Student Life Committee Charter
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COMMITTEE PURPOSE

The primary role of the Student Life Committee is to provide oversight and policy direction on issues relating to students’ co-curricular experiences, interactions, programs, and services throughout the University.

The Committee will focus on the physical, emotional, and social health and well-being of SUNY college students in order to identify evidence-based best practices to improve student life and secure feedback from students on the impact of these practices. In addition, the Committee will seek to engage with students and other stakeholders in advocacy efforts on behalf of SUNY.

The charge of the Committee is to review existing policies and practices, and make new policy recommendations to the Board of Trustees on matters pertaining to student life on campus, including but not limited to:

- Student Safety
- Health and Wellness
- Child Care Services
- Financial Aid and Financial Literacy
- Career Counseling and Services
- Student Governance
- Athletics, Recreation, Clubs, and Organizations
- Residence Life

Where appropriate, the committee will work in collaboration with other Board committees, particularly Academic Affairs, Community Colleges, and Finance and Administration.
COMPOSITION

The Student Life Committee shall consist of at least three members who shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, one or two of whom shall be designated by the Chairman of the Board to serve as chair, or co-chair, of the Committee. The student member of the Board of Trustees shall have a standing seat on the Committee. With the exception of the student trustee, who shall serve a one year term commensurate with his/her tenure on the Board of Trustees, the members of the committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for terms of three years.

MEETINGS AND QUORUM

The Committee shall meet at least twice a year, with the expectation that additional meetings may be required to adequately fulfill the obligations and duties outlined in the charter.

Members of the Student Life Committee are expected to attend each committee meeting, in person or via videoconference. The Student Life Committee may invite other individuals, such as students or experts in the area of student affairs, to attend meetings and provide pertinent information, as necessary.

Meeting agendas will be prepared for every meeting and minutes of those meetings will be recorded.

The presence of a majority of the appointed members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority of the members present shall be the act of the Committee.

REPORTING

The Student Life Committee shall report to the Board of Trustees on its activities.