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SU ELECTIONS '27

VP ACADEMIC

Be the voice of students' learning at Wolverhampton

Why You'll Love It

This role is perfect if you love helping others and want to make a real difference. You'll:

- Make an impact: Influence how teaching and support are delivered across the University.
- Learn loads: Develop skills in leadership, communication, teamwork, and problem solving.
- Grow your confidence: Speak up in big meetings and represent thousands of students.
- Build connections: Work with staff, local leaders, and other student reps.
- Be part of something bigger: You'll also be a Trustee of the Students' Union, helping to shape its future and make sure it stays student-led and inclusive.

Helpful Skills

You'll develop lots of transferrable skills as VP Academic, 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 care about making sure students have the best possible academic experience — and you're ready to lead positive change — this could be the perfect 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 student representative for all academic matters at the University of Wolverhampton. They oversee and strengthen the academic representation system - including Course Reps and Faculty Reps, to ensure that student feedback directly informs teaching, learning and academic policy across the University.

Working with senior University staff, the Vice President Academic ensures that the student voice is central to decisions about education quality, assessment, learning resources, and the overall academic experience.

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

Primary Responsibilities

1. Lead and develop the University's academic representation structure, supporting Course Reps and Faculty Reps across all schools and campuses.
2. Work closely with Student Engagement staff to ensure reps are trained, supported, and recognised for their contributions.
3. Regularly meet with Faculty Reps to identify issues, share updates, and develop collective student priorities.

4. Represent students' academic interests at, and contribute to, University committees, boards and working groups, ensuring feedback is heard and acted on.
5. Champion the academic voice of students through campaigns, consultations and surveys that highlight key education issues.
6. Work with University staff to improve teaching, learning and assessment practices.
7. Influence University policy on areas such as academic integrity, feedback quality, accessibility of learning, and digital education.
8. Maintain positive relationships with senior academic staff and professional services to secure meaningful change.
9. Identify recurring academic concerns and work proactively with the University to address them.
10. Monitor developments in higher education policy at local and national level and communicate their relevance to Wolverhampton students.
11. Contribute to Wolves SU's strategic direction, ensuring education and learning remain central to its work.
12. Keep students informed about academic developments and wins through campaigns, reports and digital channels.
13. Attend and support events such as Welcome Week, Open Days and academic forums.
14. Promote the work of Course Reps and Faculty Reps, celebrating their successes and encouraging wider participation in representation.

General Responsibilities

1. Uphold and promote University of Wolverhampton Students' Union 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 fellow Sabbatical Officers and SU Staff to deliver Wolves SU's strategic aims.
4. Attend relevant committees, identify emerging student issues, and report back outcomes to students.
5. Support students in disciplinary or academic appeal processes.
6. Help make SU spaces welcoming and inclusive across all campuses.
7. Participate in training, development, and performance review as required.
8. 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
9. 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 as a Course Rep, Faculty Rep or similar representative role
Experience working with students or staff on academic issues
Experience of working collaboratively to solve problems or deliver change
Experience leading or coordinating a team, project or campaign
KNOWLEDGE
Understanding of academic issues affecting students (e.g., assessment, feedback, teaching quality)
Knowledge of how representation and feedback can create change
Awareness of higher education policy and trends
Understanding of equality, diversity and inclusion in learning
SKILLS AND ABILITIES
Excellent communication and active listening skills
Confident in meetings and able to represent others effectively
Strong organisation, time management and record-keeping
Able to work collaboratively with staff, students and external partners
Analytical thinker able to interpret and present data effectively
Comfortable using digital platforms for communication and engagement
VALUES
Values compatible with those of the students' union
Professional, reliable, and approachable attitude
Passion for improving the academic experience for all students
Willingness to listen, learn, and act on feedback
Respectful, inclusive and professional approach to working with others
Demonstrates integrity, accountability and openness

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