

Board of Trustees Committees Student Members Selection Process

Background:

Up to two students (normally one undergraduate and one graduate student) may be invited to serve annual terms as full, voting members on each of the following committees of the Board of Trustees:

- Development
- Finance
- Land & Buildings
- Student, Alumni & External Affairs

Student participation on these committees offers an important opportunity for students to learn about university issues and to offer their perspective on these matters. All committee members serve with an objective to represent the best interests of the university and need to be open to multiple perspectives. Committee members are expected to treat the discussions in the committee meetings as confidential to ensure open discussion on complex issues.

The committees meet four times per year in conjunction with the full board meetings. It takes a certain interest and/or expertise at the outset of the appointment and a dedicated effort throughout the year to understand the workings of the committee and to be able to make valuable contributions. This may take time outside of actual committee meetings. Students are encouraged to explore ways to engage by talking to the committee chair or staff.

Qualifications:

Applicants must verify that they will be full-time students for the entirety of the upcoming academic year -- i.e., the year in which they will serve on a board committee. Students must be in "good standing" 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.

Undergraduate candidates must maintain their undergraduate status throughout their term as committee members. Students likely to complete their undergraduate work prior to the conclusion of spring quarter are not eligible to apply.

Mandatory Attendance:

Applicants should also verify that they will attend all committee meetings during the year, including the December meeting, which typically occurs during GSB travel trips, and the June meeting, which typically occurs on a Wednesday after the close of the academic year but prior to commencement. Note: Some meetings may take place by Video Conference; however, students are expected to attend in person when meetings are held on campus.

The Process:

1. The Board of Trustees seeks a slate of nominees for each of the committee memberships available to students.
2. The Office of the Board of Trustees will ask the ASSU Nominations Commission (NomCom) or any other organization deemed appropriate by the Board of Trustees to seek applications from students interested in serving on one of the board committees.
3. The NomCom will provide the Board Office with at least two and no more than three nominations for each available slot.
4. The NomCom will not nominate the same student to more than one board committee in the same year.
5. Students who advance to the next stage of the selection process will be asked by the Board Office 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

This information will be submitted to the Board Office for further consideration as part of the selection process. Documents should be prepared in a clear and professional manner.

6. The Board reviews the application materials of selected candidates. Some nominees may be interviewed prior to final selection, as determined by the Board Office. The Board Office may also make the final selection based solely on the materials submitted. The Board expects to complete this process within a two-week period.
7. Co-Term students. If the student will complete both their senior year and final

year of master's study during the academic year of service, they are considered Graduate students for this process.

8. Upon receipt and approval of all nominations, whether through the NomCom process or from any other organization as determined by the Board, the Board of Trustees Committee on Trusteeship officially recommends the nominees to the Board. Student Committee members are then confirmed by the Board.

9. Students wishing additional information about a committee of the Board prior to applying may contact Marty Higgins in the Board Office: marty.higgins@stanford.edu

10. The Board Office will inform the NomCom chair, if engaged in the process, of the names of all student committee members once the process is complete.

The method of selection for any of the non-trustee members of Board of Trustees Committees is at the discretion of the Board and may be changed at any time as deemed appropriate by the Board.