



Associated Students of Oregon State University

2026 Elections Packet

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Letter to Candidates

To the students of this year's election,

Thank you for your interest in running for an elected position with the Associated Students of Oregon State University (ASOSU). Enclosed below, you'll discover comprehensive guidance intended to support you through this electoral process. These forthcoming elections will play a pivotal role in appointing the new ASOSU President & Vice President, Senators, SFC Chair, and SFC At-Large Members.

The terms for these positions are from June 1st, 2026, to June 1st, 2027.

Candidates are encouraged to be available for the full term. If you anticipate being unavailable at any point during the term due to graduation, internship, or planned leave, please consult with the Elections Committee at asosu.elections@oregonstate.edu to review your plan and determine eligibility.

As a respected student government body, our organization stands as a crucial platform for student leaders to advocate for various causes. It is our hope that this opportunity empowers you to address issues significant to you and represent your fellow students effectively. We strongly advise all candidates to thoroughly review the materials provided and take the necessary time to comprehend the information. A clear understanding of the ASOSU election cycles, rules, and guidelines is vital for successful participation.

For accessibility concerns, or any other accommodations necessary to engage with this process, please contact me, or the Elections Committee at asosu.elections@oregonstate.edu.

Thank you for your dedication and best of luck in your candidacy!

Aya Ari

ASOSU Chair of Elections Committee

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Important Dates

January 21 st , 2026: Candidate Registration Open
Information Session for candidates will be held. <i>Details will be announced.</i>
February 2 nd , 2026: Campaign Period Begins
February 8 th , 2026: Candidate Registration Closes at 11:59am
February 16 th , 2026: Mid Campaign Financial Statements Due at 5pm February 23 rd , 2026: Ballot Opens at 12pm
March 6 th , 2026: Ballot Closes at 12pm March 6 th , 2026: Final Campaign Financial Statements Due at 5pm
May 31 st , 2026: Inauguration

Requirements for Candidacy

Candidates for any elected or appointed office must meet University requirements to hold office (*ASOSU Constitution, Article VI, Section A: Requirements for Candidacy or Appointed Position*).

Requirements for Candidacy or Appointed Positions:

All ASOSU employees are required to meet eligibility requirements as outlined by the ASOSU Unit Rules. These are summarized below:

- Must be eligible for employment in the United States and at OSU.
- Must maintain a cumulative and term 2.0 GPA.
- Must make active progress (earning course credits) toward degree completion.
- Must meet minimum credit hour requirements for student employment as outlined in section 500 of the OSU Student Employment Manual.
- Must remain in good conduct standing with OSU.
- Must complete all training requirements assigned by ASOSU supervisors.
- Must be taking at least one Corvallis based class.

All student employment by the university is subject to university requirements, such as the above eligibility requirements. If unable to meet these requirements for the term prior to the election, the student will not be eligible for candidacy.

Position Descriptions

Open Positions this Election:

- ASOSU President
- ASOSU Vice President
- Student Fee Committee (SFC) Chair
- Senators (18)
- Student Fee Committee (SFC) Members At-Large (5)

The summaries below are non-exhaustive. Roles and duties are further outlined in the ASOSU Constitution, as well as applicable statutes and governing documents. In some cases, these are subject to change by the ASOSU Senate. Hours and rates of pay are reflective of the current fiscal year and provided for informational purposes only, as they may change prior to taking office. More information can be found at asosu.oregonstate.edu.

Please remember that the term for these positions begins on June 1, 2026, and ends on June 1, 2027.

ASOSU President

One *open seat*; serves a **one-year term**. | Current pay model: 24 hrs/wk during the academic year, 40 hrs/wk over the summer

The ASOSU President helps represent ASOSU and lead the executive branch of the student government. The President of the ASOSU shall be responsible for conducting all administrative affairs of the ASOSU, including, but not limited to:

1. Overseeing and administering the ASOSU Student Government budget.
2. Performing policy oversight and assisting the executive committees, task forces and services, and staff of the Executive Branch.
3. Representing the ASOSU to increase the visibility and influence of the ASOSU both on and off campus.
4. Performing all duties as outlined in the ASOSU Statutes.

