

Introduction:

The All-Hill Student Council exists to enhance the overall student experience at OHSU by promoting the general welfare and concerns of the student body across all four schools (dentistry, medicine, nursing, and public health) and one college (pharmacy), creating new programs and initiatives to provide opportunities for growth and interaction, and communicating with OHSU administration and faculty on behalf of the students. These goals are accomplished through a structure of elected student representatives and executive officers. The All-Hill Student Council is supported by two Office of Student Life staff members.

Mission Statement

- 1. To maintain and develop an intellectually stimulating atmosphere conducive to the acquisition and application of health and science knowledge.
- 2. To take action in the best interest of the student body and the OHSU community.
- 3. To provide an official unified voice through which student opinion may be expressed.
- 4. To provide an official and representative student on school designated committees which receive complaints, investigate student problems and participate in decisions impacting OHSU students.
- 5. To establish and maintain formal communication between the student body and the faculty/administration.
- 6. To promote the exchange of information and ideas among the various schools at OHSU. The council will host social and educational events and fund students and student groups/organizations who wish to provide services to the entire student body.

Executive Officers

President – Rajkaran Sachdej, 4th year medical student

Vice Presidents: Bryan Baker, 2nd year dental student Katherine Holste, 4th year medical student Nina Tran, 3rd year dental student

Student Newsletter Editor – David Edwards, Graduate Student

(Newly appointed – winter 2017) Student Advocacy Liaison (SAL) – Alex Quackenbush, Graduate Student

Communications Coordinator – Tysa Judd, 3rd year dental student

Web Coordinator - Vacant

Volunteer Coordinator – Jacob Goertz, 4th year dental student

School Representation:

School of Dentistry (8 total, 2 from each class)

- 1. Michael Baily
- 2. Eric Bortnem
- 3. Carly Christoferson
- 4. Braden Comstock
- 5. Austin Erler
- 6. Alisha Gaffney
- 7. Kevin Sunitsch
- 8. Garret Thorlankson

School of Medicine (8 total, 2 from each class)

- Med21 Douglas Rice, Taylor Vega
- Med20 Margeaux Berroth, Katie Murphy
- Med19 Emily Ager, Patrick Bauer
- Med18 Jonathan Edmiston, Rajkaran Sachdej

SOM Graduate Students: (8 total)

- 1. Lizzy Sunderhouse
- 2. Keith Earley
- 3. Brittany Alprin
- 4. Courtney Betts
- 5. Kristof Torkenczy

Physician Assistant (4 total, 2 from each class)

School of Nursing (8 total, 2 from each class)

Kalisha Bonds, graduate student Orna Karlin, undergraduate student

<u>OHSU-PSU School of Public Health (2 total)</u> Sarah Andrea

OSU-OHSU College of Pharmacy (2 total)

Trevor Ross Jessica Niculcea

List of staff participants

- 1. Karen Seresun, Assistant Vice Provost for Student Life/Advisor to AHSC
- 2. Heather Doherty, Associate Director of Student Center and Student Activities
- 3. Lindsey Watts Kinsella, Program Manager, JBT Health & Wellness Center
- 4. Andrew Hamilton, Librarian, BICC Library
- 5. Erich Knipschild, Membership Manager, March Wellness & Fitness Center
- 6. Bekki Mossman, Communication Specialist Sr., Student Portal
- 7. Leslie Garcia, Assistant Chief Diversity Officer, Center for Diversity and Inclusion

Funding requests and rebate information:

The AHSC accepts funding requests from student groups to support interdisciplinary student activities.

This year, the council supported the following programs:

- o Health Care Equity Week \$1000 requested/approved
- o Diwali Celebration: \$400 requested/approved
- Women in Science PDX social event \$1000 requested/approved
- o Antibiotics Awareness event \$414.36 requested/approved
- o Emergency Wilderness Interest Group \$400 requested/approved
- o Gun Violence Awareness Week \$60.00
- o Tropical Health Alliance Foundation \$210.00

In addition to funding requests, the AHSC also distributes rebate money from fees collected back to each school to support school-specific activities & events.

Student Issue Survey Responses

In January 2018, the AHSC surveyed the student body asking for input on concerns/issues that related to their experience at OHSU. 259 students responded with representation from every major school and program. Some students responded with school-specific concerns, which the council distributed to the corresponding school representatives and student councils. The remaining concerns were categorized into the following:

Big Picture Concerns:

- 1. <u>Student equality and diversity/inclusion:</u>
 - a. Needs:
 - i. Improving true diversity
 - ii. Respect and understanding of diverse cultural backgrounds
 - iii. Guidelines for Professionalism
 - b. Action:
 - i. Make request of administration to understand what is being done across campus.
 - 1. Provost responded with an official statement and diversity report
 - ii. Student Advocacy Liaison to meet with student leaders from various schools who have been working on diversity initiatives: TBD June 2018

