



Student Seat on the Board of Trustees of Oregon State University

Nomination Criteria

SUMMARY:

The Board of Trustees of Oregon State University governs Oregon's only university with a statewide presence and helps guide OSU's mission to serve the state and the needs of its citizens in a growing global economy. The student seat for the Board of Trustees of Oregon State University is a full member of the Board and is one of its 14 voting members.

The Board is tasked with being a governing body over the university, with the ability to act semi-autonomously from the state in order to act in the best interest of the university. A trustee has a sworn fiduciary responsibility to act in the best interest of the university, which in some instances could be different than the views of fellow students or faculty.

This is an unpaid position requiring a two-year commitment. ASOSU is tasked with recommending several student trustee candidates to the State of Oregon Governor's Office. The Governor's Office is responsible for the final selection of the student trustee.

By submitting this application, you are applying to fill the student seat on the Board; a seat recommended by ASOSU. However, other trustee Board positions are available and you may be eligible to apply for those positions based on applicable criteria.

Please also note that this is an application to be recommended by an ASOSU committee to the Governor's Office, and that other applicants may apply outside ASOSU, and you are welcome to do so as well.

The Oregon State University Board of Trustee's goal is to ensure the achievement of OSU's mission and vision statement, which are as follows:

Mission Statement

As a land grant institution committed to teaching, research and outreach and engagement, Oregon State University promotes economic, social, cultural and environmental progress for the people of Oregon, the nation and the world.

This mission is achieved by producing graduates competitive in the global economy, supporting a continuous search for new knowledge and solutions and maintaining a rigorous focus on academic excellence, particularly in the three Signature Areas: Advancing the Science of Sustainable Earth Ecosystems, Improving Human Health and Wellness, and Promoting Economic Growth and Social Progress.

Vision Statement

To best serve the people of Oregon, Oregon State University will be among the Top 10 land grant institutions in America.

Provide outstanding academic programs that further strengthen performance and pre-eminence in the three Signature Areas of Distinction: Advancing the Science of Sustainable Earth Ecosystems, Improving Human Health and Wellness, and Promoting Economic Growth and Social Progress; Provide an excellent teaching and learning environment and achieve student access, persistence and success through graduation and beyond that matches the best land grant universities in the country; and Substantially increase revenues from private fundraising, partnerships, research grants and technology transfers while strengthening our ability to more effectively invest and allocate resources to achieve success.

Position Duties

- **Serve a full two-year term on the board and attend all Board meetings during the two-year term.**
- Embrace the university's mission and vision, including its responsibility to serve the the diverse communities of Oregon
- Participate in constructive, informed deliberations by considering reliable information, thinking critically, asking good questions, and respecting diverse points of view in order to reach decisions that are in the best interest of the university
- Actively and regularly seek out the input and opinions of students in order to best represent these view and interests on the Board
- Candidly and effectively articulate the views and interests of students, while also supporting decisions of the Board

- Avoid personal agendas or being seen as a representative of any internal or external constituency, special-interest group or cause, community, or specific part of the university
- Avoid even the perception of a possible conflict of interest with financial, personal, and family interests.
- Gain and maintain an understanding of the university's and state's policies in order to make informed decisions.
- Communicate any significant concern or complaint promptly to the Board Chair or university President, as appropriate
- Gain an understanding of the institution's role in the state's education policy
- Participate, as appropriate, in university functions in order to engage with constituencies and gain an understanding of the university's operations
- Attend the following meetings during the two-year term:
 - Bi-weekly meeting with the ASOSU President
 - All Board meetings and committee meetings
 - Meetings as requested with relevant constituencies

Qualifications:

- **Ability to serve a full two-year term on the board and attend all Board meetings during the two-year term.**
- Must be a currently enrolled student at Oregon State University for at least 6 academic credits and in academic good standing
- A demonstrated commitment to promoting and advancing diversity and creating an atmosphere of inclusion
- Strong communication skills in a variety of mediums including interpersonal, public speaking, digital, and others
- Demonstrated experience exercising good judgement in difficult situations.
- Demonstrated ability to work well under pressure.
- Ability to exercise flexibility, initiative, good judgment, and discretion.

Preferred Qualifications:

- **Experience working with organizations and clubs**
- **Experience working on leadership and decision-making boards in some capacity.**
- **Involvement and or experience in a broad set of student activities both academic and extracurricular**

Term of Appointment: **July 1st 2017 - June 30th 2019**

For Full Consideration Apply By: March 6th, 2017 by 11:59PM

Applications Must Include: -Resume
-Cover letter including a statement of interest. Please also answer the following question in your cover letter:

“Please describe an instance in which you had to consider diverse viewpoints in order to reach a decision that affected yourself and others, how did you weigh those viewpoints and what was the result of your decision?”

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OSU commits to inclusive excellence by advancing equity and diversity in all that we do. We are an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer, and particularly encourage applications from members of historically underrepresented racial/ethnic groups, women, individuals with disabilities, veterans, LGBTQ community members, and others who demonstrate the ability to help us achieve our vision of a diverse and inclusive community