

Student Relations

Student Advisory Committee (SAC):

At the end of spring semester the student body elects a SAC President (Chairperson) for the following academic year. The SAC President meets regularly with the Director of the School of Dance to communicate student concerns or questions on the students' behalf. The SAC President has additional responsibilities at the College level including service on the Fine Arts Fee Committee and the College Council. Each technique class, Ballet 2290, 3290, 4290, and 4590 elects one SAC representative and one alternate at the beginning of fall semester. The Ballet Program has decided, with student input, to organize the SAC Representatives by technique level rather than year in school as the majority of time spent in Department classes is with the technique cohort. SAC meets regularly throughout the academic year. The SAC serves as a liaison between students and faculty. The SAC also serves a formal role in the faculty Retention, Promotion and Tenure process.

The SAC also often sponsors Ballet Program and School of Dance events designed to enrich all students' experiences. These activities range from informal gatherings to workshops on specific topics held outside of normal class hours, and a mentorship program, matching upper-division ballet majors with in-coming freshmen and sophomores. Mentors can be helpful in giving students general guidance about the Ballet Program and about university life in general.