

# Elections 2023

Voter's  
Guide

Voting Opens --- 2/20  
Voting Closes --- 3/10  
[asosu.oregonstate.edu/elections](https://asosu.oregonstate.edu/elections)

# President & Vice President



**Julia Hayes | Angelo Arredono**

**Major:** 3rd year majoring in Political Science     **Major:** 3rd year majoring in Political Science

**Prior Experience:** Julia is serving as an ASOSU Senator as well as a member in Greek Life. Angelo is currently serving as the ASOSU Policy Director.

**Bio:** During my time here on campus I've noticed the deep lack of connection between the student body and ASOSU. While various administrations have promised to bridge this gap, the disconnect only seems to grow. I am committed in my work to facilitate a transparent, personal, and dedicated leadership that includes ALL students. The ASOSU Presidency is not about me, rather it is about enhancing and lifting the profile of ASOSU to motivate each and every one of you and harness your energy to make substantive change. I hope you give me the privilege to serve you.

**Platform:** Our campaign is geared towards engaging in student collaboration. We look forward to increasing ongoing efforts to engage with various groups on campus as well as with the Board of Trustees and the OSU Administration. A huge role ASOSU is tasked with is allocating around \$33 million of your money to fund the eight student fee funded resources here on campus. ASOSU is committed to making sure every student's needs are met and making sure this campus is safe, inclusive, and accessible. That is why ASOSU is working on increasing student pay to biweekly and expanding student micro work hours past the minimum of 20 hours. We are committed to including each and every student in creating change. In this change here is what we are committed to improving and expanding;

- Increasing Transparency of ASOSU
  - Involving student voices in the allocation of your money to student fee funded units.
- Prioritizing inclusion/accessibility
  - Build a relationship with cultural centers, increase overdose prevention and awareness by expanding on Narcan distribution/training. Increase accessibility of emergency contraception by making it available in many different places on campus, work on improving accommodations and accessibility for disabled students.

**Bio:** As a first generation student, I have also served my community for over eight years in a variety of ways. From volunteering with my local elementary school, to serving the people of Oregon as a member on the Oregon Translation Advisory Council, to being the youngest chair ever of the Salem Human Rights, I learned the important traits that result in effective actions and solutions. The most important one being collaboration.



**Carissa O'Donnell | Dakota Canzano**

**Major:** 2nd year Honors College student majoring in Environmental Economics and Policy     **Major:** 2nd year majoring Human Development and Family Studies, and Marketing

**Prior Experience:** Carissa is serving as an ASOSU House Representative as well as a member of the Honors College Leadership Circle. Dakota is currently the Intercollegiate Athletics Liaison for the Student Fee Committee and am a marketing intern for Oregon State Athletics.

**Bio:** I am working to master juggling; the art of balancing different aspects of life both in and outside the classroom including being a member of the Honors College Leadership Circle, an ASOSU Congress-member, a bandmate (yes, like Hannah Montana), an intern working in developing nations, a published author, skier, tennis player, longboarder, and finally human (because sometimes we forget to mention that part). I owe much of this success to caffeine and the amazing support system around me

**Bio:** Hello Beaver Nation! I am from Clackamas, Oregon. I am ecstatic to go through this election process to serve OSU students. I have struggled and dealt with anxiety and OCD every day, and let's be honest: the wait for CAPS is too long, and there needs to be more resources. This is something we intend to solve.

**Platform:** We are here for you. As students of Oregon State, you have the right to transparency and to know and understand how ASOSU serves you. Our goal is to inform and is advocate so that you have the resources to use your voice and make informed decisions about your student experience! All Dakota and I ask is that we be your metaphorical microphone. Here's where we'll start:

- Bridge the gap
  - Communication and authenticity is everything when it comes to the connection between students and our student government. For us, this means enhancing access to resources and information for students so that we can all be involved at whatever level feels best. Knowing the option of participation is there and knowing the functions of your student government and the role you play will encourage us all to be transparent, approachable, and more intertwined.
- Promoting mental health care
  - Lack of mental health resources affects all student groups differently, and no one should be left without access. By working directly with CAPS and Student Health Services at an institutional level, we can get a better scope of the situation and address change.