2. <u>Student Cost and finances</u>

- a. Needs:
 - i. Living-stipends for graduate students
 - ii. Tuition cost vs. value
 - iii. Financial guidelines
 - iv. Health insurance
 - v. Explore roles of Deans and their compensation?
- b. Action:
 - i. Graduate Council passed new stipend increase for graduate students
 - ii. Goal for 2018 academic year: Encourage students who are at high financial risk to meet with Mike Matheny, student financial advisor
 - 1. Write mini-information sheet about what services Mike provides
 - 2. Explore idea to provide short video segments with financial 101s

3. <u>Student communication with OHSU administration and faculty</u>

- a. Needs:
 - i. Administration disorganization
 - ii. Administration transparency regarding future opportunities in science (careers)
 - iii. Curriculum/academic calendar needs to be published earlier
 - iv. Administration-student disconnect
- b. Action:

- i. Student Advocacy Liaison met with student affairs deans from all schools to establish connection and open lines of communication
- ii. Student Advocacy Liaison shared results of school-specific Student Issue Survey with the deans
- iii. Goal for 2018 academic year: Academic calendar is set in advance publicize this to students via easy links on website
 - 1. Concern may be about specific course curriculum and schedules: dental school has addressed this by publishing earlier; encourage other schools to follow suit

4. <u>Student Interaction with other students/program</u>

- a. Needs:
 - i. Student/class unity (not knowing cohort, etc.)
 - ii. Recognition of smaller schools with other programs
 - iii. Lack of sense of community
- b. Action:
 - i. Improve student participation in All Hill sponsored events by brainstorming small incentives to increase attendance
 - ii. Change for 2018 calendar year: hold at least one meeting a quarter at the South Waterfront
 - Goal for 2018 academic year: Student Advocacy Liaison to create one page PDF document with snapshot of all schools' programs and approximate number of students in each program

Discrete Concerns:

- 1. Food availability
 - a. Expensive food on campus and limited options
 - b. Lack of space to store/heat food on-campus
 - c. Limited recycling and compost bins

Action: OHSU convened a Food Insecurity Task Force, which includes student voices. AHSC will stay connected with this group to monitor progress.

2. Daycare/family support options

Action: Goal for 2018 academic year to do research into available options for daycare and family support at OHSU.

3. What is the function of the AHSC?

Action: Through improving overall student participation, we anticipate better understanding of the function of AHSC. Furthermore, we are restructuring the roles/responsibilities of school representatives, which is also anticipated to increase visibility of AHSC and its mission.

4. Parking/Transportation

Action: Goal for 2018 academic year to make parking and transportation information more accessible to students. OHSU's parking and transportation already has a great website and publications (e.g. the Transportation Demand Management Plan published in March 2018) – need to condense and distribute this information.

5. Add List of Student Interest Groups and Student Councils to AHSC webpage

Action: To be determined whose role this is for 2018.

Collaborative Efforts:

The All-Hill Student Council was involved in numerous collaborative efforts throughout the 2017-2018 academic year, which included:

- Welcome to Campus Barbeque:
 - o Graduate Student Organization
 - o Office of Student Life
 - o Provost's Office
- Volunteer Opportunities with third-parties was discussed but, due to circumstances, were not acted upon.

Requests to Administration:

- Meet at least once per term with Provost and Vice President of Student Affairs.
 - This year, the executive officers met with Drs. Andresen and Director twice.

Completed Action Items:

- 1. Update Bylaws to include OHSU/PSU School of Public Health and new Student Advocacy Liaison position;
- 2. Internal Restructuring: Focus on reminding reps about their roles, Adding OHSU/PSU SPH representatives, eliminate Newsletter Editor position and add New SAL position, share web coordinator responsibilities across positions;
- 3. Invited Center for Diversity & Inclusion to participate in All-Hill Student council meetings;
- 4. Focused effort to get School of Nursing representation re-involved in AHSC;
- 5. Develop stronger lines of communication with Provost;
- 6. External: Focus on public appearance and student outreach communication (e.g. FB), Emphasis on focusing on student concerns (MIP Survey) during second half of the year;
- 7. Social Events: Halloween Party, Talent Show (new), Ski-Trip, Flame Awards, Gala
 - a. Halloween Party and Talent Show organized by Nina Tran, V-P;
 - b. Ski-Trip organized by Bryan Baker, V-P;
 - c. Flame Awards organized by Rajkaran Sachdej, President;
 - d. Spring Gala organized by Katherine Holste, V-P.

Conclusion:

Main goal of the year was to re-vamp the role of the AHSC. This was done by first focusing on internal reorganization and then focusing on student issues, deliverables, and accountability. First half of year was focused on re-structuring. Second half focused on MIP and meeting with Provost. Taking small steps to assure the foundation for proper AHSC function can last beyond this term.