

Office of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI)

Student Diversity Assembly

The Associate Vice Chancellor of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (AVCEDI) has created a multi-tiered governance structure, which broadly represents various stakeholders at UCCS. As part of that initiative—and in collaboration with Multicultural Office for Student Access, Inclusiveness and Community (MOSAIC) and the Graduate School—the AVCEDI has formed a Student Diversity Assembly (SDA), which includes a graduate student representative nominated by the Dean of Graduate Studies; undergraduate representatives nominated by the Director of the Office of Veteran and Military Student Affairs and the office of Disability services, respectively; and elected, undergraduate student representatives from a range of clubs or organizations affiliated with the Multicultural Office for Student Access, Inclusiveness and Community (MOSAIC).

Description: Undergraduate and graduate student representatives will work directly with the Associate Vice Chancellor of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion and the Director and Assistant Director of MOSAIC; and serve as a liaison between professional staff and students. Each representative will receive commencement regalia in the form of a cord and be recognized with a certificate of participation at an annual banquet. The Student Diversity Assembly representatives will assist in several capacities including:

- Assessing students' experience at UCCS, and finding ways to address the needs of students from diverse backgrounds and experiences;
- identifying, prioritizing and developing shared initiatives & programming;
- exploring the possibility of developing a student mentoring program and/or internship program;
- connecting faculty, staff, students and community.

In addition to creating a communication network among faculty, staff, administration and undergraduate and graduate students, the Student Diversity Assembly aims to cultivate equity, diversity and inclusive student leadership. As a Student Diversity Assembly representative you will have a range of networking opportunities on campus and in the community, develop both leadership skills that can be applied directly to your role in your student organization, as well as an approach to diversity and inclusion that is rooted in a framework which considers the ways that various intersecting social identities, such as race, ethnicity, gender, class, sexual or religious orientation and ability, etc.

Application Process: In order to be considered for this role, potential candidates will be formally nominated and undergo an application process. In certain instances, nominees may be interviewed. Multiple students may be nominated; however, each student cohort, organization or club will have one representative who serves a one-year renewable term.

The application form is pasted below and can also be located at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DrlZLElJbWF_c4rwVDdSsBCHxd8OCC1tIbl8LGI6kNE/edit?ts=5db34c5a

Requirements: All eligible undergraduate and graduate students must have a minimum 2.8 cumulative GPA and should be formally nominated by the Dean of Graduate Studies, Director of Veteran and Military Student Affairs, Director of Disability Services or the chairs of their respective student organizations or clubs. Nominees will consequently be invited to formally apply. All undergraduate and graduate student representatives will be expected to participate in relevant activities and required to attend both monthly meetings as well as meetings with the Faculty-Staff Diversity Assembly at the end of the fall and spring semesters. Should the representatives be unable to participate in activities, or attend these meetings for any reason, they will be expected to appoint a proxy.

Student Diversity Assembly Application Form

Submit all applications and transcripts electronically to EDI staff assistant at .

Date:

1. Name:
2. Phone number & email address:
1. Student Cohort, Organization or Club & Position:
2. Department(s)/major-minor:
3. Number of Credits Taking Per Semester:
4. Work Status:
5. Academic Status (ie. freshman, sophomore, etc.):

Self-Reflective Statement

Applications require that nominees attach a 1 page, word processed self-reflective statement expressing why are you interested in serving on the Student Diversity Assembly, and what you can contribute to the group. In your response, you may wish to consider some of the following questions:

- Why do you believe a commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion is important?
- How are you involved in campus, especially in respect to student initiatives in general, and clubs or organizations in particular?
- What unique personal or professional experiences and/or relevant interests, skills, and talents would make you an ideal candidate for the Student Diversity Assembly?
- How do you think the Student Diversity Assembly will benefit you in your college and professional career?

Student Diversity Assembly Contract

Requirements

All elected student representatives will be expected to participate in relevant activities; and required to attend 2 meetings per semester, as well as meetings with the Faculty-Staff Diversity Assembly at the end of the fall and spring semesters. Should the representatives be unable to participate in activities, or attend these meetings for any reason, they will be expected to appoint a proxy.

Signature: _____ Date: _____