The ASOSU President may also participate on boards or committees within the university or broader campus community. In prior years, these have included:

1. Student Athletic Advisory Board
2. Campus Planning Committee
3. OSU Faculty Senate
4. OSU President's Cabinet

The ASOSU President also helps lead a process to formally recommend students for appointment to the Student Trustee position on the OSU Board of Trustees.

ASOSU Vice President

One *open seat*; serves a **one-year term**. | Current pay model: 24 hrs./wk during the academic year, 40 hrs/wk during the summer

The ASOSU Vice President helps assist the President in representing ASOSU and leading the executive branch of the student government. The Vice President will also serve as the President of the Senate. The ASOSU Vice President is mainly responsible for chairing Senate Meetings, the Elections Committee, all Mediation committees.

In the event the position of ASOSU President becomes vacant prior to the scheduled end of the term of office, the ASOSU Vice President succeeds to the office of President.

ASOSU Senators

*Eighteen open seats; each serves a **one-year** term. Fifteen seats reserved for undergraduate students and Three seats reserved for graduate students* | Current pay model: up to 8 hrs./wk during the academic year; up to 5 hr/wk during the summer.

Standing Committee chairs: 9 hr/wk during the academic year; up to 6 hr/wk during the summer.

Senate President pro tempore: up to 15 hr/wk during the academic year; up to 10 hr/wk during the summer.

The Senate makes up the unicameral ASOSU Legislative Branch. The Senate passes bills or resolutions that serve the needs of the greater student body, either by changing internal ASOSU structures and processes, or making a stance on a subject on the behalf of students. The Senate reviews requests for the collection of student fees presented by the Student Fee Committee (SFC) Senators shall represent the interests of the student body to the best of their abilities and shall stand ready to assist students in matters relating to the ASOSU, and respond to concerns that students may hold.

ASOSU Student Fee Committee (SFC) Chair

*One open seat; serves a **one-year** term.* | Current pay model: 24 hr/wk year-round

The SFC Chair presides over and facilitates meetings of the ASOSU Student Fee Committee. The Student Fee Committee is a committee of elected students and unit liaisons who oversee the budgeting process for the entirety of student fees. Each year, the SFC revises budgetary guidelines for the student fee-funded units, and reviews executive reports, strategic plans, and final budget submissions for the upcoming fiscal year. The goal and purpose of the SFC is to develop a recommendation for the level of the student incidental fee for the upcoming fiscal year.

Upon passage of student fee recommendations by the SFC, the chair reports and presents these recommendations to the ASOSU Senate. The SFC Chair also serves on the University Budget Committee and may serve on other committees across campus.

ASOSU Student Fee Committee (SFC) At-Large Member

*Five open at-large seats serve with appointed unit liaisons; each member serves a **one-year** term.* | Current pay model: 3 hr/wk year-round

The SFC recommends fee levels for each student fee-funded unit. At-large members of the SFC represent the entire student body in this budgeting process. They annually review and revise the budgetary guidelines for the student fee-funded units as well as

the executive reports, strategic plans, and budget documents and templates created by unit budget managers and student advisory boards. The SFC votes on each unit's budget to create a recommendation on the level of the student incidental fee.

Campaign Rules and Violations

Please read the following carefully. The ASOSU Statutes permit that the Election Committee “may disqualify a candidate for any Major Offense, gross violations of the University policies, or actions that cause great harm to the student body.”

Volunteers for candidate campaigns must adhere to the following guidelines as well. Volunteers are an extension of the candidate when acting on behalf of the campaign. Candidates may not ask or direct any individual or organization to take actions which are considered violations. Candidates are not responsible for actions taken without their knowledge or influence, but are responsible for reporting any violations (including those made on behalf of their campaign) within 24 hours of observing them. Any violations of a candidate extends to those volunteering for that candidate’s campaign.

Candidates accused of committing a major offense will receive a hearing by the Elections Committee. Candidates will receive a 48-hour notice of their hearing time. Candidates and/or campaigns to whom a violation is issued from the Elections Committee may appeal. Appeals must first be submitted to the Elections Committee within two working days of receiving the violation notice. The Elections Committee will review the appeal and must make their decision within two working days of receiving the appeal form. All Elections Committee decisions shall be subject to review by the Judicial Council.

