The Student Leadership Program Operating Guidelines

I. About the Student Leadership Program:

The Student Leadership Program is one of the most active leadership organizations on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus. SLP believes the leadership process begins by strengthening the individual leadership skills. SLP offers opportunities to develop fundamental leadership skills that are necessary to maintaining successful personal relationships, contributing to campus organizations and participating in the community.

SLP’s mission: To develop effective and essential leadership skills in students and student groups through comprehensive leadership education and diverse experiences.

SLP is made up of eleven committees including:

1. Leadership and Social Justice
2. Organization Development Consultants
3. Student Consultants and Speakers Bureau
4. Leadership Resources and Campus Relations
5. All Campus Leadership Conference
6. Special Events
7. Big 10 Leadership Network
8. Leadership Through Volunteering
9. Emerging Leaders Program
10. Leadership Communications Seminar
11. The Bucky’s

II. Guaranteed programs & events each year:

The Student Leadership Program hosts multiple guaranteed programs yearly. This includes the following:

1. The All-Campus Leadership Conference
2. The Big Ten Mini-Conference
3. The Big Ten Leadership Network Programs
4. Student Leader and Organization Workshop Service
5. Student Organization Development and Advising Service
6. The Buckys: Student Organization Awards Banquet
7. All Campus Organization Assembly
8. Emerging Leaders Program
9. Leadership Communication Seminar
10. Students Advancing In Leadership Programs
11. Identity Dialogues
12. Leadership Through Social Justice Programs
13. Leadership Through Volunteering Programs
14. Leadership Resource Services
15. Student Leadership Fall and Spring Formal
16. Student Leadership Fall and Spring Retreats

III. SLP Membership requirements

The Student Leadership Program has two levels of membership, including Associate Membership and General Membership.

The associate membership level of commitment is intended for those who have a class conflict during our general member meetings held every other Wednesday from 5:30-7:00pm. To become an associate member you must have approval from a Coordinator.

To be an associate member, students must complete the following:

1. Attend 4 of 6 follow-up meetings with Coordinators
2. Attend 5 SLP events (other than the Conference)
3. Become a committee member
4. Attend/work the All Campus Leadership Conference

To become a general member, students must complete the following:

1. Attend 4 of 6 general member meetings held every other Wednesday
2. Attend 5 SLP events (other than Conference)
3. Become a committee member
4. Attend/work the All Campus Leadership Conference

IV. Committee head responsibilities
Each committee of SLP has an elected student leader to serve as Committee Chair. Students who wish to become a Committee Chair go through an application and interview process in the spring semester.

To fulfill Committee Chair requirements, students must:

1. Attend 5 of the 6 general member meetings held every other Wednesday
2. Attend 5 SLP events (not within own committee)
3. Oversee the successful implementation of the committee’s specific programming or service
4. Run bi-weekly committee meetings
5. Attend monthly committee chair development meetings
6. Meet weekly with a Coordinator
7. Maintain a portfolio

V. Coordinator responsibilities

This level of commitment is a paid position that is applied for. Students wishing to go through the application and interview process do so in the spring semester. The Student Leadership Program hires four coordinators: the Internal Affairs and Development Coordinator, the Organization Outreach Coordinator, the Leadership Events and Training Coordinator and the Financial Coordinator.

To be a Coordinator, students must fulfill the following:

1. Be a UW-Madison student
2. Maintain at least 10 office hours in the SLP Office
3. Oversee the successful functioning of assigned committees
4. Meet weekly with advisor
5. Review, guide and evaluate SLP’s budget
6. Serve as a member of the Center for Leadership and Involvement
7. Passionately accept the leadership challenge of continuing the successful development of the Student Leadership Program

New coordinators are chosen by coordinators of the previous term. The process is through application and interview with the 4 student coordinators.

VI. How SLP Meetings shall be run:

1. All decisions made in SLP will be made by students.
2. The Internal Affairs and Development Coordinator will work closely with the other coordinators to plan and create meeting agendas.
3. The coordinators will direct the meeting as a whole to ensure that it runs smoothly.
4. Meetings will consist of event updates, internal development and leadership training.
5. Meetings will take place every other Wednesday from 5:30-7:00pm.

VII. SLP consideration of new ideas
The Student Leadership Program will decide each year how they would like to address new ideas. SLP will strive to hear all voices within the group and develop programming that answers student needs in new and creative ways.

VIII. Changes to the Operating Guidelines
Changes or additions to the operating guidelines must be approved by all of the coordinators, and the advisor.