



Introducing the COWELL STUDENT SENATE

What Is the Cowell Senate?

The Senate is the student governing board of Cowell College. Each spring, the Senate designs an itemized budget for the roughly \$45,000 in student fees it will be receiving the following Fall. These monies are used for funding Cowell and campus-wide student events and projects. The Senate meets weekly to discuss Cowell issues and hear funding requests.

Who Are the Members?

The Cowell Senate is comprised of Cowell students just like you (and a staff advisor from the Programs Office). Our membership varies from year to year, but every Cowell student is eligible to become a Selectperson [full voting member of the Senate].

How Can I Get Involved?

To become a Selectperson, you must attend four Senate meetings. At your fourth meeting, you will present to the Senate an original eight-line, rhyming poem of your creation. For a list of additional leadership positions available to Senators and non-Senators, see reverse side of page.

To petition for Cowell Senate funds, write to cSenate@ucsc.edu and request to be added to the weekly meeting's agenda. You will be asked to submit answers to questions on the reverse of the Senate Funding Request Form via email prior to attending the meeting. You must bring with you to the meeting a completed Funding Request Form (copies of which can be found outside the Cowell Dining Hall) and copies of your itemized budget.

What Are Some Events the Senate Has Sponsored In Previous Years?

In the past, the Senate has planned and/or helped fund game nights, dances, trips, informational meetings and workshops, open mic nights, poetry slams, student publications, guest speakers, cultural nights, and much more!

What Are Some Of the Benefits Of Being a Senator?

By attending regular Senate meetings, you will hear about the very latest events being planned and the current issues being discussed on campus and at Cowell. In addition, you will be making your voice heard. You will be able to cast your vote and share your unique views and creative ideas with an extremely attentive audience.

How Can I Learn More About the Cowell Senate?

- Regularly attend Senate meetings, Thursdays, 7:30 pm, Cowell Conference Room (First meeting fall quarter to be held on Thursday, September 30)
- Email cSenate@ucsc.edu and ask for more info
- Website: <http://cowell.ucsc.edu/senate>
- Talk to a current Senator (a list of Senators to be published within the first few weeks of fall quarter will be on the Senate Board near the Senate Office, Room 135)
- Inquire at the Programs Office (phone 831-459-4655), in the Cowell Student Life Office under the Dining Hall.

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Leadership Positions

Title	Duties/Responsibilities	Additional Info
Chairperson	Plans meeting agendas, runs meetings, corresponds with petitioning guests	Works with all other officers to make sure the Senate runs smoothly
Vice-Chair	Acts as substitute when elected official is absent	Takes on other duties as necessary
Secretary	Takes minutes during meetings, distributes minutes via email	Works with Publicity Chair to keep current minutes on Senate Board
Treasurer	In charge of Senate finances; keeps detailed records of expenses	Works with the Cowell Financial Advisor; Gives weekly report at meetings
Publicity Chair	The PR person for Cowell; in charge of outreach and info distribution	Keeps the Senate board current and up-to-date; gives weekly report at meetings
SUA Representatives (3)	Attend weekly Student Union Assembly meetings and reports back to senate on those meetings	The SUA meets every Tuesday from 6-8 PM; gives weekly reports
SCOC Representative	Attends Student Committee on Committees Council meetings and reports back to senate on those meetings	SCOC Council reviews applications by students for and appoints them to campus-wide committees
Academic Senate Representative	Attends meetings of the Academic Senate (a faculty governing body) and reports back to senate	Academic Senate meetings usually happen 1 or 2 times a quarter
CORE Representative	Attends CORE (meetings of reps from all College Senates) where he/she hears petitions for funding.	CORE meets several times a quarter throughout the year. Rep reports funding requests back to Senate.
Historian	In charge of documenting Senate events (usually by taking photos)	This person plans the end of the year slideshow.
Parliamentarian	Makes sure all Senate proceedings follow the rules as set out in the Senate Constitution	
DVD Library Coordinator	Makes the Library Program accessible to its members by overseeing all aspects of the functioning and maintenance of the program. Reports to Senate.	This includes training and coordinating staff; distributing and compiling movie surveys/feedback; purchasing DVDs; arranging for proper storage and maintenance of DVDs; and keeping accurate records of membership lists, loan activity, and library finances.