up to date with issues students from all backgrounds face, especially our underrepresented and historically and currently oppressed communities. I will strive to ensure I am listening to and advocating for the needs of all our students. I plan to do this by continuing to stay engaged with other students and senators, and uplifting the voices of those who are not being heard.



**Senator Candidate**  
**Jacob Ruthardt**

Hey everyone! My name is Jacob Ruthardt, I am a second year here at Oregon State studying geology. I was born and raised in Oregon and I love exploring the outdoors of this beautiful state. I grew up in Bend Oregon and spent a ton of time in the valley and on the coast. My favorite things include fly fishing, camping, and going out to breakfast and getting a huge stack of pancakes.

## Platform Statement

Last winter break I was working my old high school job at a local pizza place in my home town. As I stood in front of the oven and spun pizzas, my boss was asking me about college (as everyone was). My boss was a fantastic guy who I really looked up to. He had strong values and always seemed to make the best of every moment in every day. He asked me how college was going, if had made any friends, and if was involved in anything. Like a song on repeat, I answered the tiresome questions with, "good, yes, no." "You're not in any clubs or sports or anything?" he asked. "No," I replied. "That is hands down my biggest regret from college," he said. He told me that he grew too comfortable keeping to himself, and he wished he could have been apart of something.

That conversation really stuck with me. I realize now that I don't just want to go to college. I want to be a part of Oregon State University. I want not only to be a part of Oregon State, but I want to make this university a better place. I want the experience of student government and really helping our student body. The senate has great responsibility to act on behalf of the students, not themselves. I wish to utilize the skills I already possess to continue to provide and create opportunities for students to get involved, in specific, I want to create a warm, open environment on campus. As a freshman, that is one thing I noticed about Oregon State, I felt at home. I want to create home for students whether it be through activities, signs, banners, or just smiling. As a student of Oregon State, I want to leave my mark. I want to help. I want to be of value. I have no partial nor prejudice; I only wish to improve the well being of the university and the student body as a whole.

# Senator - Undergraduate



**Senator Candidate**  
**Jake Hush**

My name is Jake Hush, I am a third year Environmental Economics and Policy major extremely passionate about making positive change for all students at Oregon State.

## Platform Statement

Through my experience on the Marion County Oregon Water Quality Advisory Board as an At-Large board member I have experience giving positive feedback that can help support my community, crafting budgets, and using good honest communication to build a better tomorrow.

I would appreciate every student's support on my journey to be one of your next Undergraduate ASOSU senators.



**Senator Candidate**  
**Julian Loesch**

My name is Julian, and I am a third year Oceanography major with a minor in Chemistry. I grew up in Portland and moved to Corvallis right after high school. When I'm not studying, I love reading, hiking, gaming, listening to Metal and watching old monster movies. I am very excited to be running for ASOSU Senate; I view it as an opportunity to improve the college experience for all students.

## Platform Statement

I would be overjoyed and honored to serve our Student body by taking further steps in fostering an inclusive environment on campus while promoting equity and social justice. As a member of the ASOSU Senate, I will do all that I can to keep tuition costs as low as possible, advocate for student workers, and ensure the environmental sustainability of our campus.

We all know that College tuition in America is unreasonably expensive. Education should be easily attainable for all, not a select few. In order to ensure equity and fairness in the feasibility of pursuing a higher education, I plan to scrutinize ASOSU's budgeting to **ensure that you don't pay for any more than is necessary in your tuition.**

The rights of student workers is one of my top priorities and I will work to ensure that student workers have access to more flexible hours and benefits. I will advocate for **higher wages for student workers** and minimize unnecessary fees inflating your tuition for a more affordable college experience.

As an Oceanography major, I understand the need for sustainability and a more environmentally minded campus. One of my major goals is to work with the departments within ASOSU to **limit our carbon footprint** and promote environmental justice.

Go Beavs!

