2017-2018 Undergraduate Student Representative to the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors

History and Purpose
The Board of Visitors (BOV) is the governing authority of Virginia Tech. Some of the board’s responsibilities include appointment of the president of the university; establishment of fees, tuition, and other charges paid by students; and the review of university policies including those related to student life. The undergraduate student representative to the BOV is appointed for a one-year term and meets with the BOV four times during the academic year, typically in August/September, November, March/April, and June.

The undergraduate student representative provides other members of the BOV with a student’s perspective on the issues under consideration. The student representative is often called upon to serve as a liaison between the BOV and the undergraduate student population at Virginia Tech, and is appointed to serve on one of the four standing committees. This person also serves as an ex-officio member of the Commission on Student Affairs, is a member of the Order of the Gavel, and may be asked by the president or provost to serve on special task forces or committees. The undergraduate student representative is a non-voting member of the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors. This position gives the student an excellent opportunity to represent the student voice while broadening his or her experiences and learning from direct participation how decisions are made that affect the university.

The current undergraduate student representative to the Board of Visitors is Gabe Cohen. Gabe has agreed to answer any questions candidates might have about this position. He may be contacted by email at gabrielc@vt.edu. Information is also available at the following website: www.dsa.vt.edu/BOV.

Eligibility
Applicants must meet the following criteria:
1. Be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at the Blacksburg campus and be in good Honor System and Student Conduct standing with the university throughout the 2017–18 academic year.
2. Commit to serve for representative’s full term from July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018.
3. Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 from the date of application throughout the 2017–18 academic year.
4. Have completed 70 hours of course work by application deadline.

Application Deadline
By submitting the following information, your name will be considered as a potential nominee for appointment to the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors as the undergraduate student representative. Please fill out the application form and return it, along with requested materials, to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, 112 Burruss Hall, or submit electronically to applyBOVrep@vt.edu before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 10, 2017.

If selected for further consideration, candidates will be asked to present/interview before the Undergraduate BOV Selection Committee, tentatively scheduled during the week of February 27. Three finalists will then be asked to present/interview before the Commission on Student Affairs on Thursday, March 16, and to a selection committee of the Board of Visitors on Sunday, April 2.
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Name: ___________________________________________ (Last) (First) (MI)

Current Address: ____________________________________________________________

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Email Address: ___________________________________________ Phone: ________________

College: ___________________________________________ Major: ________________

GPA: ___________________________________________ Hours Completed: ________________

How did you hear about this opportunity? __________________________________________

By my signature below, I certify that the information I have provided on this application is accurate and I understand that the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs will review my university record, including Student Conduct records, Honor System status, and academic standing, to verify my eligibility for this position. I also give permission for the information to be used in publicity about my candidacy.

_________________________________________   ________________________________
(Signature)                                              (Date)

By initialing below, I consent to the submission of my application for the undergraduate representative to the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors by electronic means, as well as to the information in the above statement.

☐ I certify that I have read and agree with this statement. __________ Please enter your initials to verify your identity.

Instructions

To apply for this position, provide a full application packet by submitting the following with this application form:

☐ A personal statement of nomination consideration (500 words or less) describing your qualifications for the position as the undergraduate student representative to the Board of Visitors, as well as your reasons for seeking this position.

☐ Resume or curriculum vitae

☐ Letters of reference from two faculty or staff members. One reference should be knowledgeable of your academic work, and one reference should be knowledgeable of your leadership skills. References should be submitted electronically to applyBOVrep@vt.edu no later than Friday, February 10, 2017 at 5:00 P.M.

☐ If you will be submitting a paper application rather than electronic, materials should be single-sided and unstapled.

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Qualified applicants will be notified by Dr. Lee Hawthorne, Chief of Staff for the Division of Student Affairs, and given further information about the selection process based on eligibility. Please refer questions to applyBOVrep@vt.edu.