If you have any questions about the campaign rules and violations, please contact: asosu.elections@oregonstate.edu

Slate Campaign

Definition: A slate, or political slate, is a group of candidates that run in multi-seat or multi-position elections on a common platform. The common platform may be because the candidates are all members of a political group, have the same or similar policies, or some other reason.” (Adopted from lsd.law)

Slates are recognized as voluntary affiliations with the purpose of shared goals and ideas. Slates have no electoral privileges, ballot advantages, or collective voting mechanisms, and ASOSU affirms that candidates are elected as individuals.

Registration (*must be submitted before slate campaigning begins*):

a. Primary point of contact:

- a. Each slate must have a primary point of contact who is responsible for communication with the Elections Committee.
- b. The primary point of contact will register the slate during the Registration Period.

b. Slate Registration Requirements: the following information is required

- a. Slate name
- b. Names of all candidates who are affiliated with the slate.
 - i. Additional members may join after communication with EC.
- c. Slate platform describing the purpose and common goals.

All slates must adhere to the following:

- One slate per candidate. Marketing must be **individual**, with only one name permitted per piece of promotional media. The sole exception is the President/Vice President race, in which candidates may be endorsed and marketed as a ticket. Marketing must be made and shared by the individual (after EC approval).
- Slates cannot pool funds, have shared QR codes, Linktrees, or websites.

Violations:

For slate violations, the Elections Committee may further investigate for the participation of other members involvement with the violation.

Major Offenses: the following is prohibited.

Major Campaign Violations:

The following actions are prohibited and are considered major campaign violations due to their potential to undermine the integrity, fairness, or administration of the election.

1. **Election Interference** - Any action that interferes with the integrity, security, or independence of the voting process or improperly influence voters, candidates, or election officials. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Casting, submitting, or facilitating votes on behalf of other students.
 - Unauthorized access to or tampering with the electronic election system.
 - Attempting to alter ballots, vote counts, or system settings.
 - Harassment, intimidation, or threats directed at voters, candidates, or election officials.
 - Interfering with another student's ability to vote freely and independently.

2. **Campaigning Interference** – Any action that intentionally interferes with or undermines another campaign. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Destroying, removing, defacing, or altering another campaign's materials.
 - Knowingly disseminating false or misleading information to affect the outcome of the election.
 - Attempting to disrupt, shout down, or interfere with another candidates tabling activities, events, debates, or speeches.
 - Other actions intended to disadvantage another candidate through sabotage rather than advocacy.

3. **Failure to Comply with Elections Administration** – Failing to cooperate with the elections committee or to comply with the election procedures. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Failing to submit required campaign materials or documentation by established deadlines without prior approval.
 - Providing false, incomplete, or misleading information to the Elections Committee.
 - Obstructing, delaying, or interfering with an investigation or review of the Elections Committee.
 - Failing to comply with the rulings, directives, or sanctions issued by the Elections Committee.

- Committing multiple minor violations (at least three) during the course of the election, or multiple violations on the final day that undermine the intent of a fair elections process.
4. **Financial Misconduct** – Any action that violates expectations of campaign finances, contributions, or use of resources. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Exceeding the campaign finance limit by more than 5% on any Financial Statements.
 - Accepting prohibited financial or in-kind contributions, including those from organizations or individuals acting on behalf of organizations.
 - Failing to accurately disclose all campaign-related expenses.
 - Hiring or compensating individuals for campaign-related work.
 - Failure to turn in a financial statement by the deadline becomes a major offense after 3 days (72 hours).

 5. **Abuse of Authority** – Any action that uses positional power or future opportunities to gain campaign support. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Promising, implying, or guaranteeing appointments to employment opportunities or other leadership positions.
 - Offering or providing money, gifts, meals, favors, or other incentives in exchange for votes or support.
 - Engaging in any quid pro quo arrangement tied to future roles or influence.

 6. **Disruptive Campaigning** – Any action that significantly disrupts OSU operations, constitutes a serious violation of the OSU Student Code of Conduct, or causes harm to the student body or ASOSU.

