I. Roll Call/Quorum ~ 6:00pm
   a. Sen. Allen
   b. Sen. Durr
   c. Sen. Eckman
   d. Sen. Field
   e. Sen. Gomez Silva
   f. Sen. Hostetler-McLaughlin
   g. Sen. Jones
   h. Sen. Karlapati
   i. Sen. Knox
   j. Sen. Lau
   k. Sen. Lewandowski
   l. Sen. Morales-Coonrad
   m. Sen. Pearson
   n. Sen. Raschkes
   o. Sen. Rowe
   p. Sen. Wright

II. Swearing in of Senators/Proxies

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Approval of Agenda

V. Gallery Comments

VI. New Business
   a. Discussion on the veto of SB 84.01
   b. SB 84.05 “Fixed-Date Special Election (Revised)”
   c. SB 84.06 “ASOSU Legislative & Policy Advocacy”
   d. SB 84.07 “Establishing a Campus Cultural Development Senate Committee”

VII. Committee Reports
   a. Budgets
b. Student Government

C. Campus Improvements

d. Outreach

e. Standing and Special Rules Committee

VIII. Gallery Comments

IX. Old Business

a. SR 84.04 “Overnight Safe Study Resolution”

b. SB 84.04 “Records Access, Transparency, and Administrative Reform Bill”

X. President of the Senate Announcements

a. Exec Branch is hiring! Applications close 7/31.

XI. Gallery Comments

XII. Senator Comments

XIII. Advisor Comments

Adjournment
SB-84.05
“Fixed-Date Special Election (Revised)”
(Bill to establish a date for a special election on the consideration of pending initiative petition measures and legislative referenda; establishing definitions for financial initiatives and referenda)

WHEREAS Article VII of the ASOSU Constitution provides a process whereupon students at large may petition for legislative initiative ballot measures, with the signatures of at least five percent of the ASOSU Student Body;

WHEREAS In this past spring term, student organizers with the OSU Student Workers (OSUSW) Organizing Committee received approval from the ASOSU Judicial Council to collect both written and electronic signatures for Measure 01.24-B;

WHEREAS This effort by a nascent student workers’ union has served as a form of democratic appeal to a previous Judicial Council decision, which injunctioned the Student Senate from voting on SB-83.18 (“Cost-of-Living Adjustment & Living Wage Bill”). If passed, this bill could have assessed the same cost-of-living adjustment as provided for in the initiative petition;

WHEREAS As of May 25, 2024, the OSUSW Organizing Committee has collected and reported in good faith that it has collected 1321 signatures (1223 written, 98 electronic), and rendered copies of all signatures sheets to the ASOSU Student Government for signature verification;

WHEREAS Institutional data\(^1\) cites enrollment at the Corvallis campus (the ASOSU Student Body) approximately near 22,500, as of this past spring term. Even if a liberal estimate of 10% of signatures were ultimately invalidated (e.g., undetected duplicate signers, ineligible signers, illegible writing, etc.), the number of signature sheets collected would still comfortably exceed the required 5%;

WHEREAS Short staffing following the presidential transition on June 1, have rendered it difficult for the President or Chief Elections Officer to guarantee a specific timeline for verification of signatures, presenting a potential strain upon the limited resources of the Executive Branch of the ASOSU Student Government;

WHEREAS With the beginning of Fiscal Year 2025 approaching on July 1, 2024, the later that this measure is voted upon, the more delayed its potential effect will be;


WHEREAS The 83rd Senate passed a bill amending the Constitution, pending ratification by voters. This change would be enacted sooner if that referendum is sent to students alongside this financial one;

WHEREAS In 2022, ASOSU voted to approve funding for a $15 minimum wage for all workers funded by the Corvallis campus incidental fee (including student workers for RecSports, the MU, etc.);

WHEREAS Although some other departments followed suit, many student workers funded from sources outside of incidental fees did not see a similar increase. Over a year later, many student workers on campus are still paid less than $15 per hour, even as the legally-mandated state minimum wage has risen to $14.20 in Corvallis — less than a full dollar difference;

WHEREAS Given the 24 hours per week maximum (less for certain workers, including international students), quasi-professional responsibilities for student workers with subject-matter expertise, and the need for most students to balance a full course load, $14.20 is not effectively a living wage for most student workers;

WHEREAS The state minimum wage changes yearly based on the Consumer Price Index \(\ldots\)
WHEREAS At the time ASOSU’s Budgets Committee requested a $15 minimum wage for student workers from all incidental fee-funded units, this was equivalent to approximately $16.69 in today’s dollars\(^2\) (or $16.66 for an 11% COLA);

WHEREAS Superseding the initiative petition on Proposed Measure 01:24 with a Senate-originated referendum will expedite the process of calling an election, free Executive Branch resources, and prevent unnecessary delays in implementation in the event that the measure passes. It also provides a timely opportunity for students to vote upon a pending referendum passed in the previous legislative session, regarding the Senate appointment process.

