

# ASSOU YEARLY REPORT, 2024-2025

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ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

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*ASSOU Fall movie night showcasing Monster's University to kick off the new school year!*





*All ASSOU meeting pictured above.*

# What is ASSOU?



**Tiana Gilliland**  
Student Body  
President of  
ASSOU

The Associated Students of Southern Oregon University is the official student government representing all students at Southern Oregon University. It promotes academic excellence, fosters student development, and supports student interests through democratic leadership. Membership is open to all enrolled students who pay the Student Incidental Fee with good academic/conduct standing, giving them the opportunity to participate in governance and leadership roles. ASSOU is structured into three branches—Executive, Legislative, and Judicial—to maintain a balance of power and ensure accountability. Through initiatives, referendums, and elected representation, ASSOU empowers students to actively influence campus life and university policy.



# ASSOU Roster

## Executive Branch



**Tiana Gilliland**  
Student Body  
President



**Christopher Geryak**  
Student Body  
Vice President



**Sierra Garrett**  
Director of  
Sustainability



**Brayden Clayburn**  
Director of  
Governmental  
Affairs



**Ku-Huan Chien**  
Director of  
Finance and  
Administration



**Eliza Goodwin**  
Director of  
Public Relations

## Legislative Branch



**Cody Castillo**  
Speaker of the  
Senate



**Quinn Nightingale**  
Vice Speaker of the Senate /  
Gender Equity and Sexual  
Diversity Senator



**Kal Petersen**  
Accessibility  
Senator



**Ayden Wolgamott**  
Recreation, Outdoor &  
Athletic Program Senator



**Kayla Gaches**  
Clubs and  
Organizations Senator



**Elena Pereira**  
Multicultural Affairs  
Senator



**Sebastian Cantero**  
Non-Traditional, Military  
Affairs & Higher Education  
Senator



**Michael Stilson**  
Academic Advocacy  
Senator



**Melina Lomas**  
Campus Life and  
Housing Senator

## Judicial Branch



**Ysela Gradillas Flores**  
Chief Justice



**Michael Cyr**  
Associate Justice



**Tasi Pereira**  
Associate Justice



**Dr. Carrie Vath**  
General Advisor



**Molly Kresl**  
General Advisor

## Advisors

**At-Large Members** (# indicates if on more than one committee): Derrick Bennett, Riley Carter, Santi Cruz, Jaden Davenport, Dawson Davis, Lelia Dodd, Mattea Fountain, Sophia Gulbransen, Hunter Harwood, Jasmine Igawa, Patrick Latham (3), Kaden Howard-Li, Alexander Londgren, Shaulondra Pettit, Liora Solomon, Haley Soy (2), Finn Vannerus (2),



# Three Branches Accomplishments



*Head of Government: Speaker of the Senate, Vice Speaker of the Senate, Student Body President, and Student Body Vice President.*

## → Executive

- Revised and implemented updated election rules through Director's Committees.
- Organized leadership retreats, maintained committee efficiency, and prepared meeting agendas.
- Ensured all roles across branches were filled, created quarterly transition materials, and maintained organized internal systems.
- President Tiana Gilliland hosted a State of the University Address.

## → Legislative

- Reassessed our approach to land acknowledgments and partnerships with Sovereign Nations.
- Welcomed faculty/administrators to Senate meetings to discuss student concerns.
- Strengthened ties with Dining Services, the Food Pantry, and Career Connections.
- Approved the student fee budget, revised bylaws, and streamlined meeting procedures.
- Ratified academic Memorandum of Understanding for the Student Recreation Center (SRC) and approved a wrestling court-sharing agreement for Court B in exchange for at least 10 additional SRC hours. These agreements are reviewed on an annual basis.

## → Judicial

- Updated and approved Bylaws for 2025–2026.
- Reinstated the Appeals Committee and corrected outdated procedures.

# Committees and Chairs



*Director of Sustainability and Civic Engagement  
Sierra Garrett volunteering with SOU Landscaping to  
plant native species and mulch around the Hannon  
Library during Arbor Day.*

## Budget, Tiana / Ku-Huan

- Drafted and recommended the ASSOU budget for the current and next year.

