

THE ROLE OF A SENATE LIAISON

GUIDELINES OF ENGAGEMENT

- ★ As a reminder, these sessions are apart of your honoraria requirements. In order to be credited for this session, you will need to be present for the duration of the session.
- ★ We encourage you to please make the most of this learning opportunity, and participate as much as you are able.
- ★ If you have any questions today, please utilize the raise hand function, and I will call on you. You are also welcome to put your questions in the chat, privately or publicly.
- ★ While engaging in this topic, please do so with respect and sensitivity for one another and for the topic at hand.
- ★ Please take care of yourselves during this session, and take a break if you need it.

QUESTION #1:

**Do you know what a Senate liaison is?
Do you know who your groups are?**

What is a liaison?

“Communication or cooperation which facilitates a close working relationship between people or organizations.” (Oxford dictionary)

How does it relate to you?

- You all play a role in the creation of that relationship
- Good communication from both parties can result in better representation, a collaborative working relationship, and an Association culture that values teamwork.

QUESTION #2:

What are the qualities of a good Senate Liaison? What are the qualities of a good entity?

What are the responsibilities of a Senate Liaison?

- Hold office hours
- Sit on a variety of BCU's, Committees, or hold Senate Leadership positions.
- Have the power of Legislative initiative with the consent and cooperation of the BCU
- Report events and actions by the BCU to Senate
- Report all legislation the senate is voting on, and other actions by the Senate
- Maintain regular contact with the BCU
- Attend 50% of the BCU meetings

What is the role of the BCU chair?

- Hold office hours
- Communicate issue, events, and updates to the Senate liaison
- Attend Senate quarterly to give reports
- Maintain regular contact with their Senate liaison
- Work with the Senate liaison regarding legislation that is pertinent to the entity.