

Student Governance Framework

The education of students in civic leadership finds expression in the organisations run by students. The University will promote leadership opportunities, especially in the areas that touch on the lives of students on campus. The following are the key channels through which students can formally exercise leadership:

- Class Representatives
- Hall Councils
- The Student Council
- Leadership positions in other student-led organisations such as clubs

Class Representatives

Every Class shall elect representatives to carry on the business of the class in line with the mission of the University. They are to pursue the academic, social and general wellbeing of students in the class. This can be achieved through specific activities which will help the class stay united during the course of their studies and as alumni of the University.

Class Representatives can meet with relevant lecturers, the Head of Department or Dean of the School, as the case requires, to discuss concerns or proffer suggestions on behalf of the class. They are primarily the channel of communication between the class and the different stakeholders in the University community.

Each class shall have 2 class representatives elected by class members. Therefore, the positions shall be formally known as:

- Class Representative, and
- Assistant Class Representative

These positions shall be for a term of one academic year. The maximum number of terms for any of these positions is 2 one-academic year terms.

The first year undergraduate classes will not elect class representatives. Time is required for the members of the class to know themselves before electing their class representatives. Therefore, the first year undergraduate classes may have acting class representatives appointed by class administrators.

Hall Council

The Halls of Residence house students who live on campus and their management lie with the Hall Managers or Wardens. It is important for students to play a part in the administration of the Halls of Residence. Therefore, students in each Hall of Residence shall elect a Hall Council comprising 5 to 7 members, depending on the size of the Residence, to assist the Hall Manager and the Resident Student Affairs Officer in ensuring that a conducive environment which supports the education of the students is

maintained in the Halls of Residence. They will also work with the Manager to ensure the speedy resolution of issues that bother on the general welfare of students living there.

The Hall Council will consist of a Hall Chairman and Welfare Officers. They will be elected by students in the Hall of Residence as the official representatives of the student with the Management of the Hall of Residence. The Resident Student Affairs Officer will act as an advisor to the Hall Council.

The positions in the Hall Council shall be for a term of one academic year. The maximum number of terms for any of these positions is 2 one-academic year terms.

Student Council

The organization which represents the interests of all students will be known as the Student Council. It will work at promoting the academic, co-curricular, extra-curricular and general welfare of students at Pan-Atlantic University. The members of the Student Council will be elected by a college of electors from among themselves. This college of electors will comprise of the elected Class Representatives and the elected members of the Hall Councils.

The Student Council will be composed of 5 officers:

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson
- Secretary
- Finance Officer, and
- Student Activities Officer

Student Council officers shall serve for a term of one academic year. The maximum number of terms for any of these offices is 2 one-academic year terms.

Other Student Organisations

These are clubs set up and run by students to promote activities that form students intellectually, culturally and professionally. Clubs could be academic oriented, sports oriented, service oriented etc.

The following are requirements for starting a student organisation:

- Application: A letter of application to the Director of Student Affairs which includes a concise description of the organization, its mission and vision.
- Membership: Proof of at least 10 members. This list must indicate the name, matriculation number, course of study, level and contact number of each member.
- A summary of the objectives and planned activities of the organization for the current academic session.
- A letter from a member of faculty or staff indicating their willingness to be the organization's moderator and mentor.

Election Guidelines

The Student Affairs Office will establish election guidelines for all categories of student governance.

Discipline

While the University supports the Student Council as a partner in furtherance of the welfare of the student body, it reserves to itself the right to apply disciplinary sanctions where the Student Council has acted in a manner contrary to its mandate. This also applies to all student organisations and other categories of student governance.