Student Involvement & Leadership

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The goal of the Student Involvement & Leadership (SIL) Department is to engage students in co-curricular and extracurricular experiences that enhance their collegiate experience. Meaningful involvement has been proven to strengthen students' commitment to education, the institution, and their community. Furthermore, students who are actively engaged receive higher grades, transfer less, gain skills that lead to better jobs, obtain increased networking opportunities, have more friends, and are substantially more satisfied with their college experience.

The SIL Department is committed to training and advising the Dixie State University Student Association (DSUSA) leaders and the DSUSA Student Government Branches on campus policy and procedure, and promoting involvement in an inclusive learning environment.

**Dixie State University Student Association (DSUSA)**

Every fee-paying student at Dixie State University is a member of DSUSA. The mission of the DSUSA Student Government is to provide students with learning, service, and extracurricular opportunities; provide leadership training; promote school spirit; create unity and a unique Dixie culture; link Dixie traditions with new students; and offer a voice to the student body. The leadership branches of DSUSA include the Executive Council, Academic Senate, Clubs & Organizations, Student Life, Public Relations, and Service.

**Executive Council**

The Executive Council includes the Student Body President, Vice President of Academics, Vice President of Clubs & Organizations, Vice President of Student Life, Vice President of Public Relations, and Vice President of Service.

**Academic Senate**

The Vice President of Academics and the Student Senate assist students in achieving academic and life goals. The Senate funds academic pursuits such as research and conference presentations. The delegation consists of student representatives from the eight major academic schools on campus. The Student Senate is a mouthpiece for students and advocates for the students' collective academic interests at Dixie State University.

**Clubs & Organizations**

The Clubs & Organizations branch currently houses approximately 70 active clubs on campus. The Vice President of Clubs & Organizations and the respective club representatives collectively manage club funds, oversee club bylaws, distribute club merit monies, and support club growth. Clubs & Organizations serves many purposes including the cultural, intellectual, professional, recreational, service, and social needs of students. Joining a club is the easiest and most personal way to get involved, meet other students, and truly enjoy your time at college. If there is not a club that interests you, it is easy to start your own.

**Student Life**

The Student Life branch of DSUSA oversees activities and campus life under the direction of the Vice President of Student Life and three Event Managers. Student Life aims to maintain Dixie traditions such as Homecoming, D Week, white washing the D, the Great Race, Dixie Awards, carnivals, etc., while continually adding new and improved activities like the Foam Dance, concerts, and comedians. This branch plans and organizes at least one DSUSA event each week of Fall and Spring semesters.

**Public Relations**

The Public Relations branch promotes and advertises all events sponsored by the DSUSA under the direction of the Vice President of Public Relations and four Public Relations Chairs. It is the mission of this branch to inform the campus community of all DSUSA happenings through print advertising, social media networking, a weekly radio program, TV broadcasting, the Dixie Sun, the Red Storm Roll, and other marketing techniques.

**Service**

The DSUSA Community Engagement and Service Center encourages lifelong learning and service by providing opportunities to serve on campus and within the community. The Vice President of Service and three Service Leaders make up the Service Council within the service branch, and together they seek opportunities that build upon core values of service, citizenship, diversity, ethics, and collaboration that create an enduring service oriented mentality. The Service Council plans and organizes a major monthly service project and two large-scale Campus to Community service projects. Every week of the semester the Service Council provides service with at least one of our 13 community partners.

To find out more information on DSUSA Student Government and student involvement, please visit our website (http://dixiestudentlife.com).

**Welcome Message From the 2017-18 DSUSA President**

Welcome to Dixie State University! If you’re reading this I’m guessing you’ve already made one of the best decisions of your life by becoming a Trailblazer. Dixie is easily one of the greatest places on earth. With a high level of student involvement, engaging professors, and countless opportunities I would encourage you to take advantage of your time here. At Dixie, we not only believe in active learning, but leading an active lifestyle as well. The best part of Dixie isn’t just the weather, the
300 days of sunshine year-round, or the sheer beauty of our community. The people you meet and the relationships you build while you’re in school are what will create lasting memories. Let the “Dixie Spirit” take over and get ready, work hard and play hard!

Please feel free to come meet me in my office on the second floor of the Gardner Center or say “hi” when you see me around campus. I’m here to serve you to the best of my abilities. Let me or anyone on student government know what we can do to make things better. We’re always looking for improvement. Who knows, maybe if we’re lucky YOU could be the next best thing about Dixie. #thedixielife #igotodixie

Ezra McKay Hainsworth

Student Body President 2017-18