#### Protecting Beavers

- Promote a \$15 dollar minimum wage for non-student fee funded workers; Increase awareness regarding sexual assault; Implement a wellness area with sleeping pods in a concentrated part of campus.
- Improving Student Experiences
  - Increase dig hall hours; Increase funding for Athletic Bands and clubs; Expand transportation services by developing more effective ways for students to commute from outside cities. Alongside with our partners at the City of Corvallis, we will work on increasing renter protections for all students.
- Creating student employment opportunities
  - This initiative is not new to ASOSU but we hope to continue the efforts supporting student employees. This means raising max working hours, keeping wages current with inflationary trends, and providing student employment benefits as well as exhausting the resources ASOSU has already allocated to this initiative.
- Community-based advocacy and equity
  - Currently there is limited accessibility to non-binary and Disability-Accommodating restrooms due to the traditional infrastructure of many older buildings. This shouldn't be the case!
- Designing a sustainable campus
  - Sustainability is commonly absent in our lifestyles due to lack of accessibility.

## SFC Chair



**Matteo Paola**

**Major:** 5th year majoring in Political Science with a minor in chemistry

**Prior Experience:** ASOSU House Representative for 2 years, current ASOSU President.

**Bio:** As ASOSU President I have supported pilot lounges for an international student center and Disabled student center, I have supported Cost of Living Raises for student workers, successfully helped advocate to raise the maximum work hour limit for student employees, and through budget cuts achievable through the New ASOSU Constitution passed last year (which I sponsored, and ended up passing with 89% of students voting in favor) have made ASOSU the only student fee funded unit to not ask for an increase in the fee setting process this year, with no reduction in service for Saferide, Office of advocacy, or Student Legal Services.

**Platform:** I decided to run for Chair because my experiences as an ASOSU Rep. and as the ASOSU President have allowed me to see the many beneficial impacts these fees can have, but also the many challenges that high fee costs place on students. If elected, I plan to increase transparency and student involvement in the fee-setting process and work to prevent massive fee increases while still supporting services that are essential to student wellbeing.



**Noa Stoll**

**Major:** 3rd year majoring in Environmental Sciences major with a minor in Political Science

**Prior Experience:** ASOSU Senator, and participant in the University Legislative Scholars Program.

**Bio:** My passion for advocacy, sustainability, social and environmental justice, and public health drives my work on behalf of students, and I am eager to bring this enthusiasm to the Student Fee Committee. In my free time, I enjoy crocheting, spending time with my friends and family, and, more than almost anything, football! You can usually find me stuck in the McDonald's line at midnight waiting for a #7 and an Oreo McFlurry, hanging out with my roommates' sassy cat, Walker, or finding a way to fit the Buffalo Bills into every conversation. Through the SFC, I hope to continue the effort to bridge the gap between ASOSU and the student body, and am very much looking forward to connecting with you over the course of this campaign!

**Platform:** My platform is simple: as chair, I want to ensure the fee-setting process is centered around student voices, and that you are aware of the many opportunities to get involved and make an impact. The SFC isn't solely here to decide what we should pay for - it was established to keep student priorities at the center of conversations so the fee can be set according to what is most valuable to your student experience.



Below are some initiatives I have worked on:

- Secured funding and established an international Student Lounge, with space allocation agreements underway for a Disabled Student Lounge
- Supported ASOSU Resolution seeking the establishment of a SafeWalk Program (Began Feb. 6th 2023!)
- Authored an ASOSU resolution seeking changes to OSU's Survivor Advocacy And Resource Center (now Center for Advocacy, Prevention, and Education; CAPE), which increased student utilization of CAPE, got funding for additional survivor advocates, and increased student involvement in Student Health Services hiring processes
- Supported the revival of the Student Health Services Advisory Board
- Member of the 2022 ASOSU Constitutional Convention and Sponsor of the final constitution which passed last year with nearly 90% voting in favor, allowing for more efficient and democratic governance
- Built a coalition of students, graduate union members, and unionized faculty and staff to coalesce around issues like survivor-centered reform and increasing wages on campus
- Supported efforts that established a \$15 minimum wage for all fee-funded units

Here is what I want to work on if elected your next SFC Chair:

- Lobby at the state level to support higher education and basic needs funding that will reduce the fee burden on Students
- Support student involvement not just in the Student fee process, but also other process' that are less democratic in nature such as the University Budgets Committee and CAPS/SHS Advisory boards to advocate for funding to go towards things like CAPS therapists to reduce month long wait times
- Prioritize student wellbeing, pay, health, and safety - Increase transparency of both the SFC's and OSU's fee setting process
- Raise wages for ALL Student workers

I have observed a massive disconnect between ASOSU and the student body, especially in terms of awareness of how impactful your voice is in the student fee-setting process. As SFC chair, I want to work toward removing any barriers between this process and direct student involvement. I plan to guide conversations so that they always come back to a question that is best answered according to your input - will what we are approving benefit OSU students? I hope to effectively communicate opportunities for involvement such as attending SFC and Student Advisory Board meetings, or speaking with me one-on-one about any suggestions you may have. Being assured of what student priorities are will help the committee set the fee at a level that best works for you.