## Bylaws, Ysela / Tasi

- Updated the bylaws officially for the first time in over two years.

## Elections, Christopher

- Helped 400–500+ students vote, surpassing 10% of the student body.
- Successfully filled most elected positions.
- Approved campaign materials from candidates.

## Environmental Affairs, Sierra

- Reformatted, updated, and approved the Green Fund application and Green Fund instructions.
- Approved a \$19,046 Green Fund project to install two EV charging stations at Student and Family Housing (SAFH)
- Approved a \$91,767.85 Green Fund project to replace the current solar installation on the Hannon Library and re-route the funds produced through solar generation to the SOU Student Food Pantry.

## Governmental Affairs, Brayden

- Hosted Sandy Rowe from HECC, with 15 students attending.
- Coordinated Lobby Days for: SOU, TRU, Oregon Students Speak Up, and Basic Needs Day.
- Organized Letter writing campaigns.

## Multicultural Affairs, Elena

- Shared upcoming club events and created a campaign interest form to guide meetings.

## Recreation Center Advisory, Ayden

- Added a bulletin board in Lithia Pavilion for event promotion.
- Passed the memorandum of understanding and secured additional Rec Center hours.

## Stevenson Union Steering, Quinn

- Passed the first Stevenson Union room rental price increase in 10 years.



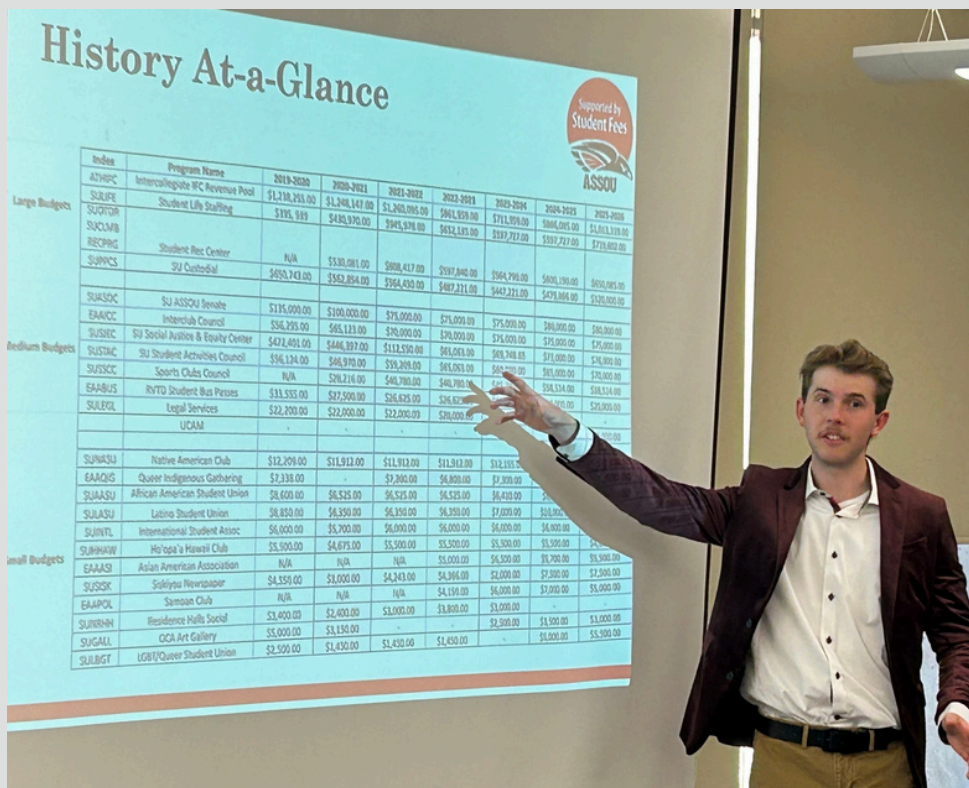
# Student Fee Committees

## SFBC (Student Fee Budget Committee) Chaired by Ku-Huan Chien

- Successfully completed a comprehensive budget analysis and presented the Student Incidental Fee recommendation to the Board of Trustees.
- The approved fee will increase by 6.05%, reflecting inflation and the growing financial needs of student services.
- Starting next academic year, the student incidental fee will be \$57 per Student Credit Hour (SCH), totaling \$456 per term. No changes to the Green Tag or Student Recreation Center Student Fee.