SB-84.06
“ASOSU Legislative & Policy Advocacy”
(Bill establishing an issue-choosing process for legislative advocacy)

WHEREAS The capacity of the ASOSU Student Government to represent its constituents is primarily vested through its ability to allocate incidental fees under state law, combined with its role as a collective voice of students in advocating for policy change at the university, local, state, and federal level;

WHEREAS The legislative branch of the ASOSU has previously passed resolutions on critical policy issues, including specific items of legislation on the state level. One such example is JB-12.05 (2021), wherein the ASOSU endorsed and affirmed its support for Oregon House Bill 3294, providing for free menstrual hygiene products at institutions of public education;

WHEREAS The ASOSU Senate even more frequently passes resolutions establishing and committing the ASOSU to policy positions at the university level, including in this current session. Examples to date have included SR-84.01, supporting Code of Conduct amnesty for peaceful student protesters and SR-84.02, supporting an enumerated set of improved labor protections for student workers;

WHEREAS The Oregon Student Association (OSA), of which ASOSU was a dues-paying member until 2019 and recently re-joined as a non-dues-paying member, has for many years been among the most prominent voices of students in public higher education in statewide policy advocacy, most notably at the Oregon Legislature;

WHEREAS OSA has its own internal governance structures, not entirely dissimilar from ASOSU. Staffers or members of different bodies internally (e.g., its Executive Board or Council of Legislative Advocates) may bring different perspectives to the organization. These internal stakeholders are not guaranteed to initially agree to the same policy priorities, even if the overall goals are the same; however, OSA consistently developed an issue-choosing process to produce a consistent public platform for its legislative priorities as an organization;

WHEREAS This issue choosing process has included gathering responses from university and college students across the state, combined with a clear internal process for producing a clear set of priorities for them to choose from;

WHEREAS By contrast, the ASOSU Student Government, while it has often informally coordinated between its branches to ensure a consistent line of policy advocacy, has no formal process for choosing its policy positions between the
WHEREAS There is no currently defined role or requirement for the Policy Director of the ASOSU Student Government to advocate for policy positions endorsed by a resolution of the Student Senate; nor is there a clear connection through which the Student Senate may be prompted to facilitate the policy advocacy objectives identified by the executive branch (while respecting the separation of powers and independent election of officers, whose views may differ);

WHEREAS Furthermore, there is no clear process in the ASOSU Statutes for reconciling a case in which the legislative branch may endorse one bill, proposal, or policy, which differs from an alternative endorsed by the executive branch; ASOSU staff advocating for conflicting positions may limit the effectiveness of student advocacy;

WHEREAS While the Senate may be the first and most representative branch of the ASOSU Student Government, it is necessary and valuable for the executive branch to act in the immediate interest of students to support policy goals toward this end. In the many cases, the legislative branch of the ASOSU has historically deferred to the executive staff in this capacity, reserving written resolutions identifying formal policy positions for the most pressing priorities;

WHEREAS The ASOSU Statutes can provide a process through which the Policy Director of the ASOSU Student Government is committed to following through on the duly endorsed issue positions of the ASOSU, as passed through the Student Senate, while deferring to the ASOSU President on all other questions of policy not otherwise established;

WHEREAS Formalizing this relationship serves to strengthen the issue-choosing process of the ASOSU Student Government ensures that its capacity to advocate for student policy objectives — paralleled only by its direct fiscal oversight for on-campus, fee-funded programs — can be as effective as possible.

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

Title II § 1(C)b(ii) of the ASOSU Statutes is amended to include a new clause, as indented below, to be inserted under the referenced subparagraph:

8. Policy Director/Team and Issue-Choosing Process for Legislative and Policy Advocacy
   a. A chief cabinet-level position for policy advocacy shall be established by the ASOSU President (either as a Policy Director, Director of Government Relations, or comparable position; hereafter “Policy Director” or “director” under this clause). The director is classified for the purposes of Article II of the ASOSU Constitution as an independent office, solely to permit the director to advocate for any policy position passed through a resolution of the Student Senate and presented to for the president's signature or veto
with the possibility of override, and thus duly adopted as a policy position of the ASOSU Student Government. In all other matters not preempted by a policy position thus adopted, the director operates as a cabinet official fully at the direction of the ASOSU President, or any designee(s) thereof.

i. Any coordinator or deputy of the Policy Director, or executive branch position designated by the president to report to the Policy Director, is classified with the same limited independent status established above for the director.

ii. Upon receipt of applications, the nominee to the Senate for the position of Policy Director, as well as any positions reporting to the director, shall be decided by a vote of a committee comprising the President and Vice President, as well as the chairs of the standing committees of the Student Senate. In the event of a tie, the president shall choose the final nominee from among the tied candidates.

