

## CoSL: Student Life Advisory Board

**Purpose:** CoSL is designed to ensure open communication between UD's students and the leadership of the Division of Student Life. Meetings will provide a forum for the exchange of information. Members will provide input on a variety of matters related to the division, departments contained within the Division, and the University.

The primary focus of CoSL will be on identifying successes and problems and providing advice and input. Successes should be recognized and celebrated. Problems should be defined and solutions proposed. Honesty must be the foundation. CoSL is designed as an opportunity for perspective building and information sharing, not a substitute for working through existing channels when urgent concerns arise. The group is not a decision-making body.

**Composition:** The group will be composed of about 20 student members, some permanent representatives from pre-identified student organizations, typically the larger and most long-standing ones, and additional "at-large" student members.

At-large membership may consist of, but is not limited to:

*Students of underserved identities and backgrounds:*

African-American and Black, Asian-American, First-Generation, Low-Income, Latinx/Hispanic, LGBTQ+, as well as students who self-identify: as commuters, as students with disabilities, with religious and/or interfaith backgrounds, with international status, with intersectional identities, as transfer students, and with varying citizenship status, by class standing.

*Students from Student Life (SL) featured groups and programs:*

Blue Hen Leadership Program (BHLP), Resident Assistants, Cultural Programming Advisory Board (CPAB), Each One Reach One (EORO) Mentors and other SL Peer Mentors, Promoters of Wellness, Student Centers Programming Advisory Board (SCPAB), Sororities and Fraternities (Multicultural Greek Congress, Panhellenic, Interfraternity, and Special Interest), Performing Arts Groups (PAG), LGBTQ Council and other SL sponsored Councils.

*Students from different Academic Colleges:*

College of Agriculture and Natural Resources; College of Arts and Sciences; Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics; College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment; College of Education and Human Development; College of Engineering; and College of Health Sciences.

Students may be nominated by other students, faculty or staff and/or may apply directly to serve on CoSL. Once selected, students will be eligible to serve a term spanning the full academic year. After that term is over, students may reapply for service, but their approval for a second term is contingent on their availability and number of open seats on the advisory board.

Permanent membership will include representatives (does not have to be the President) from the following organizations, identified by the leadership of each organization. **Individuals chosen, must be available to attend the Monday evening meeting.**

- Active Minds
- Asian & Pacific Islander Student Association
- Black Student Union (BSU)
- Blue Hen Veterans
- Fraternity/Sorority Representatives
- HOLA
- Lavender Programming Board
- Blue Hen Ambassadors (BHA)

- Resident Student Association (RSA)
- Sexual Offense Support Service (SOS)
- Student Athlete Advisory Board
- Student Government Association (SGA)
- The Review

Membership will be reviewed annually and suggestions from existing members are always welcome. The membership list will be maintained by Jennifer Ulizio, [julizio@udel.edu](mailto:julizio@udel.edu) who will also coordinate room arrangements, and meal ordering based on participants' dietary needs.

The Vice President, and Associate Vice President will be present and may bring other division staff members or guests to speak on specific issues. Each meeting's agenda though will be primarily determined and driven by the student members, and their voices should be the ones most heard when the Advisory Board convenes. If a specific topic is on the agenda, this will be shared with members in advance, but "open" discussion time will be available at each meeting regardless of pre-planned discussion topics or guests.

**Meetings:** All meetings will be held in the Perkins Student Center from **5-6:30 p.m.** on Mondays, typically once a month, and dinner will be provided. Dates will be identified at the start of each academic year. If a student cannot attend a specific meeting, they will be expected to send a substitute from their organization or constituency, or if that is an impossibility, notify Jen Ulizio so that the meal order can be adjusted, to prevent waste.

**2018-2019 Meeting Dates:**

- October 1
- November 5
- December 3
- February 11
- March 4
- April 8
- May 6

**Communication:** Minutes from each meeting will be sent to CoSL members and CoSL guests, and the leadership (Directors, etc.) of Student Life. CoSL representatives will be asked to offer CoSL updates to students within their organizations and constituencies and also generate ideas for CoSL discussions with those same students.

**Charge:** All CoSL members are expected to:

1. Bring topics for discussion to the table, sharing both successes and concerns.
2. Keep their student constituents informed of CoSL discussions.
3. Talk and listen.
4. Advise on the development of new programs, problems, procedures and approaches and help to evaluate present ones.
5. Be a problem solver.