

Resolution 16-01

Topic: Student Government Fee

Acknowledging the influx of almost 25 new clubs and over 300 more students at the University of Portland since Fall 2013;

Observing the need for an expansion of ASUP services that further the welfare of students and clubs, and align ASUP with other WCC student governments;

Emphasizing the need for increased availability of monetary resources for the development of clubs and student programs;

Recognizing the need for compensation of Senators due to the increased responsibilities within the new design of the ASUP Student Government;

Be it resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Portland:

Calls for a \$10 increase of the Student Government fee from \$85 per semester to \$95 per semester.

Sponsors:

Brandon Rivera, Student Body President

John Akers, Speaker of the Senate

Angela Hudson, Director of Finance

Alex Peterson, Sophomore Class Senator

Kevin Truong, Senior Class Senator

Natalie Buchholz, Junior Class Senator

Addendum

What is the Student Government Fee?

The Student Activities fee is assessed by the Associated Students of the University of Portland (ASUP) to provide support for student organizations and concerns, and to finance social, educational, and cultural activities for students.

Associated Student of University of Portland Mission Statement:

As the Associated Students of the University of Portland, we strive to enhance the overall experience of life on the bluff for all students, by providing opportunities for responsible leadership, encouraging active participation, and by fostering an environment that is consistent with the University's mission statement. We aim to offer accessible resources that will enable us to communicate and respond to the needs of the student body. The goals of ASUP are meant to unite our community and create an environment that effectively benefits both current and future students.

The addition of a new ASUP Service:

ASUP plans on taking the movie service that CPB provides and adding it to its own services called ASUP Films. This film service will operate as a service both students and clubs can utilize for public events on campus. This will be adapted from the current CPB film budget. However, because of the cost of screening copyrighted movies at public events, this service will require more funding than it currently has to adequately perform for student needs.

Money for new clubs:

As more clubs are approved each semester, it becomes increasingly important to provide them with enough resources to accomplish the goals they have set as a group. It is a mission of ASUP to provide services and resources for the student body to utilize in furthering their goals as a part of clubs and as individuals.

Paying Senators:

Before ASUP re-structured itself last year, representatives visited other schools to see what could be learned from their student governments. It became apparent that a larger executive board and a smaller senate would help increase accountability. Additionally, it was found that by paying Senators, the expectation that they will be actively involved in their constituencies becomes a requirement.

Major Event Grant:

In the past few semesters, ASUP has noticed inconsistent club spending. Some clubs are given funding for proposed events that, for various reasons, are not followed through on in the next semester. In order to solve this problem and assure that every dollar is spent effectively, ASUP plans to dole out larger sums only with confirmation that the events will occur. By shortening the gap between budgeting and when the events would occur, the number of events that never quite make it out of the planning phase will be reduced. Additionally, this will allow ASUP to move away from the partial funding system that ASUP provides now. Fully funded events are much more likely to happen than events that are partially funded.

Proposed breakdown of \$10 increase:

Students Activities Fee increase	
Clubs (47%)	\$4.50
ASUP Upper Budget (20%)	\$2.00
CPB (20%)	\$1.50
ASUP Services (13%)	\$2.00
Total	\$10.00

*Close estimations; the senate decides each year how to allocate the funds and this percentage cannot be guaranteed long term.

Current vs. New Proposed Student Government Fee:

Where your Student Government Fee goes to:	Current Student Government Fee:	New Student Government Fee:
Clubs	\$38.25 (45%)	\$42.75 (45%)
CPB	\$22.95 (27%)	\$24.45 (25.74%)
ASUP Upper Budget	\$10.20 (12%)	\$12.20 (12.84%)
ASUP Services	\$5.95 (7%)	\$7.95 (8.37%)
CTF	\$5.95 (7%)	\$6.65 (7%)
Exigency	\$1.70 (2%)	\$1.90 (2%)
Total	\$85.00	\$95.00

