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SU ELECTIONS '27

SU PRESIDENT

Leading change. Amplifying voices. Bringing students together.

Why You'll Love It

Being President is a chance to make a real difference. You'll:

- Lead the way: Be the face and voice of the Students' Union and represent thousands of students.
- Shape the future: Influence decisions that affect everything from academic policy to student life and wellbeing.
- Build your skills: Learn about leadership, negotiation, communication and strategic thinking — experience that will take you anywhere.
- Work with inspiring people: Collaborate with staff, community partners and national organisations like the NUS.
- Leave your mark: Help build a stronger, more inclusive, and more connected Wolverhampton for the students who come after you.

Helpful Skills

You'll develop lots of transferrable skills as President, but you'll find campaigning and the first few months in role are easier if you:

- Are confident speaking to new people and in front of audiences
- Have experience of coaching or mentoring others, particularly students
- Can negotiate, influence, or change other people's minds
- Have managed a project before, or have other experience of turning an idea into action
- Possess creativity, vision, or ambition for the role

If you're passionate about student life, ready to lead, and want to make sure students have a real say in their university experience, this is the role for you.

University of Wolverhampton Students' Union

Purpose and values of the Students' Union

The Students' Union exists to advance the education of its members, the students at the University of Wolverhampton. It does this through a number of activities including offering individual advice, supporting student communities, championing the student voice and delivering events.

Be Supportive - By supporting our students to get the best out of their student experience

Be Brave - By being a strong, proactive Union, trusted by students who know we have their back

Be Inclusive - By welcoming, supporting, respecting and celebrating students of diverse backgrounds, experience or identity

Be Innovative - By being creative and agile, actively seeking opportunities that will have a meaningful impact on students' lives

Purpose of Post

Lead the Students' Union as the principal student representative and spokesperson, ensuring student views shape decisions across the University. Drive engagement with the University of Wolverhampton Students' Union democratic systems; coordinate and support the elected Officer team; champion effective communication with members; and build constructive relationships with the University and external partners to improve the student experience.

Post:	SU President
Salary and Scale:	£25,000
Hours:	35 hours per week
Responsible to:	Trustee Board / Student Members / Chief Executive Officer

Primary Responsibilities

1. Encourage student participation in Union democratic structures, driving engagement with campaigns, referenda, and other forms of student-led governance.
2. Lead, support and motivate the Sabbatical Officer team to deliver campaigns, projects and objectives.
3. Develop and deliver your own objectives to improve the student experience at the University of Wolverhampton.
4. Contribute to, and represent the interests of all students in, all University decision-making spaces.

5. Work closely with SU staff to ensure they have the updates, student feedback, and Officer support they need to work effectively.
6. Encourage collaboration and effective communication across the team and wider SU staff.
7. Ensure Union affairs are run efficiently and reflect student needs and Wolves SU values.
8. Build strong partnerships with University departments, local authorities and community organisations.
9. Represent the SU at regional and national levels (e.g., NUS or sector events).
10. Promote a positive image of students and the Students' Union externally.
11. Maintain a visible presence across campuses to engage with students regularly.
12. Take part in key events such as Welcome Week, Open Days and campaigns.
13. Champion effective communication so students understand how their voices lead to change.

General Responsibilities

1. Uphold and promote UWSU's core values: support, inclusion, innovation and bravery.
2. Work according to the key principles of democracy, diversity, equality, sustainability and integrity.
3. Work closely with the Vice Presidents to support academic, welfare, and community representation.
4. Attend relevant committees, identify emerging student issues, and report back outcomes to students.
5. Contribute to the development and delivery of UWSU's strategic plan.
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7. Support students in disciplinary or academic appeal processes.
8. Help make SU spaces welcoming and inclusive across all campuses.

9. Responsible for developing and maintaining good relationships with:
    i. Sabbatical Officers of the Students' Union
    ii. All staff across the Students' union
    iii. External stakeholders as relevant to the work of the team
    iv. SU Representatives (including Course Reps)
    v. Students
    vi. University staff

10. As a Trustee, you share collective responsibility for:
    i. Setting and maintaining UWSU's vision, mission, and long-term strategy
    ii. Overseeing financial sustainability and performance
    iii. Ensuring legal and regulatory compliance
    iv. Protecting and managing UWSU's assets
    v. Upholding the highest standards of governance and ethical leadership

Helpful skills and experience

Below is a list of skills, experiences, and personal attributes that help Officers to thrive in their roles. We hope that our candidates already possess these or would be willing to develop them while in role.

QUALIFICATIONS
Current student at the University of Wolverhampton
Training or coursework related to leadership, communication, or governance
EXPERIENCE
Experience engaging with diverse groups of people
Experience of working collaboratively to solve problems or deliver change
Experience working within a team or leading a project
Experience representing others (e.g., course rep, society leader, volunteer)
KNOWLEDGE
Understanding of student life and issues affecting students
Awareness of equality, diversity, and inclusion principles
Knowledge of Students' Union structures, governance, or higher education
Awareness of community, wellbeing, or policy issues relevant to students
SKILLS AND ABILITIES
Strong verbal and written communication skills
Confident public speaking and presentation ability
Ability to think strategically and make evidence-based decisions
Ability to lead, motivate, and inspire others
Good organisational and time-management skills
Ability to analyse information and challenge constructively
Competent in digital communication and social media engagement
VALUES
Values compatible with those of the students' union
Professional, reliable, and approachable attitude
Demonstrable commitment to equity, liberation and diversity
Willingness to listen, learn, and act on feedback
Open-minded and inclusive approach to working with others
Passionate about improving the student experience

Postholders must be eligible to work in the UK for the duration of the role.