



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

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**DIRECTIVE OF THE ASOSU PRESIDENT,
NO. 2023-002 Subject: Student Facility Improvement Fee**

As President of the Associated Students of Oregon State University, subject to the limitations and authority vested by the ASOSU Constitution, I issue the following directive effective immediately upon signing:

I hereby affirm that, because the Student Facility Improvement fee was passed by referenda of the student body over the course of several general and special elections, and because those referenda resulted in binding, long-term obligations to OSU in the form of annual debt service on the bonds sold as a result of those referenda, the Student Fee Committee, Congress, and President are not empowered to alter the rate or collection of this fee until the debt service payments are completed and the underlying bonds are defeased.

For additional context, see the attached letter from Student Fee Committee Chair Joe Page.

Matteo Paola, ASOSU President

Date: February 13th, 2023



Student Fee Committee

Joe Page, SFC Chair

Student Experience Center SEC 292

Thursday, February 9, 2023

President Matteo Paola

Associated Students of Oregon State University (ASOSU)

Student Experience Center SEC 286

Dear ASOSU President Paola:

I write to you today regarding the Student Facility Improvement Fee, which accounts for roughly 13.5% of the total mandatory incidental fee for FY23. In recent years, the issue of whether or not it is requisite or appropriate for the Student Fee Committee, ASOSU Congress, or ASOSU President to take an active role in voting to approve its allocation has been raised. Because this fee was passed by referenda of the student body over the course of several general and special elections, and because those referenda resulted in binding, long-term obligations to OSU in the form of annual debt service on the bonds sold as a result of those referenda, the Student Fee Committee, Congress, and President are not empowered to alter the rate or collection of this fee until the debt service payments are completed and the underlying bonds are defeased.

Upon consultation with the Oregon State University (OSU) Office of the General Counsel, the ASOSU determined voting annually on the fee was not necessary or recommended. The Student Fee Committee agreed at our public meeting on January 19, 2023, to accept the Student Facility Improvement Fee will be charged at a rate of \$65.00 per student per term in Fall, Winter, and Spring terms, and at a rate of \$48.50 per student in Summer term. This is a change from voting to *recommend* the fee, which would suggest that it could potentially be rejected as well.

Bearing this context in mind, I ask that you issue an executive order which establishes and recognizes the nature of this fee and orders that, beginning in the FY24 fee-setting cycle, the Student Facility Improvement Fee not be voted on by any future cohorts of the Student Fee Committee or the ASOSU Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Page". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joe Page
SFC Chair