# Senator - Undergraduate



**Senator Candidate**  
**Katyayani (Katya) Karlapati**

Hi everyone! I'm Katya Karlapati and I am a second-year Biochemistry and Molecular Biology major in the Honors College. Although I am from Portland, I was born in India so I am an international student. As an ASOSU senator, I advocate for students to earn a livable wage and I serve as the vice-chair of the Campus Improvement Committee where we work to improve lighting on campus. I'm on the DEJI Committee for my department and a membership development chair of Sigma Delta Omega where I met wonderful women in STEM. I look forward to making your dreams a reality!

## Platform Statement

- **Raise the minimum wage to at least \$16.65** campus-wide. Although ASOSU worked to increase the minimum wage to \$15 for jobs paid with student fees, there are still many campus jobs that have not followed suit. I will work with different departments like the Honors College to raise their wages to \$16.65 or more.
- Create an inclusive environment for all. This will be done by: making **classrooms more ADA accessible** in wheelchairs and crutches and **working with underrepresented groups** to listen to their experiences and needs.
- Increasing **accessibility to mental health services** for students. More money can be allocated to getting more counselors on campus and having lower wait times. Accessing mental health services is not something that should have a wait time.
- **Eliminate barriers of entry** to OSU for International Students. As an International student who lived in-state, applying to OSU was much harder than just filling out the common app. I will work with the International Department to make this application more streamlined and accessible.

I will be a proactive member of ASOSU to listen to the needs of the student body. Thank you so much for your time! Go Beavs!



**Senator Candidate**  
**Kieran Hostetler-McLaughlin**

My name is Kieran Hostetler-McLaughlin. I am a second-year computer science major. I'm active in several organizations at Oregon State University including computing-related organizations such as the Security Club, the Robotics Club and the Linux User's Group and political organizations such as Sunrise Corvallis and the Young Democratic Socialists of America. During my spare time I can be found reading and drawing and if I can get some people together, I love a good TTRPG game.

## Platform Statement

Thank you for reading my platform for the Senate. I am running on a platform of helping student workers, lowering the cost of attending OSU, social justice, accountability and transparency, and environmental sustainability. If elected, I will work to:

### **Raise Wages for Student Workers:**

While the growth of the student incidental fee has greatly outpaced inflation, by contrast, wages funded by the fee have not kept up with inflation. Many students who wish to go into research are forced to take positions where they aren't paid at all. I will work to ensure that all student workers are paid an inflation adjusted living wage.

### **Reform the Student Fee Committee:**

If elected, I will work to reform the Student Fee Committee to be more representative of students overall. There are only six elected members on the committee currently, out of fourteen total, and many students are not aware of how to participate in the process. I would work with other members of the committee and senators within ASOSU to help develop solutions to improve this engagement and representation.

### **Address Disasters Brought on by the Climate Crisis:**

I will work to bolster climate resilience in Corvallis and at OSU by supporting better-defined extreme weather preparedness protocols such as the establishment of an overnight cooling shelter, similar to what has been proposed by Sunrise Corvallis. I also believe we should prioritize environmental justice so that the needs of all community members are met when addressing the urgent challenges presented by climate change.

### **Open the Library for all hours of the day:**

Ever since the library reduced its hours roughly five years ago, there has been consistent student demand to return to longer availability of the library. Students support it because it provides a quiet and accessible location for late night studying, which is an enormous resource students benefit from when studying for midterms, finals and classes. However in the event of extreme weather the library can also provide heating and cooling to students who may not have access at home.

# Senator - Undergraduate



**Senator Candidate**  
**Lauren Camou**

As an Oregon State University resident, I've learned there is much to be gained from the experiences on campus for students. I am motivated to take the time to listen and hear the voice of the students, and I always have an open-door policy. I will coordinate with faculty and staff to act as a liaison between the student body and the university to move OSU to the next plateau. I value integrity and making college life the best it can be, while balancing fun, safety, and world-class education.

## Platform Statement

Oregon State University has a reputation for its passion for accelerated research beyond its geographic boundaries, breaking barriers across the globe. The impactful issues OSU works to address are world-renown, and it is imperative we support the students working to maintain this progressive academic community.