## SFAC (Student Fee Allocation Committee) Chaired by Christopher Geryak

- Successfully allocated \$3.5 million in Student Incidental Fee funds to a wide range of student clubs, organizations, and programs.
- Small Funds received \$78,000, supporting vibrant club events such as the Samoan Club's Fiafia Night and the Black Student Union's Spring BBQ.
- Medium Funds received \$459,514, enabling larger-scale student programming and boosting campus engagement.
- Large Funds were allocated \$2,903,006, helping fund essential student services, scholarships, and on-campus student employment opportunities.



Index	Program Name	2024-2025	2025-2026
ATHIFC	Intercollegiate IFC Revenue Pool	\$866,085.00	\$1,013,319.00
SULIFE	Student Life Staffing	\$597,727.00	\$719,602.00
SUOTDR			
SUCLMB			
RECPRG	Student Rec Center	\$600,190.00	\$650,085.00
SUPPCS	SU Custodial	\$479,866.00	\$520,000.00
SUASOC	SU ASSOU Senate	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
EAHCC	Interclub Council	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
SUSJEC	SU Social Justice & Equity Center	\$73,000.00	\$76,000.00
SUSTAC	SU Student Activities Council	\$65,000.00	\$70,000.00
SUSSCC	Sports Clubs Council	\$58,514.00	\$58,514.00
EAABUS	RVTD Student Bus Passes	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
SULEGL	Legal Services	-	-
	UCAM	-	\$80,000.00
SUNASU	Native American Club	\$12,155.00	\$13,000.00
EAQIG	Queer Indigenous Gathering	\$7,300.00	\$7,665.00
SUAASU	African American Student Union	\$6,500.00	\$6,000.00
SULASU	Latino Student Union	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00
SUINTE	International Student Assoc	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
SUHHAW	Ho'opa'a Hawaii Club	\$5,500.00	\$4,000.00
EAASU	Asian American Association	\$5,700.00	\$5,500.00
SUSISK	Siskiyou Newspaper	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
EAAPOL	Samoan Club	\$7,000.00	\$5,000.00
SUNRHH	Residence Halls Social	-	-
SUGALL	OCA Art Gallery	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00
SULBGT	LGBT/Queer Student Union	\$5,000.00	\$5,500.00

Green = the index's funding was increased from the previous year. Yellow = the index's funding stayed flat from the previous year. Red = the index saw a decrease in funding from the previous year.

# Task Forces

## HOUSING

- Advanced plans for a dorm communal kitchen.
- Improved waste management and eliminated odors near the Hawk.
- Submitted Green Fund request for picnic tables in Raider Village.

## FOOD ACCESS

- Launched Raiders Repack (\$2 meal that can be bought from the Landing after the Hawk closes).
- Partnered with *The Siskiyou* to promote the Food Pantry.
- Established a contract to send SOU Farm leftovers to the Pantry.

## CAMPUS SAFETY

- Made U-Locks available in the bookstore to help prevent bike theft.
- Identified areas needing better lighting and secured a 24/7 study space.

These task forces were decided during the Fall Term Retreat in October 2024.



*Christopher Geryak and Cody Castillo, Chairs of the three Task Forces. Housing (Christopher), Food Access (Cody), Campus Safety (Co-Chaired by Cody and Christopher).*



# Meeting With Legislators

## SOU Lobby Day

March 4th, 2025

- First ever SOU dedicated lobbying day for the university
- 40 students attended
- 20 staff / faculty / administrators / alumni / Board of Trustees attended



## Technical and Regional University

April 21st, 2025

- Advocating for smaller public universities to their specific needs
- Comprised of Oregon Tech University, Eastern Oregon University, and Western Oregon University
- ASSOU President Tiana Gilliland, Administrators, and Board of Trustees



## Oregon Students Speak Up Lobby Day

March 7th, 2025

- All nine public universities in Oregon were present in this event
- Advocated for higher education funding, basic needs, and more!



