



MASSACHUSETTS  
Department of  
Higher Education

## Board of Higher Education Student Member Application

### **For State University Student Only**

The Student Advisory Council (SAC) is an advisory committee to the BHE and is comprised of the student trustees and SGA Presidents from the community colleges, state universities and the University of Massachusetts. It is the responsibility of this Council to nominate the student member of the Board of Higher Education. As required by law, the Governor annually appoints the BHE student member on the basis of recommendations submitted by the SAC. The SAC will interview and nominate no more than three full-time undergraduate students for the Governor's consideration. **You do not need to be a student trustee or SGA President to apply for this position.**

Role of the student BHE Member:

- Serve on the Board of Higher Education
- Serve as an ex officio, non-voting member the SAC Executive Committee

**For the 2020-2021 academic period, the student member on the Board of Higher Education will be a representative from the State University segment.** Applicants for the Student Member of the Board of Higher Education must submit the following information:

1. Enrollment Verification: The Registrar must certify that you are enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and that you meet the required standards for satisfactory academic progress at your institution.
2. Résumé: Please include information regarding your course of study, expected graduation date, employment history, and related activities and interests.
3. Three Personal References: References may be provided by a fellow student in a leadership role, college administrator, faculty member, or other professional who can attest to your attributes to serve in this capacity.
4. Statement of Purpose: This brief essay should summarize your interest in serving on the Board of Higher Education and demonstrate your understanding of this leadership role.

### **Please submit your application to:**

Stacy Bougie  
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### **APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 1, 2020**

The selection process requires each applicant to complete an interview with the Student Advisory Committee (SAC). Elections will take place at the first SAC meeting in early fall. We will follow up with applicants directly, once a meeting date and time has been scheduled.



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## Board of Higher Education Student Member Interview Sample Questions

1. In your opinion, what are the three most important issues facing higher education for next year? Please prioritize these issues.
2. What do you see as the role of the student member of the Board of Higher Education?
3. How familiar are you with parliamentary procedures?
4. Can you outline the state budget process for public higher education?
5. Why do you want this position?
6. Are you aware of the time commitment for this position? Are you willing to accept the rigors of the job given the impact on your academic studies?
7. What mode of communication will you use to inform students and receive feedback from students about issues influencing public higher education in Massachusetts?