



Student-Led Best Practices

Submitted by Bonner Congress Representatives

Name of Best Practice:

Student Leadership Team

College/University Name and Contact Information:

Wofford College

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Background:

At Wofford the student leadership team is composed of three groups: Action, Assessment, and Publicity. Each team works on an agenda throughout the year, and all team members participate in trainings that are led by the Coordinator.

What Makes This Unique:

What is most unique is the way the leadership team informs the rest of the campus about the Bonner program. The three teams of students organize trainings that are relevant and beneficial to their peers, thus giving student voice to the Bonner program.

How it Works:

The Leadership Team contributes to the program in three areas: **policy** (establishes and enforce guidelines in the program and review the Wofford Bonner handbook), **programming** (plans the winter retreat and other major programs throughout the year for all Bonners), and **publicity**.

Selection: Bonner peers select three students from each class as representatives to the Leadership Team. Once the nine members are chosen, they divide themselves into the three sub-groups of the team.

Policy

The Action Team is one of the Executive bodies of the Wofford Bonner Scholars. Elected each year, one member from each class serves on the Action Team. The team is responsible for the following duties:

- To ensure that the definition of service is being upheld

- To oversee the Community Fund and Summer Living Budgets
- To participate in the recruitment of replacement Bonners
- To serve as the Review Committee for disciplinary issues
- To uphold the regulations of the Bonner Constitution

Programming

Assessment is the legislative body for the Wofford College Bonner Scholars Program. This team will also be comprised of one member from each class that will be elected annually. The main function is to act directly on the needs of the Bonner Scholars Program. This team is also responsible for the following duties:

- To oversee all Bonner reflection options
- To oversee the Bonner Evaluation Process
- The planning of the Bonner Summer Project
- The planning of all Large Group Meetings
- To access and plan all Bonner training
- The planning of Bonner Enrichment Activities
- To ensure that all Community Agencies know the roles of Bonner Scholars

Publicity

- Keep the website up to date
- Help publicize Bonner across the campus.
- Assist with Admissions to recruit new Bonners (currently working on a new brochure).

Recommendations:

It is important that the members of the team feel free to voice themselves. Coordinators and Directors should take the position of active facilitators and guides, but be open to all student ideas, concerns, and suggestions.

Leadership team members are selected by way of a peer vote. It is important that the general Bonner Scholar student body understands that while voting for these members, it is not a popularity contest.

Confidentiality is of utmost importance for all Leadership Team members. Be sure all members understand the importance of confidentiality, positive leadership, and professionalism in their position.