

Advocacy and Civic Engagement Committee

Purpose & Function

Rooted in Catholic social teaching and the Mission and Core Values of Marywood University, the *Advocacy and Civic Engagement Committee* will:

- Research and advocate for local, state, and federal legislation as it impacts the needs and concerns of Marywood University and her students.
- Provide guidance and support for advocacy efforts.
- Participate as needed in legislative visits and advocacy events.
- Provide advice to University constituents in framing key issues and messages to be shared with the public, opinion leaders, and decision makers.
- Build and maintain positive relationships with legislators and policymakers. · Support the *Pacers to The Polls* campaign to increase voter registration, preparedness, and turnout rates among Marywood University students.

Membership

Position Titles of Members

- Executive Director of Student Services
- Director of Student Engagement
- Director of Community Service and Social Justice
- At least one staff representative from the Office of Institutional Equity and Inclusion · At least one staff representative from the Athletics and Recreation Department · At least one staff representative from Marketing
- At least one staff representative from the University Advancement area · At least one staff representative
- At least four faculty representatives
- Undergraduate Student Government Association President
- Undergraduate Student Government Association Sustainability Representative · Additional students as the Director of Student Engagement deems necessary

Method of Selection of Members: The Executive Director of Student Services, Director of Student Engagement, and Director of Community Service and Social Justice are ex officio members. The respective Senates will elect one staff representative and one faculty



representative beginning spring 2022. The President of the University, in consultation with the Co-Chairs of this University Standing Committee, will

initially appoint the remaining staff and faculty representatives. Thereafter, the Co-Chairs of the Committee will make appointments for the staff and faculty representatives whom the Senates do not elect.

The Office of Institutional Equity and Inclusion, Athletics and Recreation Department, and Marketing Department will appoint the representative from their area when required. The Undergraduate Student Government Association President and the Sustainability Representatives are ex officio members.

The Director of Student Engagement can appoint additional students representatives as deemed necessary.

Selection of Chair and Vice or Co-Chair: The designated Co-Chairs of the Committee are the Executive Director of Student Services and the Director of Student Engagement.

Terms: Unlimited two-year terms with no one-year hiatus.

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Meetings

Meetings are held at the call of the Co-Chairs.

Reports To

President of the University

History

3-17-2022 The President of the University approved the establishment of the new University Standing Committee as recommended by the Policy Committee of the University