When students are unable to access quality education, we sacrifice the future of everyone. Financial barriers should not be the catalyst preventing dedicated people from attaining the knowledge they need to improve our society.

We aim to be an open forum to listen to every student, actively addressing all aspects of OSU to keep this school as outstanding as it is. With the admission rates at an all-time high, I plan to take a critical look at our admissions process to ensure students do not feel they are being reduced to a number in a big university. Minimizing the hometown feeling of Corvallis, reducing the chances of attaining housing, and limited admission into desirable courses while maintaining respectable class sizes are all issues OSU students are currently facing. Surveying where these admission rates are now coming from, and what the financial perspective is to ensure the well-being of current and future students matters. Tuition rates are rising, admission rates are rising. We need to understand how this benefits the students, and I aim to work with the faculty to delve into these processes to fully understand what can be done to promote the success and prioritization of our student body.



**Senator Candidate**  
**Leah Ann Wright**

Greetings Oregon State Beavers! I'm Leah Wright, a third-year energy and environmental policy major with a sociology minor. Currently serving as a secretary in the People of Color in Law and Politics club, I'm dedicated to enhancing transparency in fee allocation. My focus is on unveiling underutilized resources often overlooked due to insufficient promotion. I aim to bridge the information gap, ensuring all students are aware of available resources. By fostering a more informed student body, I aspire to maximize the utility of these resources and contribute to a more engaged Oregon State community.

## Platform Statement

In my campaign, I aim to address critical issues affecting students on the Oregon State campus, particularly those experienced by minoritized students. First, I intend to scrutinize and streamline the admission and enrollment processes, recognizing the challenges faced by first-generation students. Drawing from my personal experience, I understand the complexities of the Beaver portal during freshman admission. I would love to find a way to make this process more simple any way possible.

Furthermore, I advocate for enhanced transparency regarding payments and fees. All students contribute to fees, especially those residing on campus. I seek to make the breakdown of these fees more accessible, allowing students to understand and potentially opt out of certain components. Additionally, I aim to address discrepancies in services, such as student health, ensuring that advertised benefits align with the actual accessibility of these services.

Parking also poses a significant challenge within the residence halls. Residents, restricted to purchasing only R parking passes, often face difficulties finding suitable parking. I aspire to explore solutions and compromises, not only benefiting residents but also addressing the needs of staff in the residence halls. Through these initiatives, my goal is to create a more informed, efficient, and equitable campus environment for all students.

# Senator - Undergraduate



**Senator Candidate**  
**Marisa Ikehara**

Hi, my name is Marisa (she/her) and I am currently a third-year psychology major and have been involved in various organizations throughout my time at OSU such as RHA (Residence Hall Association), APASU (Asian Pacific Student Union), CSA (Cambodian Student Association), and JSA (Japanese Student Association). Additionally, I work at one of the cultural resource centers as a Leadership Liaison.

## Platform Statement

My past experiences with being a woman of color at OSU, working in one of the cultural resource centers, being part of various cultural clubs, and mentoring new students have given me insight into the experiences and needs of various marginalized groups on campus. If I were to be elected I would use this experience to try and vote for policies that would be beneficial and support marginalized groups. More specifically, I want to increase the student minimum wage, get more funding for the cultural resource centers, advocate for all student's mental well-being, and improve student access to basic needs.



**Senator Candidate**  
**Mercedes Allen**

First and foremost, let me introduce myself: My name is Mercedes Allen and I'm running for ASOSU Senate. Oregonian born and raised, I'm a first generation student that decided to return to school in the midst of the pandemic and transferred to OSU last fall. Unpopular opinion but: I found online classes to be the perfect opportunity to transition back into the academic mindset after taking some time away to help out with family and enter the workforce. I particularly enjoy art, music, and nature but you'll probably still catch me supporting athletic events from time to time! In addition to my hobbies, I'm also passionate about advocacy, social justice, and learning from different perspectives.