However, keeping students at the forefront of conversation is only half the battle. Decisions on what resources are worth your money mean nothing if you are not aware of opportunities to use them. In my current role as a Congressional Outreach Committee member and into the future, I am invested in making a significant effort to publicize accessible and digestible information about the services our fee-funded units provide.

Essentially, my goals are your goals. The Student Fee Committee is for students. I cannot successfully fulfill the role of Student Fee Committee Chair without your input and participation, and I am grateful for the chance to represent you in such a substantial and impactful way. I hope you'll trust me with the responsibility of making the fee work for you. As always, Go Beavs!



# SFC At-Large

## **Abukar Mohamed**

**Major:** 3rd year majoring in Accounting

**Prior Experience:** I am working at the Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center as a Community Relations Representative, Vice President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Vice President and treasurer of the Rho Beta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity

**Platform:** As an SFC At-Large Member, I will strive to ensure that student voices are represented during the budgeting process. Additionally, I will hold the SFC accountable to the OSU community. Finally, I believe it is crucial to be proactive and forward-thinking in budgeting decisions. As an At-Large Member, I will work to ensure that we make decisions that have a long-term impact on the OSU community.

## **Sophia Nowers**

**Major:** 2nd year majoring in Agricultural Science with a minor in French.

**Prior Experience:** Current ASOSU Records Clerk.

**Platform:** The Student Fee Committee (SFC) is an integral part of the setting of the student fee, which will break \$500 per student per term for next year. That's over \$32 million dollars in student fees that goes to services utilized by most if not all students on campus. Students very much need to be engaged in this process. All this money comes out of our pockets and should be used to provide services that students actually use. I will work to ensure that students are aware of what their money goes towards, and that our views are given the time and consideration they deserve during the SFC process. As a student body with control over this much money, we can create a huge amount of positive change at OSU, and to uplift each other and our community. The student fee should be set and allocated at a level where all students get the most bang for their buck—where the fee is as low as possible but the services we all use and benefit from can still be provided. I look forward to hearing your perspectives on the student fee process!

## **Spencer Pederson**

**Major:** 3rd year majoring in Business Information Systems.

**Prior Experience:** Involved in Fraternity and Sorority Life as well as volunteers for Corvallis Parks and Rec.

**Platform:** My main goals if elected to the student fee committee would be to provide an unbiased distribution of funds to the eight different fee funded units, while still providing an affordable college experience without too many fees for our student body. One area I'd hope to dedicate more funding to is the basic needs center. This center is mostly focused for underprivileged students who can't afford meal security or other basic needs, and I think giving people an equal opportunity for education no matter their financial situation is an important issue to take a look at. Over the last two plus years at Oregon State, I have been provided with a wealth of opportunities to hone my leadership skills and qualities and I have jumped at every chance. I would love to be a member of your 2023-2024 ASOSU Student Fees Committee.

## **Cole Peters**

**Major:** 2nd year majoring in Supply Chain and Logistics Management.

**Prior Experience:** Currently a Resident Assistant

**Platform:** I care deeply about making my residents feel like they are a part of the OSU community and can thrive in this college environment. Over my past year working here, I have witnessed the plurality of issues that students here at OSU face. Mainly, many of my residents, who are first-year students, have struggled with mental health issues as the transition to college can be very stressful and isolating, especially when they are coming from out of state and don't know anyone here. While OSU does have excellent programs to help address the mental health issues that students face, such as free counseling, support groups, the mind spa, etc. offered through CAPS, many students remain unaware of what those services are and how to access them. If I am elected to the student fees committee, I hope to use my position to help spread awareness of the mental health services offered by OSU as well as to allocate more funding towards supporting the CAPS system and its initiatives. Additionally, I would also like to allocate more funding towards the OSU's Basic Needs Center, as the services and support they offer act as a crucial safety net for many in the OSU community.

