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STUDENT SENATE

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Functions:

1. To recommend policies governing co-curricular activities, and to promote interest in on-campus and off-campus social, cultural and educational events and activities consistent with the educational aims of the University
2. To adjudicate social calendar conflicts and make changes and additions necessary throughout the year
3. To direct and make policies concerning health, housing, food, Campus Center, and to act through designated administrative offices or subcommittees as needed
4. To serve as a forum to address matters and recommend policies concerning campus programming, commuter students, diversity policies/programs, intercollegiate athletics, religious activities, parking policies, and Greek life
5. To recommend to the University Senate policies and regulations with regard to campus conduct which are in keeping with the educational purpose of the university
6. To review constitutions of existing or proposed campus organizations and to recommend acceptance, modification, or rejection of such constitutions
7. To initiate, discuss, and formulate recommendations on any campus matter that affects Student Senate

In order to assist the Student Senate in meeting its goals, membership of Student Senate shall be divided among seven permanent standing committees and any ad hoc committees that might be created from time to time. Each area shall have identified functions as below, but every committee may have any type of business assigned to it in addition to its regular functions.

The president, and consent of the vice presidents, shall appoint the chairman of each committee.

Executive Committee – shall consist of the officers and standing committee chairs.

FUNCTIONS:

- To develop agendas for Student Senate
- To distribute the workload of Student Senate
- To assign business to Student Senate committees
- To act in an advisory capacity as needed for Student Senate

Budget Committee

FUNCTIONS:

- To recommend allocations of student activities fee and supervise expenditure
- To act on concerns and other functions regarding finances raised by students
- To examine financial considerations of the university that fall within the context of student concerns

Student Organization Development

FUNCTIONS:

- To review constitution of existing or proposed student organizations
- To recommend acceptance, modification, or rejection of constitution/organization to the Student Senate
- To serve as a forum to address concerns related to student organizations on campus
- To work in conjunction with the Campus Services and Regulations Subcommittee
- To make recommendations for ways to support student organizations on campus

- To review and recommend policies for allocating budget dollars for student campus events and programs

Campus Services and Regulations

FUNCTIONS:

- To respond to the concerns and solicit feedback as needed in all Student Senate university services, including, but, not limited to the following:
 Otterbein Police Department
 Counseling Services
 Student Health Center
 Recreation facilities and programs
 Bookstore
 Campus Center
 Academic Support Center
 Center for Student Success
 Courtright Memorial Library
 Business Office
 Information Technology Services
 Copy Center
- To respond to concerns and solicit feedback about regulations/policies outlined in the Campus Life Handbook, including the Code of Conduct and Motor Vehicle rules and regulations
- To adjudicate calendar conflicts and make necessary policy changes

Housing and Dining

FUNCTIONS:

- To review and recommend policies concerning housing and dining
- To act through designated administrative offices
- To review the housing selection process and recommend changes necessary throughout the year
- To serve as a forum to address matters regarding dining services at all locations and recommend meal plan offerings, service hours, and special events
- To monitor needs for additional on-campus housing space and recommend facility improvements, including furniture and recreational equipment
- To serve as a forum to address matters regarding vending, laundry, beverages, and residence hall computer labs
- To serve as a forum to address matters regarding maintenance and custodial services of residential facilities

Campus Climate – Student Experience

FUNCTIONS:

- To assess the campus environment student experience in terms of attitude, perception, symbols, and institutional practices as they relate to diversity and inclusion
- To promote and be understanding of values of diversity and inclusive campus community
- To foster collaboration with other groups, organizations, and departments on campus in developing and sponsoring diverse events on campus
- To enhance diversity by encouraging and promoting policies and programs that recognize, respect, and celebrate diversity, both community and campus-wide throughout the year
 --To act as a forum to address matters related to Artist and Signature Enrichment Series, Senior Activities, Common Book and After Dark programs
- To monitor and advocate diversity on campus

The Otterbein Athletic Advisory Council

- To advise the director of athletics on all matters related to intercollegiate athletics
- To insure the alignment of intercollegiate athletics with the value and goals of the University
- To promote an understanding of intercollegiate athletics to all members of the university community
- To insure commitment to the student-athlete in all athletic activities
- To provide counsel to the director of athletics concerning matters of athletics policy and strategic formation, fiscal and facility planning, educational programming, staff development, and athletic scheduling
- To provide counsel to the faculty athletics representative
- To provide a communication link between athletics, students and faculty and the broader university community