## Platform Statement

While my prior direct involvement with ASOSU is limited to voting in elections last winter and OSU Lobby Day with ASOSU and the University Legislative Scholars (ULS) program, I'd be honored to serve our community as a member of ASOSU Senate. Being not only a transfer student but also a first generation student, I understand how difficult it can be to navigate the complexities of university. As a result of such, my goals in ASOSU Senate are simple yet intentional, **keeping all students and their voices at the forefront**. With both the cost of living in/ near Corvallis rising in addition to tuition and fee increases, I vow continued support for **reformed student employment opportunities and incidental fee oversight**. As a student employee myself, I empathize with my peers and understand how **increased wages and better benefits** could positively impact overall student experience here at Oregon State. In addition, I recognize how frustrating incidental fee increases have become for us all, especially when access to included services can be highly variable. Revisioning budgets and analyzing where deficits may occur along with any unused or excess funds would allow for the **expansion of student services**, inevitably **increasing access**. Home to thousands of students, representing over 100 countries (per OSU Admissions), I believe it's important we continue to preserve and cultivate a sense of community for everyone through honoring campus' cultural centers, highlighting excellence, and **elevating the diverse needs of our student body**. Last but not least, I commit myself toward the Beaver Nation's continued growth in the sector of **Environmental Justice and Sustainability** as I believe that even the slightest actions toward a better environment is beneficial to all. Whether I become a Senator or not, these are values that align with who I am as an individual and my hopes for our community; for a healthy beaver dam is a healthy ecosystem!

# Senator - Undergraduate



**Senator Candidate**  
**Morgan Woodrich**

My name is Morgan Woodrich, I'm 20 years old and from Eugene, Oregon. I'm an ambitious college student who loves to stay involved, as well as striving to excel in my academics.

I attended Marist High School in Eugene through my junior year. My senior year I chose to take freshman college courses through Lane Community College and Baker Early College. My senior year I was involved in the National Honors Society engaging in several community service projects. I chose Oregon State to pursue my goal of obtaining a business and marketing degree with a minor in merchandising management.

## Platform Statement

As a candidate for the ASOSU Senate, I am committed to making sure everyone's voices in the student body are heard. I want to work hard to create an even more empowering campus environment than it already is. I would like to revolve my position around being an advocate for students, to keep the campus engaged in the community, and stay transparent and keep the Oregon State student body involved in changes they might see around campus.



**Senator Candidate**  
**Rebecca J Lang**

Rebecca is a full-time missionary who spent eight years in the mission field in seven different countries as a trilingual translator before returning to the U.S. and attending OSU. She is currently studying Spanish with an option in pre-medicine. Rebecca is passionate about helping pregnant and parenting students and intends to dedicate her last year to advocating for resources for them on campus. After OSU, she plans to attend an Osteopathic school of medicine. She hopes to serve her country as a physician by joining the Navy Medical Corps before returning to a life of missions in Asia.

## Platform Statement

Dear Students of Oregon State University,  
Rebecca Lang, a candidate for ASOSU Senator, stands unwaveringly committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for pregnant and parenting students.  
Rebecca recognizes the unique challenges that pregnant and parenting students face, and she is determined to be their advocate. Her platform focuses on two pillars:

**1. Expanding Resources for Pregnant and Parenting Students:**  
Rebecca aims to enhance the support structures available to pregnant and parenting students, ensuring they have access to the resources they need to navigate their academic journey seamlessly. This includes establishing a comprehensive support system that addresses academic, emotional, and tangible needs during their time at OSU. Rebecca is passionate about collaborating with the student government to create more safe, clean spaces to provide free resources such as diapers, wipes and baby formula as well as other essentials for parenting students. Recognizing the importance of a supportive environment and tangible resources, she will advocate for clean, well equipped and inclusive spaces that foster a sense of belonging for our momma and baby beavers.

