

Student Fee Committee

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 26, 2024

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm.

II. Roll Call

- a. Sophia Nowers, *SFC Chair*
- b. Saegis Abbott, *Member-at-Large*
- c. Lillian Goodyear, *Vice Chair*
- d. Dylan Perfect, *Member-at-Large*
- e. Connor Chen, *Member-at-Large*
- f. Madison Wusstig, *Member-at-Large*
- g. TBA, *ASOSU Liaison*
- h. TBA, *Basic Needs Center Liaison*
- i. Angelo Arredondo, *Family Resource Center Liaison*
- j. Noah Roberts, *Memorial Union Liaison*
- k. Oliver Devereux, *Performing Arts Liaison*
- l. Emma Flick, *Recreational Sports Liaison*
- m. TBA, *Student Experiences & Engagement Liaison*

III. Oath of Office for New Members

There were no new members to swear in.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

V. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

VI. Student Advisory Board Updates

- a. ASOSU
 - i. **Chair Nowers:** First meeting is Thursday October 3rd.
- b. BNC
 - i. *No liaison present.*

- c. FRC
 - i. **Angelo:** No update. Has been meeting with staff to form SAB.
- d. MU
 - i. **Noah:** SAB hasn't met yet. Executive members have been meeting. Will have SAB details up on website shortly.
- e. Performing Arts
 - i. **Oliver:** Forming SAB.
- f. Rec Sports
 - i. **Emma:** First meeting on 10/1, 4pm-5pm.
- g. SEE
 - i. **Chair Nowers:** Meeting next Friday at noon.

VII. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

VIII. New Business

- a. Welcome back to Fall Term!
- b. SFC Calendar Approval
 - i. **Dylan Perfect:** Schedule moved up a month and reduced deliberation time
 - ii. **Steve Holescher, SFC Advisor:** The schedule changed due to board of trustees meeting changing from April to March. January/March/May meeting beneficial to other units within the University and a better distribution of meetings.
Noah Roberts: Does calendar stay same for Advisory Boards?
Saegis Abbot: Did we lose an SFC deliberation meeting? Is there a point when we will know if the president of ASOSU has signed the fee bills?
Chair Nowers: We will know when she signs them.
Saegis: So, will the schedule be squished.
Nowers: Yes, Schedule depends on approval by asosu president and osu president. Steps can't be skipped.

Steve: For clarification all work and information the board receives is the reading materials, like SFC reports. The board will hear that material but it will not be a stand alone document. All SFC calendars are a very collaborative process. Feedback from the President comes back throughout process.

Saegis: In theory everyone will have enough time to make proper decisions.

Steve: in theory yes.

Chair Nowers: For clarification Steve, they changed the University Budget Committee timeline and it is still ending in January?

Steve: Yes, the UBC process ends in January.

The calendar structured by Sophia honors the previous schedules and gives the university and the board enough time to make educated decisions.

Dylan Perfect: Schedule is too rushed for Senate and I see that down the road we could run out of time for Bills.

Steve: Board meetings scheduled in April was ill timed for all parties involved. The 2 factors were a desire to space out meetings and probably finding when the board members could actually show up. The Board has the authority to make their own schedule

Dylan Perfect: I would be a little more comfortable if there was some collaboration between the board and students. Would the board call a special meeting if there was a situation where we didn't have a signed bill by February 7th.

Steve: I am doubtful that there will be any changes to the schedule and timeline. The schedule is already locked in by board members.

Perfect: I heard a special meeting is not unheard of.

Steve: It is at the will of the board, the board would have to decide if pulling a meeting off schedule has merit and value

Nowers: the last special meeting was during the pandemic when the governor declared a statewide emergency, right?

Steve: There were special meetings for the removal of university president and have been held for very large acquisitions.

Dylan Perfect: I would see value in being able to discuss the schedule with the board. I would like to turn over to gallery comments and committee members.

Emma Flick: I do wish there was more time given with a warning. We can make sure senate doesn't turn away fee bills by making sure they are going to SAB meetings and budget managers also know what is going on and can make appropriate decisions to avoid bottlenecking. Senate can come to SAB meetings with all questions and concerns

Nowers: Senate has time to reach out and make sure expectations are met

Saegis: Are board members allowed to say what is coming up? Could she have sent an email for more informal communication?

Steve: Here is what I think happened, they are navigating intense workload, came into fruition quickly. Decisions were made due to what the board wants

This is the first time my time at OSU that a board meeting has been changed .

Saegis: They don't need a policy for changes?

Steve: Probably not.

Perfect: I was proposing more opportunities for collaboration I would like to succeed time to senate members present

Nowers: Before we go to gallery comment, are there any member comments?