# Senators

## **Hailey Brown**

**Major:** 3rd year majoring in political science and sociology.

**Prior Experience:** On the executive board as Vice President of Finance for my sorority

**Platform:** Safety, & student engagement.

## **Maia Brown**

**Major:** 3rd year honors college student majoring in psychology and minoring in Spanish.

**Prior Experience:** Member of the Circle of Sisterhood.

**Platform:** Affordable education, diversity, & women's rights.

## **Anthony Butler-Torrez**

**Major:** Undergraduate

**Prior Experience:** President of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity

**Platform:** Student resources, diversity, extracurriculars.

## **Olivia Cartwright**

**Major:** 3rd year majoring in psychology.

**Platform:** Student security.

## **Richard David Deininger**

**Major:** Undergraduate majoring in civil engineering.

**Platform:** Livable wages, student safety.

## **Shawn Durr**

**Major:** 1st year honors college student majoring in public health.

**Prior Experience:** President of high school student council.

**Platform:** Student engagement, diversity, & bi-weekly pay.

## **Elizabeth Eckman**

**Major:** 1st year majoring in mathematics and history.

**Prior Experience:** Participant in STEM Leadership program and member of the Beaver Athletes for Sustainability.

**Platform:** Sustainability, student resources.

## **Abhishek Enaguthi**

**Major:** 1st year undergraduate.

**Prior Experience:** President of high school student council.

**Platform:** Representing student voices and interests.

## **Jamie Hamlin**

**Major:** 1st year honors college student majoring in political science with a minor in business.

**Platform:** Community engagement, student health, & sustainability.

## **Katyayani Karlapati**

**Major:** 1st year honors college student majoring Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

**Prior Experience:** FSL & DEJI Committee for the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics

**Platform:** Student wages, ADA accessibility, mental health, & breaking barriers.

## **Alexander Kerner**

**Major:** 4th year majoring in Education and English

**Prior Experience:** ASOSU House Representative and ASOSU JC Councilor.

**Platform:** Student awareness, fiscal responsibility, OSU pharmacy.

## **Teaghan Knox**

**Major:** 1st year majoring in climate science and ecological engineering.

**Platform:** Student awareness & engagement, sustainability.

## **Camryn Lau**

**Major:** Honors college student majoring in Nutrition.

**Prior Experience:** Youth representative for the City of Wilsonville's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee, member of the Student Health Advisory Board, and an Area Council Representative for the Honors College Student Association.

**Platform:** Eliminating food insecurity, student fees, student health.

## **Erica Nyarko**

**Major:** 3rd year majoring in interior design and marketing.

**Prior Experience:** Current ASOSU House Representative, previous director positions in FSL.

**Platform:** Student voices, safety & security.

## **Marcus Paul Antolli**

**Major:** Transfer student

**Platform:** Inclusivity, affordability, and accessibility

## **Carolyn Pearce**

**Major:** 4th year majoring in biology

**Prior Experience:** Current president of the Residence Hall Association.

**Platform:** Student rights, livable wages, mental health resources.

## **Richard Piazza**

**Major:** Undergraduate majoring in construction engineering management.

**Prior Experience:** Vice president of Recruitment for the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity

**Platform:** safety, accessibility, sustainability, & academic success.

### **Dola Popoola**

**Major:** 1st year majoring in finance and marketing with a minor in sociology

**Prior Experience:** Vice president of high school student council for 4 years.

**Platform:** Student voices, inclusivity, & accountability.

### **Audrey Porter**

**Major:** 3rd year majoring in political science and public policy.

**Prior Experience:** Spent time lobbying for local and national policy, FSL.

**Platform:** Transparency, student fees & resources.

### **Connor Roberts**

**Major:** 2nd year majoring in public policy and economics.

**Platform:** Student housing, UHDS.

### **Evan Rudisile**

**Major:** Undergraduate

**Platform:** Academic success, sustainability, mental health.

### **Nathan Schmidt**

**Major:** 2nd year pre-law student.

**Prior Experience:** Current ASOSU House of Representative, works in RHA.

**Platform:** Outreach, student resources & wages

### **Rhyan Stephenson**

**Major:** Undergraduate majoring in civil engineering

**Platform:** Funding for student orgs, sustainability, safety.

### **Sarah Theall**

**Major:** 3rd year majoring in g agricultural sciences with a minor in agricultural sciences and natural resources communication.

**Prior Experience:** Current ASOSU House of Representative, worked as a wildland fire dispatcher, also a member, and soon officer, of the Collegiate Farm Bureau at OSU.

**Platform:** Transparency, student fees, and student advocacy.

### **Gabriel Thomison**

**Major:** 3rd year majoring in political science.

**Prior Experience:** TOUR Ambassador for the Office of Admissions.

**Platform:** Outreach, transparency, safety.

### **Riley Walsh**

**Major:** 3rd year majoring in psychology with a minor in biochemistry and molecular biology..

**Prior Experience:** High school student government.

**Platform:** Student housing, UHDS.