

Governance and Oversight Committee

Committee Position Description

Overview:

This Committee is a governance body comprising Elected Officials, students-at-large, and a non-voting Students' Union staff member. This Committee supports the Students' Legislative Council in enhancing the Students' Union's governance systems. This involves reviewing and evaluating policies, ensuring compliance with Union Bylaw and established Union Policy, and staying informed about governance-related matters.

The committee is responsible for informed policy development, making policy recommendations to the Students' Legislative Council, reviewing existing Union Policy, exercising oversight powers on Elected Official's execution of duties and maintaining compliance with governance requirements and best practices.

Supervisor:

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Time Commitment:

- This Committee typically meets every two weeks during the Fall and Winter terms for approximately 90 minutes per meeting.
- Additional preparatory work in advance of meetings includes reading Committee documents, such as briefing notes or policy drafts, with specific time commitment varying based on the content of the meeting, typically around an hour in advance of a given meeting.
- Committee members will spend approximately 20 to 30 hours of time for this committee, depending on the reading requirements.

Responsibilities:

- Read and deeply consider provided policy documents and supporting materials in advance of a meeting.
- Consider diverse viewpoints and backgrounds to reflect student needs in decision-making processes.
- Articulate thoughts and perspectives by actively contributing during Committee meetings.
- Make reasonable, rational decisions when voting on Committee matters.

Important Dates:*

- 3:00 4:30 PM, Thursday, September 19, 2024 (Orientation Session)
- 3:00 4:30 PM, Thursday, October3, 2024 (First Committee Meeting)
- 3:00 4:30 PM, Thursday, October 17, 2024 (Committee Meeting)
- 3:00 4:30 PM, Thursday, October 31, 2024 (Committee Meeting)
- 3:00 4:30 PM, Thursday, November 21, 2024 (Committee Meeting)
- 3:00 4:30 PM, Thursday, December 5, 2024 (Final Committee Meeting Fall term)
- 3:00 4:30 PM, Thursday, January 9, 2025 (Committee Meeting)
- 3:00 4:30 PM, Thursday, January 23, 2025 (Committee Meeting)
- 3:00 4:30 PM, Thursday, February 6, 2025 (Committee Meeting)
- 3:00 4:30 PM, Thursday, February 27, 2025 (Committee Meeting)
- 3:00 4:30 PM, Thursday, March 13, 2025 (Committee Meeting)



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- 3:00 4:30 PM, Thursday, March 27, 2025 (Committee Meeting)
- 3:00 4:30 PM, Thursday, April 10, 2025 (Final Committee Meeting Winter term)
- * Committee meeting dates are subject to change or cancellation.

Benefits:

- Gain policy evaluation and development skills.
- Develop issue analysis skills.
- Learn how to interpret and work with official policy documents.
- Impact high-level governance decisions at the Student's Union.
- Build professional meeting and committee experience.
- Meet like-minded students.