1. The president may terminate the employment of a position hired following nomination by this committee, subject to approval by the same committee.

iii. Issue-Choosing Process

1. The Student Senate may, for a session of the State Legislature or other notable venue for student policy advocacy, pursue an issue-choosing process for identifying a slate of priorities for the ASOSU Student Government.

   a. In the event of the introduction of a resolution citing this statutory provision, the Senate Outreach Committee (or the equivalent standing committee as provided in the rules established by the Senate) shall provide a forum for public feedback from students on the priorities proposed, either through a process established by the committee, or at minimum, during its next scheduled public meeting.

   b. Alternatively, the committee may initiate this process prior to, and for the purposes of informing, the introduction of a resolution pertaining to legislative or policy priorities of the ASOSU Student Government.

   c. Options for gathering student feedback, outside of a forum for providing direct testimony, may also include (but are not necessarily limited to) paper or electronic student surveys, or results from similar surveys conducted on campus by any other department or organization advocating on behalf of students.

This bill shall be sent to:
Audrey Schlotter, ASOSU President
Zach Kowash, ASOSU Vice President and Student Senate President
Adison Rowe, ASOSU Senate President pro tempore
Camryn Lau, ASOSU Senate Outreach Committee Chair
Chairpersons of Standing ASOSU Senate Committees

Authored by:
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Sponsored by:
Adison Rowe, ASOSU Senate President pro tempore

Confirmation of passage:
Zach Kowash, ASOSU Vice President and Student Senate President

Signature: ___________________________  Date: _________

Approval or veto by the ASOSU President:
Audrey Schlotter, ASOSU President

Signature: ___________________________  Date: _________  □ Approved  □ Vetoed
SB-84.07

“Establishing a Campus Community Development Senate Committee”

(Bill to create an ASOSU Community Development Senate Standing committee to develop campus cultural resources relating to students with disabilities, international students and community members, and queer students of color)

SUMMARY

This bill adds an additional standing committee to the ASOSU Student Senate working towards building campus cultural and community resources relating to students with disabilities, international students, queer students of color, and other marginalized groups on OSU’s campus. This committee will work closely with ASOSU Executive Branch staff to develop programming and perform outreach to the specified communities to ascertain the needs of these student communities, and advocate for feasible policy or administrative change that aligns with the priorities and needs of students.

WHEREAS

In both the 83rd and 84th session of the ASOSU Senate, the ASOSU has expressed support for advocacy for Queer students of color, Disabled students and International students, via SR-83.1, SB 84.01, and in Senate discussion.

WHEREAS

The provisions in SB 84.01 included advocating for the incorporation of a position in the ASOSU Executive Branch tasked with interacting with, and gathering feedback from students, faculty, alumni, and community members on the development of Cultural Resource Centers (CRCs), and for the expansion of the Steering Committee that is written into the
ASOSU Statutes (Title II § D(b) “Steering Committee”) to include more members, including those of campus stakeholders. Ultimately, these provisions would necessitate a fee increase request from the ASOSU to the Oregon State University Board of Trustees and/or the department of Student Affairs to approve the pay classification change or addition, and in this event, Financial Strategic Services must be involved in creating this fee increase in order to ensure the integrity of any such financial fee request. Further, this requested fee increase would change the committed cost of attendance amounts within a year, which may alter financial commitments OSU has made to new students about their current year’s tuition, fees, and other cost of attendance elements.

WHEREAS

The previously passed legislation SB 84.01 “Campus Cultural Resources Development” to support cultural development on campus fell outside of the bounds of the ASOSU’s hiring and employment authority. Despite the legal concerns related to SB 84.01 the ASOSU is steadfast in their efforts to make Oregon State a more supporting and inclusive space for QTBIPOC, disabled, and international students.

WHEREAS

ASOSU supports the mission of community development and inclusivity on campus and will continue to do so within the authority it holds; establishing a standing committee in support of this goal within the ASOSU Student Senate akin to the provisions in SB 84.01, would foster greater collaboration among ASOSU student leaders from the Executive and Legislative branches. This initiative would also facilitate engagement with campus stakeholders, leaders of relevant student clubs and organizations, and community members, while integrating this committee as a permanent feature of ASOSU’s structure.

WHEREAS

The person(s) who is steering this committee would work closely with those campus stakeholders and those involved with these processes to establish a route to achieve the end goal of creating community for said marginalized groups; including reporting to the Campus Community Development Steering Committee for full transparency.

