

Student Fees @ OSU-Cascades

Quick Reference Sheet

Student Incidental Fees paid by OSU-Cascades students are allocated by the Student Fee Committee (SFC). This committee follows both State laws and institutional policies regarding student fee use. This sheet is meant as a brief summary, for more information please see www.osucascades.edu/studentfees

Why?

- The purpose of student fees is to **fund involvement on campus and off-campus which complements the classroom educational experience of the OSU-Cascades student community**. The intent is to fund activities/programs that are not available elsewhere at OSU-Cascades or as conveniently/inexpensively in Central Oregon.

Who?

- **Any enrolled individual student (OSU or UO) or recognized student organization** can submit a proposal to the SFC
- Fees may also indirectly benefit COCC students as members of student organizations, but COCC students may not be included in special funding proposals for professional development subsidies. ASCOCC accepts professional development proposals for these students.

What?

- State law allows **3 categories of student fee allocation**:
 - **Student Union Activities** (recognized student organization activities)
 - **Educational, Cultural and Student Government Activities** (student life events, educational professional development subsidies, student media, ASCC activities and services, and other student group activities promoting education and culture)
 - **Athletic Activities** (intramural & club sports involvement, athletic/recreational student organizations)
- Institutional policy is to allocate student fees towards **activities/events that all student can have access to and potentially benefit from**, eg. events advertised and open to all students
- **Educational professional development subsidies include funding for conferences, workshops and trainings.**
 - **They do not include funding for credit-bearing classes**, or any educational activity or materials central to the obtaining of a degree (inquiries of this nature should be addressed to the Office of Financial Aid). They also **do not include funding for job-searches or graduate school applications**.
 - These subsidies **require a “service component”** to benefit the student body, such as presentations, direct student organization benefit or training for campus leadership.
 - It is currently SFC policy to fund registration fees, and a small percentage of the cost of lodging and travel. Meal costs cannot be funded by student fees.
- **Alcohol, gifts (for speakers or event helpers), club t-shirts, and food for club meetings are not eligible for funding by student fees.**

When?

- Fees can benefit students during **any term they are enrolled**
- **Yearly budget hearings are held in January, but special proposals can be submitted** to the SFC at any of their weekly meetings.