

Positions Available to Apply to for Student Board 2012

List of Committee Chair Positions:

- Shabbat
 - Services chair
 - Dinner chair
- Tzedek
 - Interfaith (meets with Tzedek committee)
- Learning
- FreshFest & Freshmen Engagement (2 co-chairs)
- Social
 - BBQ chair
 - Sports chair

Responsibilities of a Committee Chair:

- Convening weekly committee meetings (Rabbi Ethan is part of them)
- Bi-weekly Chair Meeting with President and staff
- Monthly supervision/check-in with Rabbi Ethan for leadership development
- Maintaining communication with President, staff, and communication intern on an as-needs basis in order to publicize programming, recruit volunteers, and ensure that the committees' needs are met.

Committee Descriptions:

- Shabbat Committee (Needs 2 chairs: 1 for services and 1 for dinner)
 - Hillel hosts services and dinners almost every week, always with a theme, whether fun or related to a tzedek (social justice) project or based on the special guests invited that week. We have two Friday night *minyanim* - traditional Egalitarian and musical Reform. One Committee Chair is in charge of dinner, and another is in charge of services. The Shabbat committee (including both chairs) meet weekly and the Services chair ensures students are trained and lined up to lead services and give divrei Torah or lead a text study at services; the dinner chair prepares the menu and makes salad and/or dessert at Hillel Fri afternoons with other volunteers. The Shabbat Committee organizes the theme and programming to go with Shabbat and coordinates with the other committees to ensure that all Hillel groups are represented at the various Shabbat dinners throughout the year.
- Challah for Hunger (Justin Elliott, Tessa Whitley, and Jessie Friedmann are the core leaders). If you'd like to volunteer in making and/or selling challah, or would like to join their team in some way, please be in touch with them directly.
- Tzedek (2 chairs, 1 focusing on being a liaison for Interfaith)
 - Tzedek—social justice—is an important part of Hillel and what we're all about. As part of the Obama Challenge, we are also making a push to reach out and do justice work with other multicultural and religious groups on campus. As an integrated part of what Hillel does, part of the work of the tzedek committee is to integrate social justice projects into the regular social programming. We will meet weekly as a committee to plan projects and partnerships. The interfaith chair will concentrate on partnerships with other social justice and religious groups on campus and serve as a liaison between Hillel and the Interfaith group at the ORL.
- Learning (1 chair)

Similar to tzedek, learning is also integral to what we do at Hillel. The learning committee meets with Rabbi Ethan to plan topics and contexts for Jewish study and discussion, and forums for Jewish students' souls to show up and have honest conversations about self-learning and meaning-making. The committee will meet bi-weekly and committee members are expected to participate in learning and bring their ideas to lead learning themselves, with Rabbi Ethan's support and help as needed.

- Engagement / Freshmen Engagement Fellows Co-Chairs (2 chairs)
As anyone who's been on a successful FreshFest knows, there's a lot of work and planning that goes into selecting and training Freshmen Engagement Fellows ("FEF's"), recruiting incoming Jewish freshmen, and planning and running our Freshmen orientation program. Being a co-chair of FreshFest is a prominent and prestigious position and comes with an important set of responsibilities. It is a full year position because planning begins with the beginning of the spring semester, and continues throughout the following fall and spring semesters to ensure that FEF's are continuing to engage and bring together their FreshFest community.
- Social (President of Hillel is chair)
Depending on the incoming Hillel president and his or her main areas of interest, he or she will most likely chair the social committee. It meets regularly at Hillel and is the body that plans and puts on the social programming of Hillel. This programming is by no means limited to our building, though of course the building is available to the committee for its events. There are two-sub chairs of the social committee that are in charge of sports and all things bbq, two ongoing program mainstays of Hillel.
 - BBQ (+1 chair)
Helps plan the theme, menu, publicity and programs to happen at BBQs.
 - Sports (+1 chair)
In charge of coordinating the Hillel intramural sports teams and making sure they run smoothly and with plenty of players.

**Student Committee Member, Committee Chair and President Application
USC Hillel 2012**

*All applications are in short answer form and need not exceed 2 pages.
Due by Thanksgiving, Nov, 24th.*

If you are interested in being a part of a committee, please answer the following questions:

- 1) Why are you applying to be on this particular Hillel committee?
- 2) What are your ideas for this committee?
- 3) What are your strengths that would make you effective as a committee member, and your weaknesses that you would want to work on?
- 4) What leadership roles have you held in the past? What did you learn? List other organizations with which you are affiliated on campus.
- 5) Would you be able to commit to meeting with your committee on a weekly basis?

If you are interested in applying for a Committee Chair position, please answer the following questions:

- 1) Why are you applying to be a chair of a Hillel committee?
- 2) What is your vision for the work and functioning of this committee? What Jewish values and priorities inform this vision?
- 3) What are your strengths that would make you effective as a Committee Chair? What are your weaknesses?
- 4) What leadership roles have you held in the past? In what ways do you want to grow as a leader through this position?
- 5) List other organizations with which you are affiliated on campus.
- 6) Would you be able to commit to meeting with your committee on a weekly basis?
- 7) What are your ideas for how you could best partner with staff and students from other committees to keep lines of communication open?

If you are interested in applying for President, please answer the following questions:

- 1) How do you envision the role of Hillel President at 'SC Hillel?
- 2) How do you envision the structure of Hillel as an organization?
- 3) What is the President's role in developing Jewish leaders? What is a leader and who is a leader?
- 4) How do you, as President, hope to grow as a leader?
- 5) What are your greatest strengths and weaknesses as relates to the position?
- 6) What is unique about Hillel on campus?
- 7) How can Hillel be better? How can you move us there?
- 8) What leadership roles have you held in the past? In what ways do you want to grow as a leader through this position?
- 9) List other organizations with which you are affiliated on campus.
- 10) What are your ideas for how you could best partner with staff and students from other committees to keep lines of communication open?