Minor Offenses

1. Marketing materials are posted in non-university locations or ASOSU offices (SEC Suite 250).
2. Putting up campaign materials in buildings without their permission and/or protocol.
3. OSU offices (i.e. a cultural center), departments, DSOs (Department Student Organization), and Faculty & Staff. Publicizing any endorsements from these entities is prohibited.

4. Any violations of the Elections rules and regulations not specifically stated as a Major Offense.
5. Exceeding the campaign finance limit on any Financial Statement (over 5% becomes a major violation)

Violation Consequences

Campaign Violation Due Process:

All candidates for ASOSU office are required to follow expectations and guidelines established in the election packet. Any allegation of violating the expectations for campaigning may be reported to the Elections Committee for review. The Elections Committee has the authority to determine if a campaign violation has occurred through the process outlined in this elections packet. The Elections Committee also has the authority to issue sanctions for candidates found responsible for campaign violations including disqualification from the elections process.

Reporting:

Any member of the OSU community or public may report campaign violations to the Elections Committee. However, all ASOSU Officers and registered candidates are required to report suspected campaign violations to the Election Committee. Reports should be made in writing with a summary of the allegations to asosu.elections@oregonstate.edu.

Preliminary Review:

The Elections Committee will review the report and determine whether the allegations would constitute a campaign violation if everything in the allegation were true. The Election committee may seek additional information before proceeding with a notice of alleged campaign violations or may discard the report if the allegation does not constitute a campaign violation.

Notice of Alleged Campaign Violations:

Once the Elections Committee determines which Major and Minor campaign violations are applicable, the Elections Committee must provide written notice of the allegations to the candidate. The written notice must include:

Summary of the allegations within the report.

The specific Major/Minor campaign violations that are being alleged.

Outline of the next steps for the candidate

Resolution Option 1 – Expedited Administrative Process:

For a first-time minor violation, the Elections Committee may opt to engage in an administrative process in which the committee predetermines a sanction that is appropriate given the context of the allegations. The Election Committee notifies the candidate of the allegations and the predetermined sanction and gives the candidate the option to accept the proposed outcome or to contest the allegations within 48 hours. If the candidate accepts the outcome, the candidate is then found responsible for the campaign violation, completes the sanction, and the issue is closed with no hearing.

If the candidate wishes to contest the allegation or sanction, then the candidate must respond in writing to request a hearing within 48 hours of the notice. If the candidate does not respond within that timeframe, the candidate is automatically found responsible for the campaign violation and the sanction applies.

Resolution Option 2 – Standard Hearing Process:

The hearing process is the standard process for resolving all allegations of campaign violations - major or minor violations. The Election Committee will schedule a hearing time and will provide the Notice of Alleged Campaign Violations 48 hours before the hearing. The candidate may request to review the full report and any other evidence prior to the hearing.

At the hearing, the committee will share the allegations and charges and give the candidate an opportunity to respond to the allegations and provide any relevant documentation or witness statements. All responses can be provided in writing or verbally to the Elections Committee. The candidate does not have to attend the hearing if they choose.

After the candidate has had an opportunity to respond, the elections committee has the right to ask the candidate and any witnesses relevant questions regarding the allegations. The Elections Committee Chair is responsible for determining if a question is relevant. Candidates and witnesses have the right to not respond to any questions.

Deliberation and Decision:

Deliberations will automatically be held privately in executive session unless requested by the candidate to be held in public session. Voting on final decisions must be completed in public session.

The Elections Committee will deliberate to determine whether the candidate is “responsible” or “not responsible” for each alleged campaign violation using the preponderance of evidence (more likely than not) standard. Lack of participation in the process or refusing to answer questions cannot be used against a candidate in determining if a violation occurred.

