

Student Budget Advisory Council

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Council Purpose

The purpose of the *Student Budget Advisory Council* is to provide an avenue for student input to the University Budget Committee on issues regarding tuition, fees, and budget priorities; to improve communication between students and the administration about issues regarding university finances and budgeting; and to provide a forum for students to raise issues and questions about the University budget. The Council will work to:

- Increase student engagement and input in key budget decisions such as the setting of tuition rates and policies.
- Help with communication strategies to provide information about and to solicit student opinions about how the university's finances work; how different kinds of revenues are used; and what the short- and long- term financial challenges are for the university community.
- Improve the communication network between various student communities, OSU leadership and the University Budget Committee so that a broader range of perspectives on issues are more widely shared and understood.

Council Membership

The council is convened by the Director of the Office of Budget and Fiscal Planning, at the direction of the Provost and Vice President for Finance and Administration. The council is advisory to the University Budget Committee.

The council will have 15 student members:

- Ten representatives will be selected by application, chosen for expertise, motivation, and distribution across university colleges and programs.
- ASOSU will appoint one representative from the elected members of ASOSU.
- The Graduate School, with advice from the Graduate Council, will appoint one graduate student.
- Three seats will be filled at large, by invitation from the chairs of the council to ensure representation from a cross-section of OSU's student population.

The council will identify a student chair or co-chairs from the membership to co-chair the council with the Director of Budget and Fiscal Planning. Membership is ideally for two years, with a rotation that replaces half of the membership each academic year. Flexibility will be required in terms given the many demands on student time and schedules.

Members will be identified to the campus community, and asked to serve as a point of contact for students or groups with questions or concerns.

Members for the coming academic year will be identified, to the extent possible, in spring term of the current year.

Council Activities

The Council will meet every two weeks during fall and winter terms, beginning the first week in October, and twice in spring term. Meeting times will be set in consultation with membership to identify a time that allows the greatest participation. Meetings will usually be for one and a half hours at a location on campus. Topics for discussion may include:

- Tuition strategies, rates, and policies including long-term planning for tuition strategies and short-term recommendations for the next year, informed by projections for the next fiscal year, principal contributors to cost changes and revenue changes, and budget priorities.
- Advisory Council recommendations to the University Budget Committee as part of the development of tuition and fee proposals.
- Financial aid policies, amounts and components.
- Long-range budget and allocation planning, with particular reference to student concerns.
- Long-range capital planning and maintenance, and improvement of facilities.
- Current university actions and students' ideas and suggestions to improve access, affordability, and success for students attending the university.
- Ideas and suggestions to improve budget communications and knowledge among the overall student body.
- Other topics as identified by the Council.

The first meeting of the year will include training on the University budget, with an overview of and reporting on the University budget, information on structure and function of the budget, and where to find (and how to read) various budget and financial reports.

The co-chairs of the council are invited to serve on the University Budget Committee.

Current Council Membership

COLLEGES	Representative (bold-agreed to continue)	Term Ends
Agricultural Sciences	August Peterson	6/2018
Business	Steven Miller	6/2018
Earth, Ocean & Atmospheric Sciences	Katheryn "Kat" Crane	6/2017 (grad)
Education	Jasmine Meraz	6/2018
Engineering	Fahad Al Sinaidi	
Forestry	Krystal Lemhouse	6/2018
Honors	Samantha "Sami" Searles	6/2018
Liberal Arts	McKenzie Ross	
Pharmacy	Trevor Ross	
Public Health & Human Sciences	Marjorie Halstead	6/2018
Science	Lisa Lin	6/2018
OTHER AFFILIATIONS		
ASOSU, SIFC	Peter Schwartz	
ASOSU, Director of Operations	Mackenzie Olson	
Graduate Students	Trang Dang	
International Students	Yicheng Xu	
Ecampus Students/Non-Traditional	Regina Aaron	5/2017
Inter-fraternity Council	Dominic "Dom" Miller	6/2018
CENTERS		
Asian & Pacific Cultural Center	Jainwen Yin	
Centro Cultural César Chávez	Alejandro Meillon Munoz	
Ettihad Cultural Center	Safi Ahmad	
Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center	Kayla Spears	
Native American Longhouse Eena Haws	Vacancy	
Pride Center	Weston Figueroa	
Women's Center	Ashlei Edgemon	
AT LARGE		
Member at Large	Jasen Phillips	6/2018
Member at Large	Azeem Hussaini	
Member at Large	Justin	

Possible topics for the Council next year?

- How to address and engage concerns across all student groups (in legislative years like this one) resident undergraduate students tend to get more discussion and visibility because of the state politics?
- What are long-term strategies for tuition and revenues? How to deal with the reality of being a tuition-funded university?
- What are outstanding budget/cost issues that need attention? Differential tuition, course fees, PAC fees, etc.?
- Budget training/orientation Fall Term – Saturday, four hours? How in depth? (student-learning / knowledge)
- Guest speakers one meeting a month/term, i.e. VP/AVP FA, Student Affairs, Housing and Dining, UBC members, etc. who can reflect on their organization and funding?
- What's in it for the students? Why should they want to be involved? (student-engagement, personal satisfaction)
- Engage with URM to prepare SBAC reps to meet with student groups? (student-leadership, skill building-presenting) or with Government Relations in Legislative years?
- How to empower SBAC reps to feel they are making a difference? (student-personal growth) How do we acknowledge their contribution to the process?

Online Application for SBAC

- First/Last Name
- Anticipated Graduation Date
- Major
- Best contact email address
- Cell phone number (if texts are preferred)
- In what student organizations do you currently participate?
- Why do you want to participate in the Student Budget Advisory Council? What student issues are important to you?
- What experiences or learning can you bring to the SBAC?

Other needs for application process?

- Selection process – Sherm, co-chairs or a small sub-committee? (may not be a problem if number of applications is low)
- Timing of application process (**request out end of next week**)
- Qualifications or just a willingness to be an active participant?