

Union President

Full-Time | Salary: £22,657 per year



Project
Management



Time
Management



Budgeting
& Accounts



Working
as a Team

The Union President is the lead representative of the Students' Union and as this is the lead officer position. This position is a combination of all four Zones and being the leader involves grasping important student issues, managing the Vice-Presidents, managing the Students' Union CEO, Chairing the Students' Union Board of Trustees and having a vision for the organisation.

The President is also a trustee of the University, making this officer a voting member of University Council. 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.

Leading the Union

As the leader of the Union, the President drives the agenda for what the Union focusses on during their time in office, and ensures that they are working to improve the student experience and student satisfaction of the Union. Leading the Union involves having a vision, and the President will work with full time members of staff to implement their vision for the year that they are in office. The President also leads the sabbatical team and delegates to the relevant Vice-President where necessary, and ensures that the Union meets the needs of the student body.

Lead Representative

Being the lead representative for the Union means that the President is a combination of all four Zones and is the lead spokesperson for the organisation to senior members of staff within the University, Local Council and Nationally. The President works with all the Vice-Presidents and full time members of staff to ensure they fully understand the issues that each Zone is tackling on behalf of students, and discuss those issues at all the senior meetings they attend, to better the student experience. The President will also be the officer to respond to the press if necessary.



Being a Manager

This officer will manage the Vice-Presidents and the Union's Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Managing the Vice-Presidents will involve regular one-to-one meetings to track their progress on their manifestos and ensure they are fulfilling their promises to the student body. The President will also need to be prepared to resolve any conflict within the team and with the help of full time staff, ensure there is a strong overarching working relationship between all officers.

Managing the CEO will involve holding them to account to ensure they are fulfilling their roles and responsibilities to the trustee board. The relationship between the CEO and the President is the most important relationship within the organisation and the President will have to ensure this relationship is maintained.

Students' Union Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is the governing committee for the Union looking at current strategy, future strategy and ensuring the Union has good practice and is operating within the law. The President is the Chair of the Board of Trustees and is responsible for ensuring all officer trustees are fully engaged, talking about relevant strategic issues, and setting the agenda for the meeting.

University Council

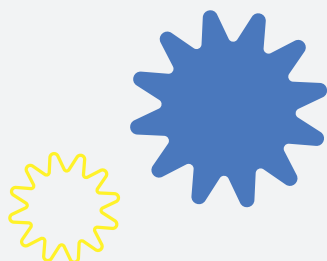
As a voting member of University Council, the President will contribute to the strategic decisions that the University makes from the student perspective, and ensure that the student experience is embedded into the University Strategy.

Working with the Union Chairperson

The Union Chairperson ensures that the President is leading the organisation in a way that is right for the student body, and fulfilling the promises made in their manifesto to the student body. As the chair of the Board of Trustees, the Union President ensures the Union Chair upholds their role.

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 President is a member of: University Council, University Finance Committee (attendee), University Senate, University Education Committee, Capital Planning Committee, Student Success Sub-committee, Surrey Sports Park Board, University and Student Union Committee, Student Experience Committee.



Union Committee Roles

The Union President sits on a number of Union Committees including: Board of Trustees (Chair), Finance Committee (Chair), Management Committee (Chair), HR Committee (Chair), Democracy Committee, Health & Safety Committee & the Union's Executive Committee.

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, support 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.

Interested in Running? Nominate Yourself...

If you have read the details on this page and are interested in standing as an officer, visit surreyunion.org/surreydecides/nominations Nominations open from 5 - 14 February 2024

