Advisory Councils and Committees

Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs

Longhorn Family Leadership Council
The council assists Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Dr. Soncia Reagins-Lilly with fundraising efforts and priorities. It is comprised of 15 families (one or two parents representing each family at meetings) and the Division of Student Affairs’ development team.

Student Services Budget Committee
This committee reviews departmental budgets, hears requests for funding and reviews optional fee recommendations. It is comprised of four faculty/staff members and five students, including members from Student Government and the Graduate Student Assembly, with support from VPSA staff.

Vice President for Student Affairs Student Advisory Council
Dr. Lilly has created this committee to maintain clear and open dialogue between her office and the student body at-large. The committee is comprised of students from all areas of campus and gives students the opportunity to voice their concerns directly to Dr. Lilly.

Office of the Dean of Students

Legal Services for Students Student Advisory Board
The board recommends ways this unit can best serve students’ legal needs. Four students are nominated from Student Government, Graduate Student Assembly, Senate of College Councils and University Residence Hall Association.

Student Conduct Advisory Committee
This committee is composed of six students and an advisor who provide the peer perspective on matters of student conduct and academic integrity. They are committed to advising, advocating and advancing the university conduct system.

University Health Services

Student Health Advisory Committee
This committee connects the department to the student body, relaying health concerns and promoting services and initiatives on campus. The group works on student-led projects, plans campus-wide events, listens to university guest speakers and provides feedback on health-related initiatives.

Recreational Sports

Facilities Operations Council
This council develops methods to enhance customer satisfaction. It also makes recommendations for staff development and training, and positively impacts the working environment for Facility Operations student staff. Student employees in Facility Operations nominate fellow staff to be members.

Intramural Council
Comprised of nine UT Austin students, this council advises the Intramural Sports program. The group assists in the resolution of intramural participant protests and appeals, and also serves as a resource to the Intramural Program regarding new activities, game rules and related matters.

Recreational Sports Committee
This committee includes six faculty members, three staff members, two Faculty Council representatives, four students and is chaired by a faculty member. The group advises on programs, facilities, financing and policies. It also hears appeals on Intramural Council and Sport Club Council decisions.
Sport Club Council
This council, comprised of nine UT Austin students, advises the Sport Club program. The group makes recommendations on student organizations that have applied for membership, handles appeals on decisions made by the Sport Club staff and reviews annual club budget requests.

University Unions

University Unions Advisory Council
This council assists the University Unions in achieving fundraising goals and developing support for its programs, facilities and services. Council members advocate on and off campus, also sharing personal experiences and historical perspectives with full-time and student staff.

Housing and Food Service

Resident Assistant Food Service
This association is composed of resident assistants (RAs) from 14 on-campus residence halls. The group coordinates with department staff, University Residence Hall Association, student organizations and other universities, and also pursues policies that benefit 160+ RAs and 7,300 on-campus residents.

University Apartments Tenant Advisory Board
This board provides advice, feedback, insight and evaluation to department staff and also views the procedures, actions and decisions for University Apartments operations. The group also has input into the formulation of the annual budget and long-term strategic planning.

University Residence Hall Association
This association works to ensure cooperation and communication between on-campus residence halls and staff, pursuing policies to benefit residents and the university community. It also oversees governance of the Residence Hall Councils, which exist in each on-campus residence hall.

Counseling and Mental Health Center

Counseling and Mental Health Center Student Advisory Committee
This committee is comprised of 12 students from Student Government, Graduate Student Assembly and Senate of College Councils, with staff advisors. The group discusses operational aspects of the department’s programs, services and new initiatives, and helps promote services on campus.

Texas Parents

Texas Parents Ambassadors Council
This council serves as ambassadors for Texas Parents, volunteering at activities for UT Austin families and offering advice to staff on programming. Members must maintain a four-year supporting membership, attend the fall and spring meetings, and volunteer at Family Orientation and Family Weekend.

New Student Services

Deans’ Core Transfer Team
This team identifies and implements support services for transfer students, assessing the transfer student experience for academics and transition programming. The group also supports campus-wide opportunities for transfer student engagement.

Orientation Logistics Committee
This committee, with more than 30 campus partners, helps coordinate the logistics during new student orientation for freshman and transfer students. The group receives monthly logistical updates for program format and communication timelines for all new student orientation programming.
Orientation Strategic Planning Committee
This committee assists with strategic planning for the university-required new student orientation program for incoming freshman and transfer students. The group discusses ways to support the transition to college life for students and their families.

The Center for Students in Recovery

The Center for Students in Recovery Council
This council helps determine the center’s goals, mission and vision. The center director appoints 10-12 members who represent the university and local recovery community. The Division of Student Affairs’ director of development helps guide the council’s fundraising priorities.