WHEREAS

Standing ASOSU President Audrey Schlotter and Vice President Zach Kowash (2024-2025) have worked with both lounge coordinators, students
who identify as either a Disabled or International student, administrators who work with each respective community, and other relevant stakeholders to come to the conclusion to one, extend the two year pilot program and two, take a year to reassess the challenges and successes of the pilot. Both Schlotter and Kowash have publicly reaffirmed that if a physical space is needed to cultivate community and belonging they will do anything in their power to make this happen in an accessible and visible part of campus.

WHEREAS
The goal of taking this time is to truly represent these identities. Since those physical spaces were established, they have been underutilized and poorly funded, tasking two students respectively to complete work on a similar level to a Cultural Resource Center, work that is typically done by a team of both professional staff and students. Instead of taking time to reflect on and have the necessary discussions to address the systemic problems these students face, these spaces were established inequitably in terms of the support and resources provided to other Cultural Resource Centers.

WHEREAS
When a new administration is elected, Current Standing ASOSU President Audrey Schlotter (2024-2025) will advocate to the new President to create a position within the Executive Branch to continue the work that the Campus Community Development Senate Committee has started.

WHEREAS
The ASOSU Executive branch vows to work with the Campus Community Development Senate Committee to address inequities which affect marginalized communities including but not limited to QTBIPOC, Disabled, and International students.

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

Title II § D(b) “Steering Committee” is hereby stricken in its entirety. Due to a prior scrivener’s error, the subsections are entitled incorrectly (Title II § D(a) is termed Title II § D(c) and Title II § D(b) is termed Title II § D(d)) and Title II § D is hereby amended to state:

D. Community Resources Development Pilot Cultural Lounges
Project Coordinators

i. Up to four independent positions of the executive branch, which may be filled by student employees, are established to provide for the regular support and development of community and cultural resources on Oregon State’s campus, which may include working with campus stakeholders to create a permanent physical space in a pertinent OSU department, and creates programming and events or both, which may involve policy review and community involvement, within the purview of a lounge, center, or incubator project space, as follows:

1. Supporting disability access and community belonging on campus, including for students and community members with and without formal documentation of disability (up to two positions)

2. Supporting the access and community belonging of international students and students with family abroad and related matters for other members of the campus community, including faculty and staff (up to two positions)

3. Additional positions for the purposes under this section may be established by executive director or subsequent legislation as appropriate.

ii. Positions under this section will report to the Campus Community Development Steering Committee on Pilot Cultural Lounges as requested.

iii. For the projects detailed above in Paragraph (i)(1-3), positions are independent and in the sense that they work in conjunction with the Campus Community Development Steering Committee on Pilot Cultural Lounges and may not have the required duties of their positions expanded beyond those provided by statute, except through subsequent legislation.

iv. These positions may report, for employment purposes, to the ASOSU Diversity and Inclusion Director, or equivalent position, or to the ASOSU President, or designee, by determination of the ASOSU President.
v. The ASOSU President shall determine the appointment of positions under this section, and is advised to include members of an above-referenced committee on any hiring committees for this purpose.

Rule V § D “Standing Senate Committees” subsection d. “Student Government Committee” in Appendix A of the ASOSU Statutes is hereby amended to state:

iii. Membership

1. The Student Government Committee shall comprise the vice chairs of the standing committees on Campus Improvements, Outreach, and Budgets, and Campus Community Development Steering Committee, as well as the President pro tempore and any other officers among the Senate membership. Up to two additional members of the Senate may be appointed (but this shall not serve toward a member’s required standing committee, as applicable). The Records Clerk and Vice President shall be non-voting, ex officio members of the committee.

Rule V § D “Standing Senate Committees” in Appendix A of the ASOSU Statutes is hereby amended to include the following provisions after subsection d. “Student Government Committee”:

e. Campus Community Development Steering Committee

i. The Campus Community Development Steering Committee shall serve as a Senate standing committee and is established with the following duties, which may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Engage with all necessary stakeholders in ASOSU and OSU administration to develop cultural and community resources on campus.

2. Provide strategic direction (which may constitute information, legislative or fiscal considerations, and advice within the limitations of the independent body designation) to the students hired for positions under Title II § D.

3. Work with ASOSU advisors and other relevant stakeholders to ensure effective data collection on usage and need of these programs.