**2. Education and Exposure:**  
Rebecca understands the impact of informed and empowered students, and will push for the implementation of pregnancy care programs and advertisement of OSU's amazing resources that are already available to students on campus. Students should be aware and able to take advantage of the supportive resources available to them.  
By raising awareness and educating students, she aims to create a campus community that is knowledgeable about the unique needs and challenges faced by pregnant and parenting students and let them know that they are not alone.

Rebecca Lang is not just a candidate; she is a passionate advocate for change who intends to dedicate her final year at OSU to supporting President Murthy's goal of ensuring that every student graduates—no matter their circumstance. Her plan is inclusivity, empathy, and proactive, tangible support for all members of our diverse student body. By electing Rebecca Lang as your ASOSU Senator, you are endorsing a brighter, more inclusive future for pregnant and parenting students at Oregon State University.  
Vote for Rebecca Lang— A true advocate on campus!

# Senator - Undergraduate



**Senator Candidate**  
**Roman Lewis**

Hi! I'm Lewi. This is my first year at OSU and as of right now I'm pursuing a degree in chemical engineering. I'm an avid rock climber and you can probably run into me at the Dixon or MacAlexander climbing walls. I am also somebody who's not only a musician, but someone who loves seeing concerts, especially those of smaller artists.

During my time thus far at OSU, I have made it a goal of mine to provide more opportunities for students to showcase their art and talent and hope to continue to do so through this position as senator.

## Platform Statement

Considering my past experience running campus events with the West Dining Hall Open Mics along with my past experience working in partnership with ASOSU and the RHA, I know I would be a great fit for the position of ASOSU Senator. If I am elected I hope to use my position to provide the student body a more engaging campus and explore the issues with on campus housing. Through campus events I hope to offer a platform for students of Oregon State to express themselves through campus wide events that center around the students such as the open mics or even larger concerts. With these events, there would be a platform for students of all backgrounds to express themselves and display their talent and art. This, of course, is not my only goal in running for a Senate position of ASOSU. I want to also address the issues of on campus housing. I along with many other campus residents find the cost of what we are required to pay for as first years outrageous. I want to do everything in my power to improve the campus living spaces to the best they can be to ensure that future residents can agree that prices to live here are fair. With these goals in mind, I believe that we can improve campus life to the best that it can be for all Oregon State students.



**Senator Candidate**  
**Sam Jewett**

My name is Sam Jewett and I am a third year Biochemistry student here at OSU. I am planning on continuing my education into graduate school to one day work in Pediatrics. I am currently a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and serve as the VP of Member Wellness and Development. In my free time I enjoy hiking, swimming, and listening to music.

## Platform Statement

I want to ensure that every student at Oregon State University has a voice in the ASOSU Student Government. I plan on ensuring and expanding the funding for OSU mental health programs as well as promoting an environment where there is no stigma about mental health issues. I will also push for increasing the funding of OSU public transport to expand access for students commuting from outside of campus. As a senator, I will work to keep OSU a safe place for all students by funding and creating awareness programs for drug and alcohol abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence. I believe that Oregon State has a responsibility to be sustainable which is why I will invest in programs that reduce the amount of waste we send to landfills and educate our community on sustainable practices.

# Senator - Undergraduate



**Senator Candidate**  
**Shawn Aundrae Durr**

My name is Shawn Durr and I'm a second year Bio-Health Sciences major here at OSU. I am very passionate about the healthcare system and how it is currently underserving people (and what we can do about that!). I am currently involved with OSU Student Workers (OSUSW) as a member of its Organizing Committee. In my spare time, I love playing video games (most types), watching old movies, and brushing up on my Warhammer 40k lore (I'm an Ultramarines guy if you were curious). I like Garfield (the cat) a lot.

## Platform Statement

Hi I'm Shawn Durr, did you know you have rights? The Student Bill of Rights says you do, and so do I! According to this Bill of Rights, students have the right to have their voice heard in all university policy making decisions that impact students. I believe that making OSU the best it can be for students is ASOSU's most important responsibility.

