If elected, this appointment will place you among the upper-most decision making body at our university – the Ohio University Board of Trustees. The information in this application packet is current for the 2015 application process.

Important dates:

Thursday, February 19th at 4pm: Optional Informational Session in Baker 305.
Wednesday, March 11th at 2pm: Optional Informational Session in Baker 305.
Thursday, March 26th at midnight: Applications are due to the OU Student Senate Office (Baker 305). An inbox labeled “Trustee Applications” will be on the administrative desk. This year, we ask that you submit hard copies only. No late applications will be accepted without a university-acknowledged excuse.
Wednesday, April 1st: First debate: location and time TBD.
Tuesday, April 7th: Second debate; location and time TBD.

Debate times will be announced before March 1st. Individuals who apply will participate in at least one debate/public forum in which students can ask candidates specific questions regarding various issues that affect OU students. You will be contacted with more information when you have turned in your application.

For the first time ever, applicants for the Student Trustee position will participate in an election process. In an attempt to make the selection process more democratic, in which all stakeholders may participate in the selection process, all applicants will appear on a ballot. This ballot will be voted upon during the Student Senate and General Body Issues Election that will take place from April 14th until April 16th. Within a month of this election, candidates must be prepared to go to the statehouse for selection by the governor.

To run for the position of Student Trustee, an individual must be in good standing with the University. They must also follow a series of rules and regulations regarding the election process:

1. No candidate may actively campaign for the position outside of debates or public interviews with the media. “Campaigning” is hereby defined as publicly pursuing individual students or student organizations for votes.
2. Spending money on or giving money to a campaign within the Student Senate election is also specifically prohibited.
3. No candidate may be sponsored or affiliated with a ticket. No candidate will endorse, or in turn be endorsed by, a Student Senate ticket.
4. The Trustee Election Committee (members listed below), as well as the Ohio University Board of Elections (members listed below), will have complete oversight and authority. They reserve every right to disqualify a candidate if their actions prove to be unethical.

In short, treat this election process like an interview process in which 35,000 students will decide whether or not you deserve the job.
Despite this election process the top four will still be sent to the office of Governor Kasich, who will have the ultimate “say”. The Ohio Revised Code states that the governor of Ohio reserves the right to select the student trustee; the STEC will send the four candidates with the highest number of votes, along with a formal recommendation explaining our election process and results.

By agreeing to run for Student Trustee, you are participating in an entirely new democratic process at Ohio University. However, it is my duty to ensure you that this process is by no means easy. I encourage you to come to myself, the Student Trustee Election Committee, the Board of Elections or any member of Student Senate if you need assistance.

Thank you, and best of luck to all of our candidates in 2015.

Sincerely,

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Papa Ndiaye

Signature: ________________________________

Date: ________________________________