

Student Involvement in Campus Decision-Making

Student involvement in decision-making is essential to the life of Kalamazoo College. “Involvement” includes a range of things - making final decisions, providing advice and input, offering recommendations, and expressing preferences. All are valuable to the College.

Student Commission and the Student Activities Committee (SAC) are central decision-makers for the student body on issues ranging from topics for campus forum discussions to funding for student organizations to campus events and activities.

Other venues for student involvement in decision-making include:

Standing Committees/Groups

Appeal Board
Athletics Advisory Committee
Athletic Leadership Council
Campus Climate Committee
Civic Engagement Scholars
Community Council
Dining Committee
Diversity Advisory Committee
Educational Policies Committee
Experiential Education Committee
Information Services Advisory Committee
Lillian Anderson Arboretum Advisory Committee
Peer Health Advisors
Student Conduct Hearing Panel
Student Health Center Advisory Committee
Student Life Advisory Committee
Student Safety Advisory Committee

Class-specific

Baccalaureate Planning Committee
Junior Graduation Committee
Senior Graduation Committee

Ad Hoc Committees – current and recent examples

Alcohol Task Force
ACSJL Steering Committee
ACSJL Building Project
Athletics Field Complex Renovation Committee
Bottled Water Committee
Campus Climate Commitment Task Force
Campus Master Planning Task Force
Fitness Center/Natatorium Building Project
Food Policy Committee
Football Task Force

Hicks Center Renovation Committee
LandSea Leader Selection Committee
Reaccreditation Steering Committee and Working Groups
Strategic Planning Committees
Student Code of Conduct Review Committee

Search Committees (ASCJL Executive and Academic Directors, Registrar, Director of LandSea, Career Counselor as recent examples)

Other

Peer Leaders
Resident Assistants
Career Associates
CIP Peer Advisors
Student Chaplains and Interns
Student Conduct Advisors
Summer Campus Climate Fellows
Sustainability Interns
Trustee Meeting Student Representatives

Student Commission Committees

Athletics
Educational Policies Committee
Experiential Education Committee
Joint Committee on Student Organization and Recognition
Student Affairs Committee
Trustee Communication

* Student Commission committees change often in response to identified needs and concerns.

Other less formal ways of students providing input include voting on campus movies and bands, completing program/activity evaluation forms, completing campus surveys, and participating in campus forums. Additionally, the StuComm Executive Committee meets regularly with the President, Dean of Students, and Assistant Dean of Students to share information and advice.

Interested in becoming involved with decision-making at K? Feel free to contact offices/departments mentioned above or the Student Commission. If you're not sure where to start, Student Development can help point you in the right direction.