Angelo: I think my concern is the smaller calendar means less student engagement.

Nowers: This is only one less SFC Meeting than last year. We will work with SABs to publicize their meetings.

Gallery comments

Emerson Pearson– ASOSU Senator

2 issues I see in this is that students should have more chances to share their voices. What I have heard is that students have said SAB meetings are hard to access and most engagement happens at deliberations and senate meetings. The turn around for comments and engagement is short and concerns me. Senators might not know what they are advocating for due to the lack of time. I worry about student accessibility and concerns about the timeline. I don't see why the Board can't approve the fee in May.

Addison Rowe – ASOSU Senate president pro tempore

Is this the final schedule for the SFC?

Nowers: Yes

Dylan Perfect: I would maybe challenge us as we look at the process improvement taskforce to look at collaboration and student involvement.

Nowers: There was a survey sent to asosu members and stakeholders on the process to identify weakness and areas for improvement.

Gallery Comment

Addison Rowe

When I attended a senate deliberation two years ago, the Senate [Congress at the time] would not call an emergency meeting for more club funding but they didn't get formal funding. Budget deliberations in the Senate were ill informed and getting your voices heard as a student was difficult. I would like to change the schedule

to allow more time and is there room for flex. I don't think the current schedule will encourage student involvement

Nathan Schmidt – ASOSU Chief of Staff

I want to provide clarification. I will always advocate for more student involvement, as an exec member it is our priority to have more student engagement in the SFC process. Chair Nower's schedule is impressive and good work, dates move, we are resilient and work to get student voices heard.

Conner: Steve in your opinion does every package have to be together?

Steve: Search board policies on the asosu website, these are the policies the board has set for the university

If you then go down the many policies you can see tuition and fees. The policy that exists at osu is tuition and fees are decided by the board at the march or April meeting. You risk ill information to students and OSU members about financial changes and you can't assemble financial aid packages with numbers that aren't finalized.

Angelo: so there is a SFC process improvement committee to improving the process.

Nowers: There are budget managers, SFC, Incoming and outgoing vp/president of ASOSU and members of SABs and Senate who look back on the process and try to improve it and give feedback.

Angelo: yes thank you

Dylan Perfect: No objections to the schedule given the parameters. Under state law the student government can request changes to incidental fee but I think it is somewhat evident that the board doesn't have any legal means to change the calendar. I am asking for more collaboration with the board going forward. The motion I would like to make is to provisionally approve the calendar for FY25 fee setting. We have to assume everything will go perfectly

Noah Roberts: I echo the worries of the gallery but I encourage you and Lillian to look at the student engagement. I would encourage SABs to promote SAB meetings

Dylan, Perfect: I motion to move to gallery comments
The motion was seconded.

Gallery Comment

Emerson

One thing I would say that for now we will operate off of this and this as we explore other options. I think it is important to note for the process improvement committee is to publicize it and focus on who isn't in the room, including students who don't know anything about ASOSU.

Addison

I don't know how final the schedule is so the senate could have a question and answer forum if the schedule is solidified and explore more communication between the board and students.

SFC Chair Sophia Nowers: This schedule was made in collaboration with Zach Kowash, ASOSU VP and President of the Senate.

Nathan

I hear the valid concerns from gallery but we are a small line item to the board but we should consider the time and energy we have put into the schedule and changing it is tough but there should be more outreach.

Dylan: May is probably not going to work as a general policy and it is the boards choice. I concur that there is great effort put into the schedule and motion to approve the calendar. The senate is elected separate from the president and more communication could be beneficial and get a sense of what the senate is feeling. Additionally expressing concerns with the board would be beneficial

Dylan Perfect moved to approved the provisional calendar, barring additional changes based on conversations with the Senate and Board of Trustees office.

The motion was seconded. There was no objection.

*All members present other than **Angelo Arredondo** voted in favor of adopting the proposed calendar.*

- c. Mock Deliberations Scheduling
Saturday November 16th 9am – 12 pm
- d. ~~SFC Unit Trivia~~
- IX. **Chair Announcements**
 - a. No Meeting next week (Week 1, October 3rd)
 - b. UBC Tuition Forum (Nov. 6th, 5-6 pm)
- X. **Member Comments**



Student Fee Committee

Sophia Nowers, SFC Chair

Student Experience Center SEC 282

Saegis: The discord server has been quite popular, SAB meetings can be published on the server.

Dylan Perfect: I express caution over after hours access to the building being restricted.

XI. Advisor Comments

Steve: Thanks all for the conversation tonight and ideas on student engagement

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm