

Tufts University Chaplaincy
Interfaith Student Council Representative Position Description
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Interfaith Student Council Mission Statement

The Interfaith Student Council (ISC) is the peer leadership group for the Tufts University Chaplaincy and is a council of student leaders and representatives from undergraduate religious and philosophical communities on the Tufts campus. The council addresses interfaith engagement on several levels: interpersonal and as representatives of individual communities, as well as with the larger Tufts community and beyond. We seek to create a space for individual, active interfaith understanding and engagement among our council members and for anyone else seeking interfaith resources on campus. For the communities we represent, the council facilitates communication, support, and collaboration.

Through our communities and as a council, we seek to foster active interfaith engagement on campus with the Tufts University Chaplaincy and through campus programs. We also strive to promote and coordinate activism and service, including but not limited to serving our local community, partnering with other universities' interfaith groups, and responding to global issues. Ultimately, the ISC acts to create a welcoming and pluralistic campus climate at Tufts that encourages interfaith dialogue, questioning, learning, and action.

ISC Representative Position

ISC Representatives are nominated annually by each Religious and Philosophical Student Organization (RPSO) at Tufts and their responsibility is to support the mission of the University Chaplaincy and the ISC, as well as to facilitate collaboration among RPSOs at Tufts and between RPSOs and the larger Tufts community.

Time Commitment

2-5 hours per week (This will vary depending on needs of each RPSO and the programming schedule of the ISC.)

- Weekly Dinner Meetings, Mondays, 6-7:15 pm, Dewick Dining Hall Conference Room (Paid for by the University Chaplaincy if the ISC representative does not have a meal plan)

Responsibilities of ISC Representatives

- participating in weekly ISC meetings;
- participating in Fall and Spring ISC retreats;
- reporting to the ISC regarding each RPSO's major programs, initiatives, and challenges;
- reporting to RPSOs about ISC programming and initiatives, as well as those of other RPSOs;
- helping to build a calendar of RPSO and ISC programs;
- and attending periodic leadership and professional development workshops.

Potential topics for personal, professional, and interfaith leadership development are Social Justice 101, religious and philosophical pluralism, interfaith engagement, anti-racist/anti-oppressive leadership, program planning, and difficult dialogues. Representatives will be expected to bring knowledge and connections from these trainings to the ISC and to their RPSOs.

The ISC seeks to serve as a resource and advocate for religious and philosophical life on campus. ISC Representatives serve as the primary liaisons between the ISC and RPSOs and will bring concerns, issues, and feedback from RPSOs to the ISC while also informing RPSOs about the resources, support, and opportunities available through the ISC. In addition to checking in on behalf of their respective RPSOs at each weekly ISC meeting or asking to add items on the weekly meeting agenda, each ISC Representative will be encouraged to formally check in with their community and provide a semesterly report of their RPSO's successes, challenges, and areas needing support to the ISC.

Spring 2016 Nomination Timeline

To help the ISC transition from one academic year to the next, RPSOs will elect or appoint ISC Representative nominees and send them to the University Chaplain for appointment by April 1, 2016 in the Spring Semester preceding representation. A transitional meeting with existing and newly-appointed ISC Representatives will be held during the ISC's regular meeting time in late April to support ISC continuity and progress.

April 1, 2016 Each RPSO sends ISC Representative nomination(s) to the University Chaplain
The Reverend Greg McGonigle (Greg.McGonigle@tufts.edu); University
Chaplain will respond with appointments to the council

Monday, April 25, 2016 Transition meeting for current and future ISC Representatives

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Greg.McGonigle@tufts.edu.