Sanctions:

The elections committee must first determine if a violation occurred. Once a violation has been determined, then the Election Committee can deliberate appropriate sanctions. The Elections Committee can consider severity of the violation, impact on the election, intent of the candidate, prior violations, and whether the candidate accepted responsibility for the violation. However, general menu for appropriate sanctions is as follows:

- **Corrective Action:** A requirement that the candidate take specific actions to correct or mitigate the campaign violation. This sanction is appropriate when a violation is minor, unintentional or procedural in nature, and has an overall low impact on the integrity of the elections process or other campaigns.
- **Ban of Campaign Activity:** A temporary restriction that prohibits the candidate from engaging in campaign activities for a determined period. This can be as little as 24 hours or for the duration of the election depending on severity. This sanction is appropriate when the campaign violations could have provided an unfair advantage to another candidate.
- **Letter of Censure:** A formal written reprimand documenting that a violation occurred and that the conduct was inconsistent with campaign regulations. This sanction is appropriate when a violation is moderate to high and when the actions of the candidate demonstrate poor judgment or negligence. Letter of Censures will be posted to the Elections website and student media will be notified.

- **Disqualification of Election:** A banning of the candidate for participating in the elections processes including a removal from the ballot and an invalidation of all votes casts. Removal from the ballot should only occur after appeals process has been resolved. This sanction is appropriate when the violation is severe or egregious and undermines the integrity of the elections process. This sanction should be only used when lesser sanctions would be insufficient to remedy the harm caused.

Notification of Decision:

The Election Committee must send a Notification of Decision Letter to the candidate within 24 hours after a decision has been reached by the elections committee. The decision letter should include:

- Responsible or Not Responsible finding for each alleged Campaign Violation.
- Rationale for why the committee made that determination.
- Applicable sanctions and instructions to complete them.
- Information regarding the appeal process.

Appeal:

Candidates who have been found responsible have the right to appeal a decision of the elections committee to the Judicial Council through their established procedures. Appeals must be submitted via a Judicial Council Writ and must be made within 48 hours of the Decision Letter being sent to the candidate.

The Judicial Council may affirm the Election Committee decision, modify the outcomes, or overturn the decision. The decision of the Judicial Council is final.

Campaign Finances

For the 2026 ASOSU General Election, the campaign spending limit for all candidates is **\$300**. Spending limits apply to each candidate as an individual with the exception of the President/Vice President who run as one ticket.

The Elections Committee may be able to provide assistance and marketing resources upon request.

To ensure accountability to campaign spending limits, as well as transparency of funding, the ASOSU Statutes also require the Elections Committee to set deadlines for a Mid-Campaign Financial Statement, as well as a Final Financial Statement, from all candidates. Financial statements shall include an itemized list of all expenditures and a detailed list of all contributions, whether personal or student. All candidate financial statements will be posted publicly on the Elections website.

Candidates running jointly for President and Vice President are not required to submit statements independently.

The deadlines are as follows:

Mid-Campaign Financial Statement: Monday February 16th, 2026, at 5:00pm PST

Final Campaign Financial Statement: Friday, March 6th, 2026 at 5:00pm PST

Please note this restriction: “No contributions shall be allowed by any organization or individual acting on behalf of an organization.” (ASOSU Statutes Title VIII § 11(D)). This means your sources of campaign funding must be purely from your own funds, or those contributed to your campaign by other individuals. If you receive material donations (like free posters or free photoshoots from a professional photographer), please note these accordingly and provide a fair market value estimate of their worth. You may consult with the Elections Committee on these estimates before submitting your financial statements.

Campaign Materials

All candidates participating in the ASOSU-sponsored elections must have all campaign material submitted to the ASOSU Elections Committee (asosu.elections@oregonstate.edu) prior to posting. The Elections Committee will respond within 48 hours to approve or deny any marketing material.

We reserve the right to rescind approval of campaign materials.

