



Student Fee Committee
Sophia Nowers, SFC Chair
Student Experience Center SEC 282

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Meeting Agenda

Thursday, June 6, 2024

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

- a. Sophia Nowers, *SFC Chair*
- b. Saegis Abbott, *Member-at-Large*
- c. Lillian Goodyear, *Member-at-Large*
- d. Dylan Perfect, *Member-at-Large* **absent**
- e. Cole Peters, *Member-at-Large* **absent**
- f. Madison Wusstig, *Member-at-Large*
- g. Nathan Schmidt, *ASOSU Liaison*
- h. TBD, *Basic Needs Center Liaison* **liaison has not been appointed**
- i. TBD, *Family Resource Center Liaison* **liaison has not been appointed**
- j. Noah Roberts, *Memorial Union Liaison*
- k. Oliver Devereux, *Performing Arts Liaison*
- l. Emma Flick, *Recreational Sports Liaison*
- m. TBD, *Student Experiences & Engagement Liaison* **liaison has not been appointed**

III. Oath of Office for New Members

- a. *All members present were sworn in as SFC members.*

IV. Approval of the Agenda

- a. *The agenda was approved as written.*

V. Student Advisory Board Updates

- a. ASOSU
 - a **Nathan Schmidt:** We have been amending our bylaws and transitioned to our new board.
- b. BNC
- c. FRC
- d. MU
 - a **Noah Roberts:** No updates.
- e. Performing Arts
 - a **Oliver Deveroux:** No updates.
- f. Rec Sports
 - a **Emma Flick:** No updates.
- g. SEE

v. Old Business

- a *There was no old business.*

VII. New Business

- a. Introductions
 - i. Name/Pronouns
 - ii. Year/Majors/Minors
 - iii. Why did you join the SFC?
 - iv. Favorite thing that you learned this term!
- b. **[Training Item]** Introduction to ASOSU
 - i. **Leslie Schacht-Drey:** I am one of the advisors for ASOSU and play other roles within student affairs. I have been involved with this process since Fall of 2016 and have worked with many SFCs since then. I will be here as a resource and to support you all throughout this process.
 - ii. **Steve Hoelscher:** I also serve as an advisor to this process through my role in student affairs. This will be my 9th year overseeing this process in order to ensure the integrity of this process. You will all be dealing with a large sum of student money, so it is my job to make sure everything goes smoothly

and to support you all. As advisors, we will advise you all, but the decisions are ultimately up to you.

iii. **Chair Sophia Nowers:** The advisors and I, including Stephanie Pearce from FSS and Keri Simonet from the student government side of ASOSU who are not here today, can act as resources for all of you. ASOSU is comprised of 4 units, including student government, Student Legal Services, Office of Advocacy, and SafeRide. The SFC falls within student government, which was created to represent the student body of OSU. This is meant to be a space for respectful and thorough discourse in order to serve the needs of the students. The SFC is an independent committee of the executive branch of student government, so we are somewhat separate from the rest of the unit. There are also the legislative branch and the judicial branch.

c. **[Training Item]** Compensation for SFC Members

i. **Leslie Schacht-Drey:** In order to maintain this position, you must be eligible for employment and have to adhere to certain guidelines regarding compensation. The ASOSU constitution requires you to be an admitted student to the Corvallis campus of OSU, and you must remain eligible in terms of student conduct. Members are compensated in the form of a stipend for 3 hours per week once you are cleared by the advisor and OSU Student Employment. At-large members are set to the 3-hour limit, but liaisons may assume more hours if their position requires it and their unit budget manager approves it. You may work up to 24 hours per week on campus among any and all jobs that you hold.

ii. **Saegis Abbott:** What is the hourly rate?

i **Leslie Schacht-Drey:** \$16.50 per hour.

iii. **Leslie Schacht-Drey:** You will also receive an outlook email address for your role in ASOSU, advisory support, and after-hours access to the SEC if needed.

iv. **Saegis Abbot:** Will we appoint the vice chair tonight?

i **Chair Sophia Nowers:** Not tonight.

- v. **Noah Roberts:** Will we receive new emails?
 - i **Chair Sophia Nowers:** Yes, you will receive new access.
- vi. **Nathan Schmidt:** Will the emails forward to our personal emails?
 - i **Chair Sophia Nowers:** You can set it up that way.
- vii. **Leslie Schacht-Drey:** These emails can also be helpful to look back at throughout the year.
- viii. **Chair Sophia Nowers:** You are all public officials since you were elected to these positions, so any communications through your official email is open to public records requests.
- ix. **Steve Hoelscher:** It is hard to track multiple emails, so it can be nice to merge them all together. That being said, your SFC email should be used deliberately for work related things so that your personal communications and information are not mixed with work communications.
- x. **Leslie Schacht-Drey:** If you need after-hours access, we can grant it to you, but it should be used for work-related purposes only. The SEC 250 suite is also open for all of you. If any of you need to meet with Steve, Keri, or myself, we can schedule that.