4. All members of the ASOSU are eligible for exofficio appointment to this committee. The minimum composition of the committee shall be as follows:
a. Two members from the Senate  
b. Director of Diversity and Inclusion, or equivalent position  
c. Both International Student Affairs Coordinators (or equivalent positions)  
d. Both Disabled Student Affairs and Campus Accessibility Coordinators (or equivalent positions)  
e. Additional members of the committee that may include student leaders of pertinent clubs and organizations, the general student body, academic faculty, or community members which may be appointed by a simple majority vote of the committee.  

ii. The committee shall be chaired by the Campus Community Resources Liaison of the ASOSU Senate Outreach Committee for logistical support and to lead these efforts. If the liaison is unable to chair the committee, the committee shall elect a chair from within its membership.  

iii. The goals of the Campus Community Development Steering Committee are determined to have concluded at such time as determined by a majority of the committee.  

iv. Relevant stakeholders from the OSU administration may also be invited by the committee as non-voting, ex-officio members and may contribute as per their availability. Meetings of the committee are also open to the student body.  

v. The committee shall report its progress to the Senate during committee reports.  

This bill be sent to:  

Audrey Schlotter, ASOSU President  
Zach Kowash, ASOSU Vice President and Student Senate President  
Adison Rowe, ASOSU Senate President Pro Tempore  
Kari Hoy, ASOSU Records Clerk  
Damoni Wright, Executive Director of Student Experiences & Engagement (SEE)  
Eric Beeler, Director of Operations for Student Experiences & Engagement (SEE)  
Reagan Lê, Director of Diversity & Cultural Engagement (DCE)  
Whitney Archer, Associate Director of Diversity & Cultural Engagement (DCE)  

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Audrey Schlotter, ASOSU President

**Sponsored by:**
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Leah Wright, ASOSU Senator 2024-2025

**Approved by:**
Zach Kowash, ASOSU Vice President

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________

Audrey Schlotter, ASOSU President

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________

Approved [ ] Vetoed [ ]
SR-84.04
“Overnight Safe Study Resolution”
(Calling upon OSU to implement an overnight safe study location for students)

WHEREAS OSU strives to be a university where every student graduates and is provided with the support necessary to succeed. To do this, OSU must take steps to ensure student safety and access throughout the night hours, when many students need to study and others just need a safe place to go;

WHEREAS OSU is still 10% short of its 2030 goal for an overall 80% 6-year graduation rate¹, and even further from its goal to equalize graduation rates across ethnicity, gender, race, and income level. Students continue to face daily barriers that make academic success more difficult, including financial strain, long work hours, learning disabilities, unstable housing, and unsafe interpersonal relationships;

WHEREAS There are not currently any study locations open throughout the night, leaving a major gap in resource availability;

WHEREAS The Valley Library was open 24 hours from 2017 through 2019, and was highly popular during the night. Library hours were reduced in 2019 due to the unexpected resignation of the night manager;

WHEREAS An overnight study space would increase student success and potentially help equalize graduation rates by providing easily accessible late-night studying and printing access, a safe place for students to go at night, including to wait for a SafeRide, and access to a temperature-controlled space during extreme weather events;

WHEREAS OSU has a clear mandate to provide an overnight safe study location in order to increase student success and safety at night. OSU should take into account the lessons learned from the Valley Library’s experience being open overnight, and design a program that meets the needs of students, staff, and management.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

The ASOSU supports the establishment of a pilot program for an Overnight Safe Study Space, to be implemented during the 2024-25 academic year and open at least five days per week.

We call on OSU to collaborate with ASOSU and student leaders to agree upon an appropriate plan to meet this need.

An Overnight Safe Study Space may be staffed, but does not necessarily require constant staffing and could instead be accessible via keycard access. Examples of where this space could be located include, but are not limited to, the Valley Library (or Java II), the Student Experience Center (SEC), the Memorial Union (MU), or Dixon Recreation Center. Access to the space could be optionally limited to students. The ASOSU proposes that this space remain open during inclement weather or hazardous outdoor temperatures, in the interest of community support and safety.

This bill shall be sent to:
Audrey Schlotter, President, ASOSU
Jayathi Y. Murthy, President, Oregon State University
Edward Feser, Provost & Executive Vice President, Oregon State University
Dan Larson, Vice Provost of Student Affairs
Kevin Dougherty, Associate Vice Provost & Dean of Students
Deb Mott, Director, OSU Memorial Union
Leah Hall Dorothy, Executive Director, Recreational Sports
Rachel Burgess, Library Spaces Manager
Paul Odenthal, Senior Associate Vice President for Administration
Bruce Daley, Associate Vice President, University Facilities, Infrastructure and Operations (UFIO)
Stephen Jenkins, Executive Director, University Housing & Dining Services (UHDS)
Brian Stroup, Director, Operations & Facilities, UHDS
Scott Barnes, Vice President and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics
Jason Dalrymple, Director of Facilities and Operations, Intercollegiate Athletics
Members of the ASOSU Student Fee Committee (SFC)
Members of the University Budget Committee (UBC)
Members of the OSU Board of Trustees

