
Student Fee Committee Agenda

NOVEMBER 20TH, 2019



Jade Warner - Chair
Taha Elwefati - Vice Chair
Islam Elwefati - Treasurer
Elizabeth Banderas - Campus Development Coordinator
Elsie Charles - Club Leadership Coordinator
Jeff Barth - Secretary
Jacob Wargo - Secretary Study
JP Marshall - Senior Class Representative
Emmerson Donnell - Junior Class Representative
Zaquary Funderburk - Freshman Class Representative
Kristen Martin - Advisor

6:00 pm Roll Call and Review Meeting Minutes

Jade opens meeting

- Roll Call everyone was present
- Jade motions to open meeting at 6:00pm

Motion Passes 8-0-0

- Jade Motions to pass meeting minutes

Motion passed 8-0-0

6:10 pm Taylor Graham, former SFC Chair and Vice President report on OSA Discussion

Taylor Graham, Former SFC Chair and Vice President

Oregon University Funding - university tuition is going up around 3 percent every year. OSU cascades 40% discount rate we receive less than most other schools.

Capital projects - Big goal is for a student success center but we have not been able to receive funds, because we are near the bottom of the list for projects in HECC.

Legislators don't want to support cascades view us as being supported by main campus even though operational funding is different. OSU, OSA don't work on our own issues we use their voice at the capital. Our priorities are not being addressed.

State Politics - a problem for OSU-Cascades –

OSA and OSU Cascades History and Politics -OSA lobbied for tuition cap 5% per year increase. Schools would be forced to cut programs to meet this cut. We also don't have independent advisor at state level we just help advocate for OSA, OSU policies. Legislative representative is heavily involved with OSA priorities instead of our priorities. Lasts years rep left because of tension. Taylor said Last year there was support for OSA so SFC could not vote to leave that organization. Schools are dropping out for the same reasons that we are thinking about. Taylor explained OSA's Board. These two new boards now have more voting power than the original board of directors. Now OSA is more focused on marginalized students instead of all students.

OSU-Cascades Expansion – Taylor advised that we take try and amend bill 5024 so OSU cascades is a branch campus so that we can receive that 40% that we have been discounted. Taylor also believes we should withdraw from OSA because they have not been professional, and he believes ASCC can deal with diversity at OSU cascades. He suggests that we spend \$10-\$15k for a Lobbyist. And that we could also create a OSA alternative reuniting the Oregon colleges.

Last Year's Budget Decisions--- SFC came to ASCC with the decision to vote on leaving OSA but students came and supported keeping it and the vote got cancelled.

Contingency Fund Decision---last year \$100k was for 6 months of pay for student fee workers Taylor suggested that we update yearly to update calculations.

6:40 pm Questions for Taylor

Kurt was a former member of Student Life and Kurt came and talked about his perspective. Kurt explained that the budget was decided upon in the spring and OSA reps came during the budget hearing and made promises that have not been followed up on. He explained that there wasn't any outreaching to students, and they lost funding from OSU main.

Specifics for replacements Elsie asked? Taylor suggested a diversity committee, full time position for diversity position he also explained the issues of hiring a diversity position we would pay 50% of salary.

Tessa came and talked about the diversity lounge and explained the benefits of not outsourcing to people that might not have best interest on mind.

Brian asked about free printing –Taylor said SFC decided to fund it and put funding in place it just needs work.

6:50 pm Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report--- Islam met with college accountant and told the committee the actual and estimated amounts of student fees. Estimated was \$920,613.15 actual was \$895,052. Actual minus estimated expenses equal \$41,063. The committee discussed changing the Sports club start up fund so that we would have more funds to innovate and continue growth in other areas

Jade motions to change club start up fund from \$18,000 to \$11,000 moving \$7,000 back to unallocated funds.

Motion carries 9-0-0

7:10pm Caucus

- 2 minutes
- Water, Bathroom, etc.

7:15 pm OSA Discussion

OSA Discussion— Brian came in and explained to the committee that on Nov 12th ASCC met with OSA. ASCC was going to vote on staying in OSA. But decided it was Unethical for them to vote because the meeting for MOU was the next day. Brian Explained that trips to campus were cancelled by ASCC as well, so the fault was in both organizations. There has been a Lack of communication, but no mal intent in overcharging. Knowing the costs Brian stated that OSA is a low risk high reward. They could bring in large amounts of funds for student success center.

Jade made an excel sheet explaining OSA's equation for charging fees. Their fees are projections that are constantly off and have not changed for three years. Over the last three years the overcharge was \$5,884.46 in student fee dollars. ASCC would like SFC to decide how we want that money back. OSA has reached out to receive our actual projections for the future and they will be going through Terry at OSU Cascades.

Comments

Brian let us know that the OSA Constitution is now online and they are changing and working with Brian closely. OSA has been more transparent and eager to help.

Elsie recognizes that they been doing a greater job however they need to provide what services they are providing that are benefiting students. And suggests that we Invest for someone to lobby for students.

Zaquary said someone should have caught on for the overcharging them for 5 years.

Jacob said that the high turnover rate with executive team and field organizers is a problem.

JP stated that the amount overcharged works out to fund rest of the year with OSA

Elizabeth said that the new committee we came off as biased towards OSA.

Jade stated that she has tried to stay as Objective as possible. And explained that SFC has a high turnover every year and that is why decisions keep turning over to the new committees.

Islam agrees that funding OSA shouldn't be a gamble and decisions are not being made because of turnover.

8:00pm Closing

- Vote on OSA membership dues--- Did not get to
- Vote on OSA funding of membership for 2020 Winter and Spring terms --- did not get to

----- meeting at 9am on Friday -----

Jade Moves motion to end the meeting

Motion passes 9-0-0