d. **Overview of Fee-Setting Process**

- i. **Chair Sophia Nowers:** The SFC oversees the budgeting of 7 units on campus, including ASOSU, the Family Resource Center, the Basic Needs Center, Rec Sports, the Memorial Union, Performing Arts, and Student Experiences and Engagement. In addition to the incidental fee, we assess the Contingency and Supplemental fee and the Student Facility Improvement Fee. We cannot change the Student Facility Improvement Fee anymore since it is legally binding.
 - i **Saegis Abbott:** What is the point of looking at this fee then?
 - ii **Steve Hoelscher:** We only have to acknowledge it so that all of the numbers add up when we are looking at the final budgets and fees. The interest rate is fixed, but students could increase it if they went through the proper procedures.

- ii. **Chair Sophia Nowers:** Each unit is comprised of a budget manager and a student advisory board (SAB). Once they have decided on their budget—including their base operational budget and any decision packages—then we approve it and send it to the senate to approve it. After that, it is sent to the ASOSU President to be approved, the Board of Trustees (BoT), and then finally the OSU President. If any of the budgets are not approved, then they go to mediation until an agreement is made.
 - i **Nathan Schmidt:** What is the OSU President vetoes it?
 - ii **Chair Sophia Nowers:** It would probably be sent to mediation through the Senate.
 - iii **Steve Hoelscher:** If the BoT disagrees with it, then the Higher Education Coordinating Commission—a state entity—would have to step in. The President and the BoT do not want to be in that position, and I have never heard of there even being a close call. The budget will most likely be approved, but it is good to understand the possibilities.
- iii. **Saegis Abbott:** Does the ASOSU sit on the mediation team?
 - i **Chair Sophia Nowers:** She would give her position on why she vetoed it.
- iv. **Chair Sophia Nowers:** This summer, we will have training and onboarding meetings over Zoom to help you all understand the process and procedures. During the fall, we will attend tours of each unit while the units are creating their budgets. At the end of fall term, we will receive the proposed budgets and budget rationale documents from each unit for all of you to look over during Winter break. During Winter Term, we will have presentations and deliberations for the budgets and then finally create our budget recommendation for the Senate to deliberate. Assuming all goes well, the ASOSU President, BoT, and the OSU President will approve of the budget.
- v. **Saegis Abbott:** Will we meet next week?
 - i **Chair Sophia Nowers:** No.

- vi. **Lillian Goodyear:** Will the summer meetings be recorded?
 - i **Chair Sophia Nowers:** Yes.
- vii. **Steve Hoelscher:** It will be helpful to have so many returning members to this process as they can guide you and answer any questions you may have.
 - i **Noah Roberts:** Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions!

e. Tools for Success

- i. SharePoint & governing documents
 - i **Chair Sophia Nowers:** Anything and everything you may need are on SharePoint. You should all get access to your emails soon, but we will also use Teams to communicate. You can all refer to the governing documents for ASOSU for information
 - ii **Nathan Schmidt:** What is the difference between the bylaws and the statutes?
 - 1 **Leslie Schacht-Drey:** There has been an effort to move the SFC bylaws to the ASOSU statutes in order to keep everything together. The bylaws are very brief, but they mostly refer to the statutes.
 - iii **Chair Sophia Nowers:** The Senate of 22-23 also passed budget priorities for us to refer to that can be found in the ASOSU Statutes. We should think about these priorities as we progress through the year.
 - iv **Leslie Schacht-Drey:** If you want more information about the SFC, you should read through the statutes, constitution, and other materials.
- ii. Advisors & SFC Chair contact info

f. Expectations

- i. **Chair Sophia Nowers:** If you have to miss a meeting, just let me know. Two unexcused absences in a row will result in an inquiry of commitment. I hope we can all have respectful conversations and work through any issues that arise, keeping in mind that we represent the student body. You all should

support each other and work together to successfully work through this upcoming year.

VIII. Chair Announcements

- a. SFC Website Information Google Form
 - a **Chair Sophia Nowers:** I will put some information about all of you on the website, so please fill this out as soon as you can!
- b. Scheduling 1:1's with everyone
 - a **Chair Sophia Nowers:** I will be meeting with all of you individually so please work with me to find a time that works.
- c. Outlook Emails
 - a **Chair Sophia Nowers:** We will get these for you soon.
- d. Exec Hiring
 - a **Chair Sophia Nowers:** Tell your friends who may be interested!

IX. Member Comments

- a. **Saegis Abbott:** Will Dante be leaving?
 - a. **Chair Sophia Nowers:** We can talk about this later.
- b. **Steve Hoelscher:** This should be a great year!

X. Adjournment - 7:30pm