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Confirmation of passage:
Zach Kowash, ASOSU Vice President and Student Senate President

Signature: __________________________ Date: ________  ☐ Approved  ☐ Vetoed
Approval or veto by the ASOSU President:

Audrey Schlotter, ASOSU President

Signature: ______________________________ Date: __________
WHEREAS Transparent and open access to the proceedings of all branches of the student government (including compliance with public meeting laws) ensures accountability before the student body and the broader public;

WHEREAS The ASOSU Judicial Council (JC) has recently claimed (April 2024), in response to a grievance filed by the public under Oregon Public Meeting Law, that it is neither a public body, nor a governing body, and asserts no obligation to hold meetings publicly or disclose the content of meetings to the public;

WHEREAS Regardless of whether the JC’s opinion of its obligations under Oregon Public Meeting Law are found to be correct, the Student Senate regardless may legislate to expand and clarify these requirements by statute;

WHEREAS Records officers are established to equally serve the recordkeeping needs of every branch of the ASOSU Student Government, including the Senate; however, more recent statutes stipulate that these officers are to follow any and all directives of the president exclusively (“subject to directives of the President”), limiting the independence of these offices;

WHEREAS It is the sense of this Senate that a clear reporting structure may be established for records officers without granting the president exclusive control of these officers at the exclusion of the other two branches — this balance would serve to further support impartial and independent recordkeeping practices;

WHEREAS Greater stakeholder involvement (particularly from the Senate tasked with confirming judicial nominees) prior to the nomination of candidates for the Judicial Council may help expedite confirmations once they reach the Senate floor, for presidential and constitutional (former officer) appointees alike;

WHEREAS The ASOSU Student Government formerly had an independent Ethics Committee; no such committee currently exists. An Ethics and Compliance Councilor established by statute may receive ethics reports from within the ASOSU Student Government, but is currently optional for the councilor to share the contents of these reports with the designated Senate committee (the Student Government Committee);
WHEREAS In prior years, the Mailman Lists System provided by the university (at lists.oregonstate.edu) provided an address to which the presiding officer(s) of the Student Senate could email agendas and meeting announcements, which would then be automatically distributed to all senators. Additionally, this system provides an option to automatically upload these notices to a public archive, ensuring members of the public can access these materials immediately upon being distributed to senators.

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE ASOSU:

PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

Two new sections, to precede the section currently numbered as SECTION ONE (“Start and End Dates of Terms of Office”) of Title VI (“Organizational Policies”) of the ASOSU Statutes, are added to read as indented below:

Section 1: Public Meetings
A. The primary presiding officers of the Student Senate, Judicial Council, and Student Fee Committee, shall make a reasonable effort to publicize the meeting times of their respective bodies, and the items scheduled for consideration, with at least 24 hours notice provided to the general public, except where an executive session is called in full compliance with the provisions of ORS 192.660.
B. The Student Senate, Judicial Council, and Student Fee Committee, and all committees and subcommittees thereof, shall comply with the requirements of governing bodies and public bodies under ORS 192.630, ORS 192.640, and ORS 192.660, or the corresponding state public meetings laws in effect following the passage of this statute.

Section 2: Public Mailing Lists
A. The primary presiding officers of the Student Senate, Judicial Council, and Student Fee Committee, shall make a reasonable effort to establish a publicly viewable, automated mailing list archive for any meeting notices or agendas sent via email to their respective bodies. The presiding officers may use the Mailman Lists System provided by the university (at lists.oregonstate.edu), or any comparable software system, for this purpose.
   i. The ASOSU Student Government shall prominently and clearly display a link to the public mailing list archive for each body on the ASOSU website.
   ii. Sending permissions may be limited to presiding officers, or expanded to include others, at the discretion of each body’s primary presiding officer.

RECORDKEEPING

Title II § 1(E) (“Records Officers”) of the ASOSU Statutes is stricken in its entirety.

Title II § 1(D)b is amended to include a new subsection as follows (amended from the former text of Title II § 1(E)):

ii. The Records Officers established in these statutes (see TITLE V), including the Records Clerk and Archivist, constitute independent offices of the Executive Branch. These positions primarily report to the President, and are subject to directives of the President when reasonably related to the records and archival duties of the records officers, as defined in Title II § 1 of these statutes. The presiding officers of the Senate, Judicial Council, and Student Fee Committee (SFC) may issue requests or directives of the records
Title V § 1 of the ASOSU Statutes is amended to read as indented below:

Section 1: Records Officers

A. Support Staff Designation
   i. Records Officers under this section (including the Records Clerk and Archivist) constitute support staff within the Executive Branch. These positions are not under the cabinet or staff of the President, but shall report to the President wherever provided in these statutes, and are subject to their designations.

