

VP Sports Sabbatical Officer

About working with SUSU:

The Union's mission: **unlocking the potential and enriching the life of every student.**

As a student-led organisation the hard work and dedication of our student volunteers is vital to our mission.

As a Sabbatical Officer, you will lead the direction of the Union on a specific area of work, representing the views of the student body both within the Union and to the University. You will work in partnership with relevant Union staff in all areas of work, and will be held accountable to Union members for your work and projects.

A Sabbatical Officer role is a full-time, paid position, where you will hold office from 1 July for a period of 1 year. This list of duties is not exhaustive, but presents an outline of the core duties and responsibilities of the role.

If you would like to be involved in the work of the Union, you can find out more about our zones, on our website here: www.susu.org/representation/zones

We provide full training throughout your term in office. You will gain a wealth of experience through your role with SUSU, experience that you can use to improve your future employability while receiving recognition for the work you accomplish.

The main purpose of your role:

- 1) Leading the Athletic Union
- 2) Developing sporting performance
- 3) Encouraging participation in sport

The main responsibilities of your role:

Leading the Athletic Union

- To support the running of Athletic Union Clubs: acting as President of the Athletic Union, representing all affiliated sports clubs and overseeing the grant allocation process
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- Advocating on behalf of these clubs to the University
- Leading on the Union's annual Varsity, AU Ball, and other sporting events throughout the year

Developing sporting performance

- Representing the institution within British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS)
- Working to improve sporting performance and elite sport at Southampton
- Work with the University to look at long term strategy with regards to sporting facilities

Encouraging participation in sport

- Encouraging students to lead a healthy and active lifestyle and ensuring all students have a fair opportunity to participate in sporting activity
- Lobbying the University to make sport more accessible for all students
- Overseeing the strategy of the Intramural league and promoting student participation in Intramural sports.

Officers who will report to you:

- Athletic Union Officer
 - Sports Participation Officer
 - Intramural Officer
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Where can you find guidance?

Elections Team:

Democracy Coordinator - Katie Campling, at katie@susu.org

Deputy Returning Officer, at returningofficer@susu.org

Main inbox monitored by the team, at elections@susu.org

Drop-ins:

We would strongly encourage you to come and speak to a member of the elections team before submitting your nomination. They can help you to understand more of the role, get an overview of the elections process and timeline as well as answering any questions you might have early on.

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Drop-ins are taking place every **Tuesday and Thursday afternoon** between **13:00 and 17:00** throughout the Nominations Period.

You can find us in the **Representation Office**, which can be found upstairs in Building 40, Highfield Campus, next to the Advice Centre.