



Board of Higher Education Student Segmental Advisor Application

Please submit your application to:

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For State University and UMass Students Only

The Student Advisory Council (SAC) is an advisory committee to the Board of Higher Education (BHE) and is comprised of the student trustees and SGA Presidents from the community colleges, state universities and the University of Massachusetts. It is the responsibility of this Council to elect two segmental advisors to the BHE. The segmental advisors are undergraduate students (an undergraduate student is a student who has matriculated at an institution of higher education and successfully completed high school or earned a GED). **You do not need to be a student trustee or SGA President to apply for this position.**

Role of the Segmental Advisor:

- Represent your segment on the Board of Higher Education, in a non-voting, advisory capacity
- Serve as an ex officio, non-voting member the SAC Executive Committee

[SAC By-Laws](#)
[Roles and Responsibilities](#)

This role requires that you attend the regularly scheduled Student Advisory Council meetings (average of 6 meetings; Thursdays 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.) and the Board of Higher Education meetings (average of 6 meetings; Tuesdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m., as well as attend weekly Executive Team meetings (date and times TBD). The SAC meetings are typically held on the Thursday before every BHE meeting. The BHE schedule is voted on in June, and then the complete SAC and BHE schedule is released.

For the 2025-2026 academic period, the student segmental advisor members on the Board of Higher Education will be representatives from the State Universities and UMass segments.

Applicants for the Student Segmental Advisor Member of the Board of Higher Education must submit the following information:

1. **Résumé**
Please include information regarding your course of study, expected graduation date, employment history, and related activities and interests.
 2. **Statement of Purpose**
This brief essay should summarize your interest in serving on the Board of Higher Education and demonstrate your understanding of this leadership role.
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APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 9, 2025

The selection process requires each applicant to complete an interview with the Student Advisory Committee (SAC). **Interviews will be held May 15, 2025, from 4-6 p.m.** Applicants will be notified of specific details regarding interviews upon receipt of their application.



Board of Higher Education Segmental Advisor Interview Sample Questions

1. In your opinion, what are the three most important issues facing higher education for next year? Please prioritize these issues.
2. What do you see as the role of the student member of the Board of Higher Education?
3. How familiar are you with parliamentary procedures?
4. Can you outline the state budget process for public higher education?
5. Why do you want this position?
6. Are you aware of the time commitment for this position? Are you willing to accept the rigors of the job given the impact on your academic studies?
7. What mode of communication will you use to inform students and receive feedback from students about issues influencing public higher education in Massachusetts?