B. Records Clerk
   a. The Records Clerk shall be appointed by a committee comprising the concurrent members of the Senate Student Government Committee (or other corresponding committee, as determined by the Senate) in addition to the President, Vice President, SFC Chair, and JC Chair. Appointment of the Records Clerk is subject to the confirmation of each year’s Senate, but the prior nomination shall stand for each successive Senate. The president may terminate the term of office of the Records Clerk for failure to complete the duties under this section, subject to approval of the committee under this section.
      i. In the event of a tie, the President shall break the tie.
      ii. Quorum for this committee to convene is a simple majority, with due notice to all committee members.
   b. The Records Clerk shall report to the President, or other designee of the President, as an employee of the executive branch serving under the President.
   c. The Archivist shall conduct activities reasonably related to the records and archival duties of the position, including the following:
      i. The Records Clerk shall serve as the primary point of contact between ASOSU and Oregon State University’s Office of the General Counsel with regard to record retention and preservation requirements.
      ii. The Records Clerk shall advise the Senate, Student Fee Committee, and Judicial Council, upon request or inquiry by the membership thereof, on questions of parliamentary procedure and may provide assistance in the writing of legislation.
      iii. The Records Clerk shall:
         1. Maintain minutes and agendas approved by the ASOSU Senate and, if provided and available, by the Student Fee Committee and Judicial Council;
            a. If requested by any of the above bodies, minutes may be accompanied by a computer-generated transcript of the meeting, including any edits for accuracy deemed necessary by the clerk (at the discretion of the clerk; manual review of transcripts is not a requirement).
            b. Meeting minutes shall include a list of members of the body and their attendance, principal subjects considered, motions of members, and vote totals and outcomes.
               i. Summaries of reports or debate are not strictly required, and where included, are advised to be brief and avoid directly attributing paraphrased statements in a manner that could be interpreted as a form of direct quotation. Minutes are not considered finalized until approved by their respective bodies.
         2. Record minutes at the public meetings of these bodies subject to the revision and approval thereof;
3. Make a good-faith effort to attend all regularly scheduled meetings of these bodies, and except in the event of emergency, shall provide advance notice of absence due to infrequent conflicts of schedule or available hours.

4. The ASOSU Records Clerk shall be responsible for tracking the status of legislation and ensuring they are forwarded to the correct body leaders upon passage. Upon being signed into effect or vetoed, all legislation shall be sent to the Archivist for archiving.

iv. Upon passage of any legislation, the Records Clerk shall gather the signature of the President of the Senate and deliver the legislation to the ASOSU President to sign or veto. Upon being signed into effect or vetoed, all legislation shall be returned to the Records Clerk for archiving.

C. Archivist

a. The Archivist shall be appointed by a committee comprising the concurrent members of the Senate Student Government Committee (or other corresponding committee, as determined by the Senate) in addition to the President, Vice President, SFC Chair, and JC Chair, and Appointment of the Archivist is subject to the confirmation of each year’s Senate, but the prior nomination shall stand for each successive Senate. The president may terminate the term of office of the Archivist for failure to complete the duties under this section, subject to approval of the committee under this section.

i. In the event of a tie, the President shall break the tie.

ii. Quorum for this committee to convene is a simple majority, with due notice to all committee members.

b. The Archivist shall report to the President, or other designee of the President, as an employee of the executive branch serving under the President.

c. The Archivist shall conduct activities reasonably related to the records and archival duties of the position, including the following:

i. The Archivist shall serve as the primary point of contact between ASOSU and Oregon State University's Office of the General Counsel with regard to record retention and preservation requirements.

ii. The Archivist shall maintain files and archive documents when necessary for ASOSU business including, but not limited to, the following:
   1. Legislation (resolutions or bills) formally introduced by members of the ASOSU Senate, and any other materials pertinent to the institutional memory of the Senate in the judgment of its primary presiding officer or a majority of its membership;
   2. Unsealed writs before the ASOSU Judicial Council, the decisions thereupon rendered, and any other materials pertinent to the institutional memory of the Judicial Council in the judgment of its chair or a majority of its membership;
   3. Upon request, records of the additional proceedings of any branch of the ASOSU, subject to the available time and best discretion of the Archivist;
   4. An up to date record on the current membership of the Senate, the Judicial Council, the SFC, and the Executive Branch, as well as any committees members of ASOSU Student Government are currently serving on.

iii. The Archivist shall ensure that the ASOSU Statutes are updated regularly to reflect any recently passed legislation, in consultation with the Student Government Committee if necessary.

