

SUPPORT ZONE

Vice-President Support

Full-Time, Paid Role



The Vice-President Support (VP Support) is the officer who is responsible for Union support services, advocating for students to those who provide support services and ensuring that students are able to support those around them. A Sabbatical position is a full-time employed role at the Union, and as a member of the staff team, Sabbatical Officers are expected to uphold the values and culture of the Students' Union.

Students Supporting Students

The VP Support is responsible for providing training and opportunities to ensure that students are able to support other students on campus. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting training for signatories and representatives of the Students' Union and overseeing the Nightline, Positive Minds and Welfare Watch services.

Campaigns

The VP Support will campaign on issues such as wellbeing throughout the student community, safety on and off campus, and will also support students who wish to campaign on a specific relevant topic.

Union Advice Services

The VP Support works with the Union's Advice Service to feedback themes and issues raised by students to the University. The VP Support ensures that the University's student-facing regulations on which students can get advice from the Union are fair and fit for purpose. The VP Support also ensures that students are aware of the Union's Advice and support services, and promotes external support available within the local community.

University Support Services

The VP Support advocates students views about the University provided support services – ensuring that these are accessible to students, productive and efficient, and that student feedback about these services results in real change, which students can see. These services include, but are not limited to, Centre for Wellbeing, and the Disability and Neurodiversity Service.

University Committee Roles

Each of the full-time sabbatical officers sits on several University Committee meetings, making decisions at the highest level and having a real impact on the student experience. The VP Support is a member of the following committees: one University Education Committee, Wellbeing and Welfare Communications and Publicity, Wellbeing Strategy Group, University Students' Union Committee, LGBTQI+ Equality Group; Quality Enhancement and Standards Committee.

Union Committee Roles

The VP Support sits on a number of Union Committees including: Support Zone Committee (Chair), Board of Trustees, Finance Committee, Management Committee, HR Committee, Health & Safety Committee & the Union Forum.

University Panel Member

All full-time sabbaticals become University Panel Members, joining senior University staff to make decisions regarding the outcomes of students' academic appeals, complaints, disciplinary hearings, fitness to study and fitness to practice. Officers receive full training and support with this role.

Union Campaigns

All Sabbatical Officers work together to deliver key Union projects and campaigns over the year to benefit students and to promote the representative work of the Union. These include projects such as Moving-In Weekend and SurreyDecides, and key campaigns such as Black History Month and LGBT+ History Month. As a Sabbatical Officer team, working together to support these key points in the Union calendar is an important part of this role, in addition to enacting their own manifestos.

Support Zone Committee

(Part-Time, Voluntary Role)

Each Zone is led by the respective Vice-President, assisted by a committee of five part-time student officers. All members of the Support Zone work on support initiatives and campaign issues. Students with a passion for student wellbeing, campaigning, and helping others should consider standing for the Support Zone.

Support Zone Committee (X 5)

There are five part time officer roles within the Support Zone, who work as a team on all responsibilities of the Zone. Members will work together on support outreach, awareness of support issues, promoting peer support, and working to ensure Surrey is somewhere that all students feel supported and free to be themselves, and will work to enact their own manifestos. All Support Zone Members attend Union Forum as voting members.

Union Campaigns

All Officers have the opportunity to participate in key Union projects and campaigns over the year which benefit students and promote the representative work of the Union. These include projects such as Moving-In Weekend and SurreyDecides, and key campaigns such as Black History Month and LGBT+ History Month. All officers are asked where possible to support these key points in the Union calendar, in addition to enacting their own manifestos.

Interested in running? Nominate yourself!

If you have read the details on this page and are interested in standing as either a part-time or full-time officer, visit ussu.co.uk/surreydecides and nominate yourself.