I believe all students should have a job that pays them a livable wage and treats them first and foremost as employees, not just 'student' employees. I took part in proposing a resolution that would increase student wages to \$16.65 (you may recognize me as a distinguished member of the OSU Student Workers Organizing Committee).

I believe that every student should have the ability to come to OSU and pay a reasonable and affordable level of tuition and fees, and hold the administration accountable when this standard is not met. The power to create change should ultimately be in the hands of the students.

If elected, I will continue the good fight for continued support for the cultural centers here on campus, along with the ongoing issue of club funding not being nearly enough. The university should be more transparent with us as students. We should know why tuition is constantly going up, where our dollars are going, and what say we have in the process.

We should also prioritize environmental sustainability in university operations. The environment is not something that we can fix when it's convenient for us; we must be active in getting the university to take steps towards a greener future, like divesting from fossil fuels.

We the students have the ability to make real change though ASOSU, and that's why I fight for you Corvallis!



**Senator Candidate**  
**Sianna Stone**

My name is Sianna Stone, I am a first-year student here at Oregon State University, seeking a degree in sociology with a focus in criminal justice and minoring in political science and philosophy. I am on a pre-law track with the dream of becoming a criminal attorney. I am running for a senate position within ASOSU 2024. I spend much of my time reading many books, usually nonfiction based and I really enjoy crafts. I try to express myself through painting to give a symbolic feel to my emotions. The best way to spend my time though, is being in the company of my friends.

## Platform Statement

As a member of the ASOSU Senate, I plan to enhance connections between the student body and admin, promote the expression of students, and encourage overall engagement, ensuring we incorporate all students' voices. By listening to the wants and needs of the student body and efficiently acting upon them, I will ensure that all students are being heard and supported. I especially want to help our campus continue to grow diverse initiatives, elevating the desires and needs of marginalized communities. I believe I can act as an open-minded and thoughtful voice to all people. I especially want to focus my advocacy on those who struggle with any mental illness or mental blocks by prioritizing accessible help. My goal as a senator is to bring comfort to all on our campus. If elected this year, I will strive to bring all students' voices into action and create positive change.



# Senator - Undergraduate



**Senator Candidate**  
**Spencer Thomas Kowash**

Hi, my name is Spencer Kowash and I'm from Klamath Falls, Oregon. I'm a first year here at OSU and I'm pursuing a degree in Bioengineering and pre-med. When I'm not studying or doing homework, you can find me working on my car, dancing to some T-Swift, or watching football (Go Birds!). The things that keep me going are an overwhelming amount of Red Bull, good conversation, and any movie with Robin Williams in it. I can't wait to meet you all and help serve as an ASOSU Senator!

## Platform Statement

Growing up in a small town, I learned that a strong community can overcome any challenge that comes their way. I also learned that strong communities are built upon everyone being able to have their voice heard. These are values that are essential to making a small town, but should be applied everywhere, including OSU. If I'm elected to ASOSU, I want to ensure that every student here at OSU feels like their voice can be heard, create a welcoming environment, and overcome the challenges we will face.

I want to make sure every voice is heard, and I want to do that by always having my door open to anyone and everyone. I promise to respond to any email, text, or call that comes my way. I believe the voices of the students are important, and I know that their opinions and thoughts deserve to be heard by those that are responsible for making change. Listening to our student body is how we learn about the challenges that we need to face, and if we don't know about what challenges there are, we can't solve them.

As a freshman at OSU, I felt welcomed, but I noticed a few things that we could do better. One of the major things that I saw was the way that we promoted clubs. Clubs shouldn't be promoted only to certain colleges; every college and every major should be exposed to all the amazing clubs that we have here at OSU. On top of the clubs, I want to make sure that students are aware of all the resources they have available to them, academic and otherwise. I want to make sure that information regarding all of OSU's resources is easily accessible and given to all students. It's easy to forget that even though we have separate colleges, we aren't stuck in them. There are opportunities all throughout OSU, and they shouldn't be exclusive to one college or even honors. I want to promote clubs across the entire university and increase the amount of exposure they get from outside their main college.



