

University Committees
Student Member Selection Process

Background

The Office of the President will seek nominations for student membership on the following University Committees:

Committee on Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation

The Committee on Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation (CAPER) provides advice regarding the intercollegiate athletic programs and physical education programs of the University as well as with the many programs for club sports, intramural sports, and recreational activities for the general University community.

Committee on Environmental Health and Safety

Stanford has various offices and panels that participate in the establishment, implementation and support of laboratory health and safety policies. Examples include the offices of the Provost, Dean of Research, University Department of Environmental Health and Safety, and the Administrative Panels charged with approving research procedures. The Committee on Environmental Health and Safety (CEHS) advises the President on laboratory health and safety programs, policies and organization.

Public Art Committee

The Committee on Public Art (CPA) oversees implementation of a strategic plan for public art at Stanford, including both outdoor art and art in public spaces of academic buildings and other campus facilities. CPA will develop and execute structure for decision-making, advise the President on sustainable funding, governance, and operations; and provide an outline for the role of public art on other Stanford campuses (e.g. Redwood City).

Role of Committee Members

All committee members serve with an objective to represent the best interests of the entire university and need to be open to multiple perspectives. The committees are not intended to represent any particular constituencies, but rather to consider issues impartially. It is possible that committee members have heard, or even participated in, discussions on the issue. However, the committee's role is to ascertain the relevant facts through the committee's fact-finding process and consider applicable principles with an open mind. Advocacy groups and stakeholder perspectives may provide input on the issue through other methods, as determined by the President and/or the committee chair.

Qualifications

Applicants must verify that they will be enrolled as full-time students for the entirety of the academic year in which they will serve on the committee. Students likely to complete their degree programs prior to the conclusion of the assignment are not eligible to apply. Students must be in "good standing" at the time of selection and maintain that status throughout the period in which they serve. Students who become part-time students whose academic performance falls below a "good standing" status will be asked to step down from their committee assignment. Student members must notify the chair of such changes in status.

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Attendance

University Committees will meet in accordance with the charge of the committee. It takes a certain interest and/or expertise at the outset of the appointment and a dedicated effort to understand the workings of the committee and to be able to make valuable contributions. This may take time outside of actual committee meetings. Applicants should verify that they will attend committee meetings. Failure to attend all meetings for reasons other than health-related may result in the revocation of membership.

Selection Process for Student Members

1. The Office of the President will seek a slate of multiple nominees for University Committee memberships available to students. The President will determine the source for nominations, which may include the ASSU Nominations Commission (NomCom), self-nominations and nominations from members of the campus community. All parties nominating students should make it clear to the nominee that the submission of the nomination does not entitle the nominee to a position on the committee. The selection of the members of the committee ultimately will be determined by the committee chair and the Office of the President.
2. The Office of the President will ask NomCom to solicit applications from students interested in serving on the committee. NomCom will make every effort to present the Office of the President with at least two and no more than three nominations for each available slot. NomCom will not nominate the same student to more than one committee in the same year.
3. After the initial nomination, students who advance to the next stage of the selection process will be asked by the committee chair to submit:
 - a. A resume
 - b. A statement in interest including information to demonstrate any background or other factors indicating particular interest and knowledge about the general topic to be addressed by a particular committee
 - c. The names of two or more campus references
4. The committee chair will review the application materials and will reach out to the selected candidates to conduct interviews of the student nominee, approve the nomination and extend an invitation to serve in the relevant University Committee. Once the student accepts, the committee chair informs the Office of the President. The student committee member is then confirmed and appointed by the President.
5. The Office of the President will send the appointment letter to the new student committee member and inform the NomCom chair, if engaged in the process, of the names of all student committee members once the process is complete.