Statutory Requirements for Campaign Materials & Locations (ASOSU Statutes Title VIII § 11(B)):

- No campaign materials may be placed on building exteriors, light poles, trees, or automobiles.
- Certain campaign materials, unless otherwise approved, must have the ASOSU Elections website address on them: asosu.oregonstate.edu/elections. These shall include:
 - Campaign posters
 - Social networking sites
 - Websites
 - Fliers
- Once physical materials are approved, the location, the date it was put up and an initial of the candidate must be written on the back. *It is suggested to take a photo of the flyer in its location.*
- Chalking is not permitted.
- No candidate or affiliate shall remove or deface the campaign materials of another candidate.
- Only the members of the Elections Committee shall remove illegal campaign materials.
- Candidates sending emails over listservs must obtain permission from that list's administrator as well as Elections Committee.
- Campaigning may **NOT** include the use of Benny the Beaver, Oregon State University logos or symbols, or any pictures or models that may be perceived as an endorsement by the University.
- All candidates and campaigns shall comply with libel and slander laws under the provisions of ORS-260.532.
- Campaigning in University living establishments (residence halls, co-ops, fraternities, sororities, etc.) is at the discretion of that organization. Candidates

are expected to abide by all regulations of the organization as well as University regulations.

- Campaigning in classes and lectures is left to the discretion of the instructor.

Registering for Candidacy

Steps to Register:

1. Attend or watch an ASOSU Elections Informational Session prior to campaigning.
2. Visit the asosu.oregonstate.edu website and visit the “Elections” page.
3. Click “Candidate Registration” and Slate Registration
4. Fill out the form and submit! Be sure to include your platform, biography, and campaign photo.

Elections Platform Guidelines – Required for Each Position:

- Platform statement (no more than 500 words per ticket)
- Photo of candidates (one per person)
- Personal bio (no more than 200 words each, per person)

Do's and Don'ts

A highlight of things you can and cannot do as a candidate.

Please make sure you understand everything. Reach out if you need clarification!

DO	DON'T
DO encourage students to vote in this election!	DON'T provide a means to vote to any student! (i.e. do not give a direct link to the ballot)
DO prepare your marketing materials in a timely manner.	DON'T tamper with another campaign's materials.
DO submit required documents on time, including your candidate registration, mid-campaign financial statement, and final financial statement.	DON'T spend more than \$300 on your campaign.
DO positively represent the students of Oregon State University.	DON'T promise to hire a student or "earmark" a student for a position during the course of the campaign.
DO ask the Elections Committee any questions you might have.	DON'T wait until you have campaign violations to reach out.

Please remember that the term for these positions begins on June 1, 2026, and ends on June 1, 2027.

2026 Election Committee Members

Name	Position/Role Email
Aya Ari	Chief of Staff / EC Chair asosuchiefstaff@oregonstate.edu
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Meetings are open to the public and subject to requirements of Oregon Public Meeting Law (OPML).

Glossary

Alleged: Something that has been stated but not necessarily confirmed.

Appeal: To make a request for reconsideration of a decision or statement.

Appointed: To name or assign to a position, an office, or the like; designate.

ASOSU: Associated Students of Oregon State University.

Bill: An internal proposal to change something in ASOSU.

Bylaws: A set of laws made by a local organization or government that only relates to its particular region and/or members.

Constitution: [ASOSU Constitution](#)

Endorsement: An act of giving one's public approval or support to someone or something.

Listserv: An application that distributes messages to subscribers on an electronic mailing list.

Resolution: A stance on behalf of the students of OSU regarding an issue or state level ballot measure.

Slander: The action or crime of making a false spoken statement damaging to a person's reputation.

Statutes: [ASOSU Statutes](#)

Student Advisory Board (SAB): A group of students, staff, and community members who provide important input to each of the student fee-funded units on everything from budgets, program priorities to advocacy goals. One of the most important functions of the Student Advisory Board is the presentation of each student fee-funded unit's annual budget request to the ASOSU Student Fee Committee.

Student Fee Committee (SFC): Located in the ASOSU executive branch. The SFC is a committee of elected students and unit liaisons who oversee the budgeting process for the entirety of student fees. Each year, the SFC revises budgetary guidelines for the student fee-funded units, reviews executive reports, strategic plans, and final budget submissions for the upcoming fiscal year.

Ticket(s): Refers to a single election choice that fills more than one political office or seat. For example, in the ASOSU, the candidates for President and Vice President run on the same "ticket," because they are elected together on a single ballot question.

Vacant: Not held, filled, or occupied, as a position or office. Having no occupant in a seat.

Violation: An action that breaks or acts against something, especially a law, agreement, principle, or something that should be treated with respect