**Senator Candidate**  
**Teaghan Knox**

Hello, my name is Teaghan Knox, and I'm a second-year climate science major from Bend, Oregon. I am running for re-election as an ASOSU senator as there are areas of the student experience that need improvement, and I want to continue working towards those goals. Growing up near the great outdoors, I love to hike, camp, run, and cross-country ski. I am a member of the OSU cross-country and track teams and participate in undergraduate research. When not in class or at practice I can be found attending one of the many school-sponsored events, especially if there is free food.

## Platform Statement

As a senator, I will...

- Work to implement a cost-of-living **wage adjustment for student workers**. Students should be able to afford necessities like food and housing. Investing in student wages allows them to succeed in reaching their academic goals.
- Continue to advocate for improved ways of integrating **experiential learning** into students' education through clearly outlined mentor expectations, expansion of free no-credit courses, and efforts to reduce costs associated with internship credits.
- Push to raise the **presence of ASOSU** around campus. In the past student government has not engaged a large portion of the student body. While its visibility is improving, we can do even better to bring students' ideas and issues to the forefront of important discussions and let them know they have a voice in their education.
- Serve as a **responsible steward of the Student Fee**. The student fee continues to rise but I am not afraid to reject new spending increases for programs I don't think align with student demand.
- I am also passionate about **sustainability** and as an ASOSU senator, I will strive to encourage actions that advance Oregon State University's sustainability goals.

If elected senator I promise to do my best to represent student voices as we work to make the Oregon State educational experience the best it can be for all students. Go Beavs!

# Senator - Graduate



## Senator Candidate

### Nathan Raschkes

As an Electrical and Computer Engineering graduate student pursuing my Master's, I navigate the complex world of circuits and algorithms with enthusiasm and dedication. Beyond the realms of academia, I find joy in the simplicity of life and the adventures it offers. Hiking through nature's wonders, traveling to new destinations and conquering mountain biking trails are my preferred avenues for rejuvenation. Parenthetically, I enjoy hanging out with friends and spending quality time with my family. Each facet of my life contributes to a rich and fulfilling journey, blending the intellectual rigor of engineering with the diverse hues of personal experiences.

## Platform Statement

In the pursuit of academic excellence and fiscal responsibility, I stand before you as a candidate devoted to principles that emphasize prudent financial management. Our journey will be marked by financial prudence, unwavering commitment to medical freedom and a strategic reduction of unnecessary expenses, all woven together in a fabric of sophistication and intelligence.

### **1. Balancing the Budget, Enriching the Experience:**

The thoughtful management of our financial resources is more than just a guiding principle; it serves as the foundation for a thriving academic environment. Let's initiate a path to budget equilibrium without undermining the core of our educational experience. Every saved resource will find its way to initiatives that enhance our shared learning journey.

### **2. Medical Freedom, Grounded in Wisdom:**

I champion the cause of medical freedom not as an ideological stance, but as a beacon of reason. Our decisions should be informed, grounded in scientific wisdom, and guided by individual autonomy. I pledge to safeguard your right to make informed health choices, fostering an environment where personal well-being is prioritized with sagacity.

### **3. Cutting Wasteful Spending, Nurturing Essentials:**

The surgical precision with which we approach fiscal matters is not an exercise in austerity, but rather, a commitment to channel resources where they matter most. By identifying and curtailing wasteful spending, we carve a path for investments in essential services that enrich your academic journey.

### **4. Elevating Student Voices:**

As we navigate the complexities of financial management, I commit to maintaining transparency and open dialogue. Your voices, ideas and concerns will be integral to the decision-making process, fostering an atmosphere of collaborative governance.

This campaign is not just about conserving resources, it is about cultivating a campus environment where intellectual pursuits thrive, where individual liberties are revered and where every financial decision reflects our commitment to scholarly excellence. Join me on this journey and together, we shall build a legacy of fiscal acumen and academic distinction.