

## ASSOU March newsletter

I hope you are doing well. I am reaching out on behalf of the Associated Students of Southern Oregon University to give a monthly update to let you know about our successful lobby day, a position available, our three task forces, and upcoming events.

### Lobby Day Update

We had a huge success for SOU Lobby Day in Salem, Oregon at the capital. We had over 40 students attend and a combination of about 20 administrators, staff, faculty, trustees, and alumni participated. There were 53 legislative offices visited and we made a difference in letting legislators know our priorities for the institution as well as advocating for more funding for higher education.=

### ASSOU Position Available

Chief Justice - Apply here: <https://forms.gle/6z7w9LdHt4a2j6SW7>

### Task Forces

#### Housing

- **Laundry Machines:** Many students have told us that the laundry machines are broken a lot in the dorms. We investigated more about what is currently happening with the regular maintenance of them and have an update that there is a new closeby partner that is going to be fixing machines at a quicker turnaround. Machines should be fixed at a much faster rate now due to the maintenance staff being at a closer distance to SOU.
- **Communal Kitchen:** While students in the Shasta and McLoughlin dorm have meal plans, we also see the value of students having access to a kitchen. We are currently working with housing to hopefully add communal kitchens in these dormitories since we know it will help students have more options for food.

#### Campus Safety

- **Bike Safety:** Bike theft is the most commonly reported incident to campus safety. From this, we have now added U-Locks to our SOU Campus Bookstore to make them accessible to students to purchase on campus since this lock is the most proven way to prevent theft. We are working on a project to add U-Locks to be able to be rented out at the Student Recreation Center for an affordable rate for students to be able to borrow throughout the academic year.
- **Lights on Campus:** We are currently doing an assessment of all current lights on campus that are available at night. From this, we hope to make sure all lights work on campus if they are currently not. Additionally, we want

to purchase motion-sensor lights to cover areas that are common pathways for students that are currently not being lit up at nighttime. This can help improve visibility, safety, and encourage more students to attend events in the evening.

## Food Access

- Expanding fresh produce: We have worked on this by establishing a contract where the SOU Farm will be adding produce to regularly be donated to the food pantry to expand the availability of fresh produce for students to have access to.
- Food drive: This month (March) is the annual food drive. If you would like to learn how you can make a difference by helping donate resources to the food drive, click this link here: <https://studentlife.sou.edu/food-pantry/food-drive/>.

## Upcoming Events

Click here to see a full list of upcoming events ([https://hawknest.sou.edu/home\\_login](https://hawknest.sou.edu/home_login)).

- Bob Ross Paint Along: Sunday, March 9th from 6 PM to 8 PM in McLoughlin 1st Floor Lobby
- Tour of Jackson County Jail: Tuesday, March 11th from 2 PM to 3:30 PM with Career Connections
- Pride Haven: Tuesday, March 11th from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM Stevenson Union 124
- Pancake Feed: Tuesday, March 11th from 10 PM to Midnight at The Hawk
- Tea Party: Wednesday, March 12th from 11 AM to 2 PM in the Stevenson Union ASSOU Lounge
- Therapy Dog Thursdays: Thursday, March 13th from 12 PM to 1:30 PM in the Stevenson Union 314

## Sports Updates

Click here to see a full list of upcoming games/matches (<https://souraiders.com/calendar>)

- March 14th: Beach Volleyball vs NU, Sand Volleyball Courts, 4:00 p.m.
- (If they move on) March 14th: Women's Basketball vs. TBD, LMP, 7:00 p.m.
- March 15th: Softball vs Oregon Tech, Softball Complex, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.
- March 15th: Beach Volleyball vs College of Idaho, Sand Volleyball Courts, 12 p.m., 4 p.m.
- (If they move on) March 14th: Women's Basketball vs. TBD, LMP, 5 p.m.
- March 16th: Softball vs Oregon Tech, Softball Complex, 11 a.m., 1 p.m.
- March 21st: Softball vs Providence, Softball Complex, 2 p.m., 4 p.m.
- March 22nd: Softball vs Providence, Softball Complex, 11 a.m., 1 p.m.
- March 28th: Beach Volleyball, Sand Volleyball Courts, 2 p.m.,
- March 29th: Beach Volleyball vs Bushnell, Sand Volleyball Courts, 10 a.m. 2 p.m.