TO: Quinn Wakley, Chair, Student Services Finance Committee, ASM 30th Session
Elijah Lin, Vice Chair, Student Services Finance Committee, ASM 30th Session

FROM: Jennifer L. Mnookin, Chancellor

DATE: February 28, 2024

RE: Response to Proposed FY25 Segregated Fee Budget

CC: Lori Reesor, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
Rob Cramer, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration
Henri Miller, Chief Business Officer for Student Affairs
Natalie Feggestad, Director, Madison Budget Office

Thank you for presenting the segregated fee budget proposed by the Associated Students of Madison (ASM) for fiscal year 2025 (FY25) at our annual meeting on January 26, 2024. The FY25 report and associated presentation clearly reflect ASM's commitment to supporting a diverse array of opportunities and important services to our students. Your leadership and dedication were evident in our conversation and through your efforts this past year. I am grateful for the important service the Student Services Finance Committee has performed on behalf of the students and our institution. Please accept this letter as my formal response to the report.

Allocable Budget

I approve of the budget for allocable fees as proposed in your report and referenced in the table below, pertaining to allocable segregated fees for FY25.

Unit	FY25 Budget
Badger Catholic	$ 65,455
Latine Student Union	$ 50,604
Mecha	$ 68,526
Muslim Student Association	$ 36,770
Promoting Awareness Victim Empowerment (PAVE)	$ 98,310
Student Leadership Program	$ 79,234
Sex Out Loud	$ 126,920
The People's Farm	$ 102,735
WI Black Student Union	$ 62,885
Wunk Sheek	$ 44,275
Subtotal - GSSF	***$ 735,714***
ASM Internal	$ 653,588
SSFC	$ 98,582
Student Judiciary	$ 25,450
Student Activity Center	$ 123,750
Subtotal - Administrative	***$ 901,370***
Total - Allocable Segregated Fees	**$ 1,637,084**

As you know, unspent allocable funds in one fiscal year generally roll over to the next and become the purview of the Reserve Board. I encourage you to consider using these reserves in a manner that complies with the ASM bylaws. Subsection 2.05(3) of those bylaws requires the disposition of funds to meet the following criteria:

1) The disposition of fee reserves shall be made only if an emergency which requires funding exists or if the disposition of fee reserves would materially reduce the segregated fee levy;

2) The disposition of fee reserves shall only further the general student interests; and,

3) The disposition of fee reserves is clear to be a one-time disposition.

Non-Allocable Segregated Fees

I approve of your proposal, referenced in the table below, regarding non-allocable segregated fees for FY25, albeit with some modifications to the ASM internal budget as subsequently noted.

Unit	Department	FY25 Budget
Associated Students of Madison	*ASM Internal*	$ 978,332
	SSFC	$ 115,935
	Student Activity Center	$ 454,073
Subtotal ASM		**$ 1,548,340**
Campus Radio Fund (WSUM)		$ 470,899
CCTAP		$ 1,429,540
Recreation & Wellbeing	*Adventure Learning Programs*	*$ 193,766*
	Recreation and Wellbeing Master Plan	*$ 6,712,511*
	Recreation and Wellbeing Operations	*$ 9,986,477*
Subtotal Recreation & Wellbeing		**$ 16,892,754**
Student Transportation		$ 4,662,786
University Health Services		$ 26,605,500
Wisconsin Union	*Wiscosin Union Debt Service*	$ 6,902,331
	Wiscosin Union Operations	$ 15,433,337
Subtotal Wisconsin Union		**$ 22,335,668**
Total Non-Allocable Fees		**$ 73,945,487**

SSFC Recommendations

I noted several SSFC recommendations that pertain to various non-allocable units.

In our discussion, we spoke about the intent of the "Sanctuary Campus for Trans Umbrella Students" legislation proposed by ASM and included in your recommendations. My understanding was that the goal of this recommendation was to continue to provide a safe and welcoming environment for transgender students and for our campus (specifically University Recreation & Wellbeing and University Health Services) to ensure our students can access their services to the full extent possible. While I agree with the intent of your legislation and that our spaces and services should support students of all gender and sexual identities, we will always have the responsibility to adhere to all local, state, and federal laws. There are no legal restrictions on these services currently. If that changed, then we would evaluate the best path forward to support students while maintaining legal compliance.

Two recommendations were included in your proposal for student transportation, both of which related to the relationship between the Student Transportation Committee and the University of Wisconsin–Madison Transportation Services. The first relates to the funding ratio that students pay for access to Madison Metro bus services. While I agree that the funding ratio should remain unchanged for FY25, I encourage the SSFC, Student Transportation

Committee, and Transportation Services to engage in conversations to ensure a financially sustainable model is in place for upcoming contract negotiations with Madison Metro. We need to strive for a model in which employees are not subsidizing student transportation or vice versa.

Staffing

Your budget proposal included a new assistant director position in ASM dedicated to managing and training staff and aiding various student groups. The additional information provided in your addendum, along with subsequent conversations between the dean of students and ASM staff, have indicated that this is not a new position but a reimagination of the leadership and policy advisor position that has been vacant since January 2023.

I approve of your request to repurpose existing personnel lines to hire a new assistant director of ASM. That said, I understand that the budget for ASM staff includes a vacant financial manager position that will not be rehired. I ask that this position be removed from your FY25 budget and not refilled.

Thank you again for your dedication to the SSFC process and for serving the students of UW–Madison. Your report and presentation were comprehensive, thoughtful, and provided great insight into your efforts over this past semester. I wish you the best in your future endeavors and look forward to hearing about your continued successes.