

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS  
ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2008-2011**

**I. Statement of Committee Function**

The Advisory Committee to the Office of the Dean of Students advises the dean of students, the Faculty Senate, and the administration on aspects of student life not part of the formal instructional program of the university. The committee:

1. Recommends, encourages and evaluates programs and policies that support a positive learning environment and student learning outside the formal instructional program.
2. Recommends, encourages and evaluates programs and policies regarding the student social environment including issues of conduct, health and safety, harassment, and substance abuse.
3. Studies and makes recommendations regarding student academic and nonacademic misconduct and related policies, rules, and procedures. The committee does not hear or consider whether an existing policy or rule ought to be applied in any individual case.
4. Advises the dean of students on organization and priorities for programs under her/his direction.

**II. Activities During 2010-2011**

The committee met four times this year – twice in the fall semester and twice in the spring semester. The committee discussed many issues at these meetings. Most notably during fall semester, the committee considered the topic of a campus alcohol philosophy, responsible action guidelines for campus, and the Lifelong Connections Committee Report, which explored proactively developing a sense of affinity amongst students. The committee supports the development of a campus alcohol philosophy as well as encouraging responsible action with regard to alcohol use. In the spring, the New Badger Partnership and the budget were two prevalent topics throughout both meetings. The committee's value is to keep tuition affordable for Wisconsin families.

**III. Activities During 2009-2010**

The committee met twice during the fall 2009 semester and thrice during the spring 2010 semester. At the first meeting in the fall, the committee discussed divisional strategic priorities, mission and vision. The dean of students shared priorities for the year and reviewed UW System Chapters 17 and 18 changes. At the second meeting, the committee discussed pandemic planning information, threat assessment on campus, social media connections to faculty and the divisional web redesign. At the first spring semester meeting, the dean shared concerns about divisional space and facility needs as well as the Madison Initiative for Undergraduates. The committee drafted a letter of support for the divisional space concerns and submitted it to the Space Management Office. The fourth meeting addressed topics such as testing accommodations for first-generation students, fan behavior and budget updates. The final meeting of the semester focused upon discussion of the divisional name change to "Division of Student Life." The committee supported the name change and felt it more appropriately captured the division's mission and vision.

**IV. Activities During 2008-2009**

The committee met thrice during the 2009 spring semester. At the first meeting, the committee discussed the revisions to the UW System Administrative Codes 17 and 18, the ODOS mission and vision, and campus safety. At the second meeting, the committee heard short presentations from each of the eight units housed in ODOS and reviewed the ODOS budget. At the final meeting, the committee decided to petition the Faculty Senate to change the name of the committee to the Office of the Dean of Students' Advisory Committee, to describe better the functions of the committee.

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## V. Current Issues or Concerns

The name change of the committee, combined with the name change of the division that it serves, have helped members develop clearer vision of their roles in serving and supporting the dean of students in decision-making. Now that the committee has established a successful schedule of meetings (two per semester), it needs to weigh the benefits of being proactive as opposed to being reactive. To date, the committee reacts nimbly to issues, as identified by the dean and her staff. The committee is considering proactively adopting an issue per year for research and strategic planning.

## VI. Future Issues

Moving into the future, the committee recognizes that such topics as academic misconduct are ongoing, and it also intends to continue discussion regarding Badger game fan behavior.

## VII. Summary/Recommendations

After a period of irregular meetings, the committee has pulled together in the past three years under a new name and with a schedule that suits its shared governance membership. It has become an invaluable resource to the office of the dean and takes pride in its role. The next chair has been identified and is pending approval.

## VIII. Committee Membership for 2010-2011

<i>Faculty</i>	<i>Academic Staff</i>	<i>Students</i>	<i>Ex officio, non-voting</i>
B. Bradford Brown	Eileen Callahan	Jacob Kallman	Lori Berquam
Jacqueline Hitchon, chair	Benjamin Rodriguez	Joseph Kuo	Aaron Brower
Nadine Nehls		Myranda Tanck	
Doug Rouse		Wenbin Wang	

## IX. Committee Membership for 2009-2010

<i>Faculty</i>	<i>Academic Staff</i>	<i>Students</i>	<i>Ex officio, non-voting</i>
B. Bradford Brown	Eileen Callahan	Nahiris Bahamon	Lori Berquam
Jacqueline Hitchon, chair	Benjamin Rodriguez	Roxana Godiwalla	Laurie Mayberry
Nadine Nehls		Anna Silberman	
Doug Rouse		Wenbin Wang	

## X. Committee Membership for 2008-2009

<i>Faculty</i>	<i>Academic Staff</i>	<i>Students</i>	<i>Ex officio, non-voting</i>
Jacqueline Hitchon	Eileen Callahan	Nahiris Bahamon	Lori Berquam
Ruth Litovsky	Benjamin Rodriguez	Meng Shiuan Chou	Laurie Mayberry
Nadine Nehls		Zachary Starr	
Terry Warfield		Wenbin Wang	