## Other Notable Legislative Events

- Meeting with Sandy Howe, Higher Education Coordinating Commission Chair (Left)
- Tobias Read, Oregon Secretary of State (Right)
- On campus visit from Rep. Zach Hudson
- Letter writing campaigns Senators and Representatives



# Additional Achievements

## → New office/Full Staff

- Opened a new ASSOU office and hired all staff, including at-large members.

## → Outreach

- Increased visibility and outreach through tabling and community engagement.
- Monster's University Movie Night - 100 people
- Mamma Mia Movie Night - 65 people
- State of the University Address - 30 people
- Volunteered in the community
- Monthly emails sent to all students by the Student Body President

## → Recreational Center

- Extended Rec Center hours by 13 with support from Athletics for 2024-2025. Will have at least 10 additional hours for 2025-2026.

## → Extended Library Hours

- Library now open Saturdays (1-5 PM) during Quiet and Finals Weeks.



*Tiana Gilliland Speaking to SOU Students during ASSOU's State of the University Address.*



# Recommendations for Next Year

## PARTNERSHIPS

### *CREATING CONNECTIONS TO COLLABORATE*

- Create stronger connections with clubs and organizations on campus by directly inviting them to ASSOU organized events.
- Build a relationship with Rogue Community College and local city government.

## EVENTS WITH STUDENTS

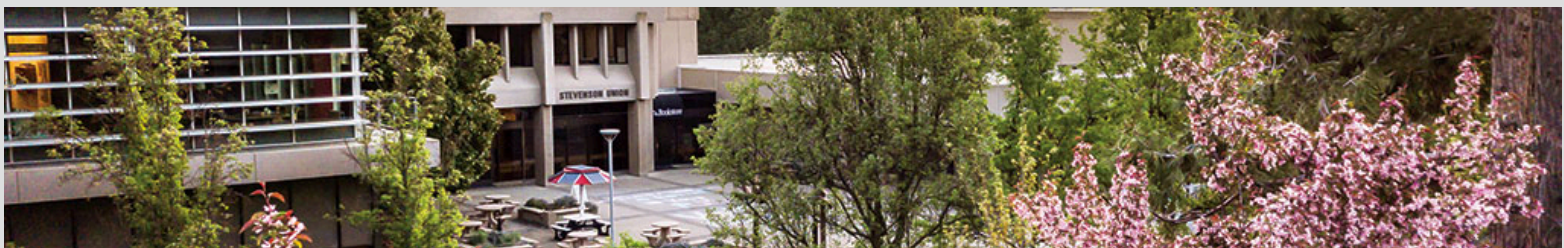
### *HAVE FUN AND SPREAD AWARENESS*

- Have fun events for students to interact with the student body such as a BBQ or a movie night.
- Tell people to get involved with ASSOU and have a way to receive feedback.

## ESTABLISH TASK FORCES AGAIN

### *CONTINUE THE CURRENT WORK AND BUILD*

- Determine what still needs to be done from the task forces from last year.
- Create new task forces to focus on; preferably three to have narrowed down goals to accomplish to make them achievable.



# How to be Involved



*Cody Castillo, Mia (Dog) and Christopher tabling for ASSOU's Mamma Mia movie night.*

## → Apply for a Director, Associate Justice, or Senator Position

- Interviews will happen during Fall Term, 2025-2026.

**Link To Apply:**

<https://studentlife.sou.edu/assou/elections/>

## → Attend a meeting by checking our Google Calendar

- Or go to Hawk Nest and look up ASSOU, all of our meetings are on there.
- Google Calendar Link:  
[https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=c\\_lbf1ktaib11v53dhui5t61o6cs%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FLos\\_Angeles](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=c_lbf1ktaib11v53dhui5t61o6cs%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FLos_Angeles)

## → Submit a Green Fund Application

<https://sustainability.sou.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2025/05/Green-Fund-Project-Proposal-Application.docx>

## → Apply to be a At-Large Member

- Applications will open in Fall Term, 2025-2026. Not all At-Large positions are open at the same time. Some open later than others.

→ Email the President with any questions or input: [assoupresident@sou.edu](mailto:assoupresident@sou.edu)





*ASSOU tabling with hot chocolate to encourage students to sign up for lobby days and support in fundraising donations for the the Los Angeles fires.*

# Contact Us



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