FAQ’s About How the CAPS Board Works

1. Who is eligible to serve on the Board?
Any person who is enrolled at OSU is eligible to sit on our Board, regardless of age or year in school. In fact we like to have a group that is representative of the OSU student body, so we love to have people from all classes.

2. What kind of commitment is necessary?
Our board meets every other week for an hour, except in January and February, when we meet weekly for 2 hours as we prepare our budget. We generally don't meet in the summer.

3. What kind of things does the Board do?
We take on a variety of tasks throughout the academic year, including developing the budget for CAPS and presenting it to the Student Incidental Fee Committee and ASOSU; addressing issues regarding our emerging identity and strategic plan; running focus group to discover what students need/want from CAPS; shepherding projects that they feel are important; helping with finding new housing for our office; developing our Advisory Board webpage, etc.

4. What’s the leadership structure like?
The CAPS Board is led by a president and vice-president, or by co-presidents, depending on the year. I serve in a leadership capacity, in that I do a lot of education of the Board about CAPS successes, challenges, and needs; and I work to develop agenda items that will move the CAPS agenda and strategic plan forward. However, I'm an ex-officio member, which means I don't vote -- so it really is student led and run.

5. How do student get selected for the Board?
Student generally volunteer to be on the board, and so far anyone who's been interested has been welcome to join. We're hosting an informational meeting tomorrow at 5:00 in the CAPS Conference Room on the 3rd floor of Snell Hall. I hope that you can make it if you're still interested in joining.

6. What are the potential benefits of serving on the board:
1. You get experience developing a large budget (over $2.5 million)
2. You have opportunities to make public presentations
3. You gain experience in major building/housing projects
4. You help set a marketing direction for CAPS
5. You help CAPS identify directions for outreach to different communities within OSU
6. It's a nice line on your resume!
We hope that you’ll attend one of our information sessions! If you’re unavailable, and would like more information, please contact Jackie Alvarez at 541-737-2131 or jackie.alvarez@oregonstate.edu.