

All-Hill Student Council Annual Report 2019-2020

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.
- 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 – Taylor Vega, MD/MCR Candidate 2022

Vice Presidents:

- Alisha Gaffney 3rd year dental student
- Michael Snow, 3rd year dental student
- Francesca Goodstein, 2nd year medical student

Student Advocacy Liaison (SAL) – Alex Quackenbush, Graduate Student

Communications Coordinator – Bryan Baker, 4th year dental student

School Representation:

School of Dentistry

- 1. Eric Bortnem
- 2. Eric Quintana
- 3. Alisha Gaffney
- 4. Madeline Harris
- 5. Chelsea Plinke
- 6. Conor Scanlon
- 7. Michael Snow
- 8. Kate Dolan

School of Medicine

- 1. Douglas Rice
- 2. Taylor Vega
- 3. Francie Goodstein
- 4. Wesley Plinke
- 5. Nicole Ovregaard
- 6. Ashley Victor
- 7. Kassel Galaty
- 8. Katie Murphy

SOM Graduate Students:

- 1. Bene Ramirez
- 2. Colin Coleman
- 3. Erin Helms
- 4. Tim Bates
- 5. M Kathrina Onate
- 6. Michelle Ozaki
- 7. Marc Meadows

Physician Assistant

- 1. Lisa Senko
- 2. Kait Kauffman
- 3. Kathryn George
- 4. Spencer Smith

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

- 1. Aman Hidalgo Watson
- 2. Julia Hill
- 3. Lorenzo Ortego
- 4. Van (Zoey) Pham
- 5. Elanor Daniels
- 6. Isaac Olds
- 7. Cassandra Lawrence
- 8. Olivia Alminiana

OHSU-PSU School of Public Health (2 total)

- 1. Florissa Tom
- 2. Alexandria Ashraf

OSU-OHSU College of Pharmacy (2 total)

- 1. Carly Shick
- 2. Trang Duc

Radiation Therapy:

- Alysha Hurd
- 2. Jesse Mayer

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:

- August 2019: Heath Care Equity Fair \$1,000, Infectious Disease Interest Group movie screening \$150
- September 2019: Library Game night \$100, HIV/AIDS Movie Screening \$120
- October 2019: MEESA \$250
- November 2019: EMIG \$120, Women in Science Mixer \$500, AVDS Documentary \$100
- December 2019: Students for Structural Change \$500
- January 2020: none
- February 2020: Culinary Interest Group \$500, APAMSA Lunar New Year \$200, Pharmacy Rho Chi Quiz Bowl \$250
- March 2020: None
- April 2020: None
- May 2020: None
 - President Elect Doug Rice & New Board purchased PPE w/surplus budget funds due to lack of funding requests and cancellation of spring gala.

Student Issue Survey Responses: COVID-19 & Anti-Racist Initiatives:

COIVD-19 drastically shifted the delivery of each program's curricula. The All-Hill student council sent out a survey to better understand students' top concerns. Broad categories are as follows:

Education

- Grades
 - Option of implementing credit/no-credit (or maybe pass/fail) grading for students that request it, given the new challenges individuals may now face balancing demands on their time (first responder work, at-home education of children, etc.).
- Quality of online learning modules
- Graduation requirements
- Tuition/Fees
 - Cost of online class delivery presumably less costly for the university than online delivery.
 Students requested transparency from the university around the costs of delivering education this term, and how any cost savings are being/will be utilized.
- Mental Health
 - Students expressed increased stress levels, and difficulty managing school and home responsibilities

Survey data results were shared with each program's student affairs deans allowing programs to tailor their response. The All-Hill Student Council also met regularly with the Office of the Provost to discuss student concerns and response to COVID

National and local events propelled students, staff, & faculty to re-examine and re-imagine racial discourse at OHSU. All Hill Council collaborated with Students for Structural Change and proposed ways to make OHSU more equitable:

- Form an Anti-Racism Task Force under the direct supervision from the Office of the Provost
 - o Appoint a full FTE to Faculty Member versed in the history of medicine
 - Institute a reporting system for individuals to report acts of racism in a more transparent and actionable manner
 - o Power to develop and require mandatory anti-racism curriculum for all faculty
- End OHSU's contracts with Oregon Correctional Enterprises by July 2021
 - OCE relies on exploited prison labor directly fed by racist policing

- Improve care delivery systems to people who were incarcerated or are at risk of incarceration, mental health, & addiction
- Institution wide Community Advisory Board
- CCO Model
- Develop clear policies for protecting patients and families from police racism on campus
 - Include statistics on complaints against OHSU officers in the Annual Security Report
 - Mandate anti-racism training for OHSU officers
 - Stop allowing arrests outside of ED or in the hospital (giving patient information)
 - o Decriminalize homelessness and stop removing homeless people from campus

Collaborative Efforts:

The All-Hill Student Council was involved in numerous collaborative efforts throughout the 2019-2020 academic year, which included:

- APAMSA
- AVDS
- GSO
- MEESA
- Office of the Provost
- Office of Student Life
- Students for Structural Change

Completed Action Items:

- 1. Developed strong lines of communication with the Office of the Provost with bi-monthly meetings
- Internal: Focused on building community, updated by-laws to include funding request deadlines and updated executive board member responsibilities, and adapted meeting format due to COVID-19
- 3. External: Focus on public appearance and student outreach communication (e.g. OHSU Now), continued to work with Office of Communications to deliver news directly to students. We also completed multiple surveys this year to capture the emerging and dynamic student COVID-19 concerns and needs.
- 4. Social Events:
 - Welcome to Campus BBQ assisted OSL with planning Francie Goodstein and Taylor Vega

- 2. Halloween Party organized by Francie Goodstein
- 3. Ski-Trip organized by Taylor Vega, Bryan Baker, Michael Snow
- 4. Flame Awards organized by Alex Quackenbush and Taylor Vega
- 5. Spring Gala-cancelled due to COVID-19

Conclusion:

Overall, the All Hill Council met multiple goals, action items and were more responsive to communicating student needs to the Office of the Provost. We were also able to build community the first half of the year at the All Hill BBQ (with over 1400 people attendees) and Halloween Party. Our council also quickly adapted to capture and elevate student concerns related to COVID-19 and race. Given the transition to an online platform to maximize safety, additional work is needed to maintain council cohesiveness and representative engagement.