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Applications being accepted for BOT student liaisons

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Would you like to serve as a mouthpiece of the students on some of the most critical administrative decisions made on campus? Would you like to work closely with campus administration to ensure Oakland University does all it can to remain an institution with an affordable and high-quality education?

If you answered yes to either of these questions, you should consider being an advocate for the students and apply to be a student liaison to the **OU Board of Trustees**.

The Board of Trustees has two non-voting student liaison positions. The student liaisons attend every board meeting to respond, give suggestions and inquire about the items brought before the board by the administration. The student positions are important to the administration and the board, which regularly seek the input of the student liaisons, because all their decisions affect students.

Traditionally, **student liaisons** serve during the latter stages of their undergraduate experience, and many have served in a number of leadership roles throughout campus including Student Congress, Golden Key International Honour Society, AmeriCorps and many other organizations. Many have gone on to law school, public administration positions and other careers.

Reasons to Apply

- **Advocacy** — The state government has to make fiscal cuts in many areas, including higher education. Students can become more vocal and influential regarding the decisions made by others in regards to their education, and the OU administration wants to know how they can best serve the students.
- **Development** — Anyone who would like to develop his or her political acumen would benefit from being a student liaison. Also, anyone who would like to be an administrator or of service to the public could learn much about the governmental process by serving as a student liaison.
- **Impact** — Student liaisons have an impact on the decisions made by the administration and Board of Trustees by serving as a lobbyist for the students' best interests.

Student Liaison Requirements

Any OU student who has a 2.5 grade point average and has earned 56 undergraduate or 18 graduate credit hours may apply for either a one-year or two-year appointment. It also is favorable if applicants have held a leadership position at Oakland. The committee looks for applicants who are well connected to the student body.

The application deadline for the 2004-05 school year is Wednesday, March 31. Applications can be picked up in the Student Affairs Office, 144 Oakland Center.

For more information on the student liaison positions or the Board of Trustees, visit the **OU Board of Trustees** Web site.

(Lenny Compton currently serves as a student liaison to the Board of Trustees.)

SUMMARY

Consider being an advocate for the students and apply to be a student liaison to the OU Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees, which governs the decisions offered by the administration, has two non-voting student liaison positions to the board. The student liaisons attend every board meeting to respond, give suggestions and inquire about the items brought before the board by the administration.

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