iv. The Archivist shall work with body leaders and any necessary stakeholders (Special Collections and Archives Research Center, Barometer, and others) in the collection and digitization of past ASOSU records in a publicly accessible place, including but not necessarily limited to, the following:
1. Legislation (resolutions or bills) passed and signed by the ASOSU President in previous years;
2. The composition of previous years membership of the ASOSU Senate, SFC, Judicial Council, and Executive Branch, when possible;
3. Unsealed writs from previous years’ Judicial Councils;
4. Other materials, as requested by the ASOSU President or respective body leaders, subject to the best discretion and available time of the Archivist.

v. The ASOSU Archivist shall be responsible for ensuring the names and positions listed on the ASOSU website are updated to reflect changes on a regular basis.

Title VI § 3(C)j-k of the ASOSU Statutes are amended as indented below:

j. For year-round services, the Records Clerk shall be granted an hourly wage for up to 204 hours per week for services rendered or duties performed as a Records Officer at pay classification one, including seasonal breaks.

k. For year-round services, the Archivist shall be granted an hourly wage for up to 165 hours per week for services rendered or duties performed as a Records Officer at pay classification one, including seasonal breaks.

STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT IN JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

A new section, to follow SECTION THREE (“Proceedings of the Council”) of Title III (“Judicial Council”) of the ASOSU Statutes, is added to read as indented below:

Section 4: Nominations and Confirmations to the Judicial Council

A. The ASOSU Student Government shall collect applications to vacancies on the Judicial Council from any interested and eligible members of the ASOSU Student Body at large, in an open application process. Specific deadlines for primary consideration are to be specified in promotional materials, for the information of prospective candidates.

B. Following the receipt of applications, the Senate Student Government Committee (or other corresponding committee, as determined by the Senate; “committee,” for the purposes of this section) shall review the submitted applications. The committee shall issue its recommendation for nominations to the President. Committee recommendations must include a rubric of criteria applied to all reviewed applicants, accompanied by a brief statement of why the recommended candidates were selected in consideration of this rubric.

   a. Committee recommendations per vacancy may be singular (one candidate recommended for one position) or plural (multiple candidates recommended for one vacancy, deferring to the judgment of the president).
   
   b. The President, as the constitutionally-designated nominating authority for judicial vacancies, shall maintain full access to all submitted applications throughout the process of soliciting and reviewing candidates for nomination.

C. The committee may choose to hold stakeholder feedback sessions as it deems appropriate within a reasonable timeline for appointment of vacancies.

   a. Feedback sessions need not require the presence of specific finalists for recommendation or nomination, but in the event that they do, the committee must first request the consent of the applicants and the president.

D. If the President nominates a candidate for Judicial Councilor differing from the committee’s recommendations, the President shall provide a written or oral report to the Senate, which is herein advised to describe the President’s reasons for varying from the recommended
nominee(s). If the President nominates candidates included in the committee’s recommendations, no report is required.

EXPANDED STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT IN SFC APPOINTMENTS

Title IV § 3(D) of the ASOSU Statutes is amended to read as indented below:

D. Should an at-large seat become vacant, a committee comprising the concurrent members of the Senate Student Government Committee (or other corresponding committee, as determined by the Senate) in addition to the ASOSU President, SFC Chair, and SFC Vice Chair (or and another member of the SFC) shall open applications for and nominate a qualified individual to serve for the remainder of the term of office, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

SUCCESSION OF STATUTES

All positions appointed under statutes in effect at the time of appointment, and preceding the enactment of this legislation, shall remain appointed without requiring re-appointment under the new or amended statutory provisions of this legislation. All other provisions herein applicable to the named offices shall remain in full, unmodified effect.

This bill shall be sent to:

Associated Students of Oregon State University:
Audrey Schlotter, President
Zach Kowash, Vice President and Student Senate President
Adison Rowe, Senate President pro tempore
Emerson Pearson, Senate Student Government Committee Chair
Members of the Senate Student Government Committee
Sophia Nowers, Student Fee Committee Chair
Members of the Student Fee Committee
Chair of the Judicial Council
Members of the Judicial Council

OSU Valley Library Special Collections & Archives Research Center
Julie Judkins, Department Head
Cydney Hill, University Records Manager
Karl McCreary, OSU Staff Archivist

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Sponsored by:
Shawn Durr, ASOSU Senator

Confirmation of passage:
Zach Kowash, ASOSU Vice President and Student Senate President

☐ Approved
Signature: ________________________________ Date:

Approval or veto by the ASOSU President:

Audrey Schlotter, ASOSU President

Signature: ________________________________ Date:

Vetoed