

# SU President

---

## Role Summary

A full-time Sabbatical role, The President is the leading figure of the Executive Committee, responsible for the day-to-day running and management of the Union's student-facing activities.

The President has a key role in representing the Union and its members, and has oversight of all the elected members and committees of the Union – from the Executive Committee and Year Representatives to the many student groups within the Union.

The President also has a duty to ensure the democratic principles of the Union are always followed, oversee the Union's annual events, manage the Union's meetings, and encourage the elected members of the Union to work collaboratively, cohesively and progressively.

---

## Responsibilities

As President, you'll work alongside the Union's elected members, staff and the University to develop, build, support and promote the Union wherever possible, in line with its strategy.

- As part of this, you will be responsible for ensuring that all of the Union's meetings and committees are working properly – ensuring they remain relevant, that any duties assigned to them are completed, and that the Union is benefitting from its current structure.
- You'll be able to work with other Executive Officers to steer the Union, ensuring that all the Union's activities are in line with its aims and objectives and are running in the best way they can.

You'll be responsible for the successful running of Union elections, referenda and student surveys – ensuring that these are well promoted, striving to maximise engagement, and overseeing the proper running and process.

You'll have an important role in the way the Union is perceived, and the impact it makes; you'll always be making sure that the Union and its actions are well-received by the student body, and that both the University and external bodies see the Union in a positive light.

- As part of this, you'll be the primary liaison the Union has with the University, and will represent the Union at a range of bodies within the Union, with the University and externally with organisations like United Hospitals.
- Through this, you'll represent the feedback and opinions of the Union membership, and be an advocate for the student body. You'll embody the spirit of the Union and its commitment to its membership.

As a Sabbatical Officer, you'll work full-time in the Union, providing support and guidance to students who visit the Union. You'll also be responsible for sharing the Senior Officer duties with the other Sabbaticals, and for running two of the Executive's four Zones.

---

## Zones and Committees

The President is part of a wide range of committees, in the Union, the University and beyond.

Within the Union, you'll be the Zone Leader for both the Union Events and Union Affairs Zones. Both Zones are collaborative working groups, tasked with shared responsibilities for big projects and for duties that work best when shared between multiple Offices. As a Zone Leader, you'll have responsibility for leading these Zones, ensuring that all the responsibilities assigned to the Zone are completed. You'll also be responsible for chairing these Zone meetings, ensuring that minutes are made as a record of the meeting, and reporting each Zone's activities to the Membership as a whole at general meetings.

The Union Events Zone includes the Charity and Volunteering, Events, and Heritage Officers. The Zone has a responsibility to plan, organise and run all of the Union's events, including Freshers Weeks, May Ball, RAG Week, Awards ceremonies and any other Union-run events. As a Zone Leader, you'll be working closely with the Officers in your Zone to make these events engaging and successful, and publicise them to the Membership. You'll also identify charitable causes the Union can support, and integrate charitable fundraising into the Union's events and activities wherever possible.

The Union Affairs Zone includes the Democracy Officers, Union Chair and Student Trustees. The Zone has a responsibility to oversee the procedure of the Union. This means being involved in the running of elections and meetings, contribution to policy development and review, and the way that the Union keeps its records. As a Zone Leader, you'll be working with your Zone to properly conduct meetings according to the bylaws, promote and encourage engagement in meetings and elections campaigns, run successful advertising campaigns for democratic events, and keep the rules and policies that guide the Union up to date.

You'll be the Union's representative at a range of University meetings, primarily those focused on the relationship between the University and its students. You'll be able to actively contribute to these meetings and be an advocate for the Union Membership, raising issues facing students and making their time at University better. You'll also be the Union's representative at any University open days or events that the Union is involved in, and will liaise with other Universities and Students' Unions to share and develop best practice.

---

## **Skills and Abilities**

As President, you'll be an approachable and valued part of the Union, who holds the interests of the Union and a belief in both the Union and its membership in high regard. You'll be dedicated to the interests of students, and will strive to make the Union a valued part of student life on campus.

You'll be able to confidently step up to the challenges of the role, and take creative approaches to manage the way the Union implements its student-facing activities. You'll work closely with many other groups to further the Union, and will be able to balance commitments for all of these.

You'll have a good eye for details, and will be able to approach issues from multiple perspectives in order to address problems holistically. You'll be able to represent students from a range of backgrounds, and help the Union support them. You'll make sure that the Union's principles of equality and non-discrimination are part of everything the Union does.

You'll be organised when arranging meetings and providing reports, and will be able to produce good written and verbal reports that offer a clear and concise picture of the Union. You'll have the ability to develop and implement policy and strategies for projects, gather feedback and use reflection to build plans of action for the future.

You'll be able to build on your experiences as a student, and the opinions of the student body as a whole, to represent a true picture of the Union membership. You'll quickly get acquainted with the way the Union works, and the ongoing strategy and progression of the Union, in order to keep the Union moving forward.

If this sounds like you, then we look forward to receiving your nominations pack!