

Athletic Union Officer

Role Profile

About volunteering with SUSU:

The Athletic Union Officer works to represent the interests of SUSU's affiliated Sports Clubs at Southampton. You will also work with teams at SUSU and the University to help promote campaigns and activities within sports at Southampton.

In order to apply for the role, you must have experience of being a member of an AU Club (or similar). When applying for this role you are confirming that you meet the eligibility criteria for the role.

We provide full training at the beginning of the year as well as advice and support as you continue in your role. You will gain a wealth of experience through your voluntary role with SUSU, experience that you can use to improve your future employability while receiving recognition for the work you accomplish.

While volunteering with SUSU as Athletic Union Officer, your role in this mission is described below.

Main Purpose of Role:

- 1) Chair the Athletic Union Committee (AUC)
- 2) Represent the interests of SUSU's affiliated sports clubs
- 3) Promote a positive culture within sports at Southampton

Main Responsibilities of the Role

Chair the Athletic Union Committee

- *Ensure that regular meetings are held and that all committee members are on track with their projects and remits*
- *Play a leading role in assessing applications and allocating SUSU's sports grant budget to affiliated sports clubs*
- *Keep sports clubs informed on SUSU's overall sports strategy*

Represent the interests of SUSU's affiliated sports clubs

- *Work closely with the VP Sports to feedback any issues or concerns that arise within sports clubs*
- *Inform SUSU's sports strategy with reference to the ever changing dynamics and challenges of affiliated sports clubs*
- *Sit on any relevant committees within Sport and Wellbeing or Student Services*

Promote a positive culture within sports at Southampton

- *With the help of the Athletic Union Committee and the sabbatical officers, encourage affiliated sports clubs to uphold SUSU and Team Southampton values*

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- Support relevant campaigns to improve welfare within sports clubs, such as #ExpectRespect and Sexual Consent Awareness week
- Take the lead and challenge negative behaviour such as bullying, hazing, or initiations whenever it manifests in sports

Where can you find guidance?

- Sabbatical Officer: vpsports@soton.ac.uk
- Activities Team: activities@susu.org

How to nominate for the role:

In order to stand as a candidate, you will need to submit a short statement letting everyone know why they should vote for you. You don't need to have any previous experience so simply focus on what you will achieve if elected.

Log in to our website at www.susu.org/elections and fill out the nominations form. There is no need to create a new account, just use your University credentials.

For any queries about the election, please contact us at representation@susu.org

Time Commitment and Expectations:

There will be times throughout the year where you may be called on to help promote and spread awareness for SUSU campaigns. There will be key meetings that you must attend and you must attend relevant SUSU meetings.

If at any point you find that you are struggling to balance voluntary work with your studies we understand that your degree must come first. Please, come and speak to us and we will always try our best to make things easier.

Term of office: 1st July – 30th June

Our Values

As an organisation, our values underpin our work and guide what we live by in order to achieve our mission:



Stand Strong

We stand up for students and make sure their voice is heard.

We stand strong when facing challenges and are not afraid to be different. We think big and work to achieve great things.



Join Together

We are an inclusive and diverse community of students and staff

We join together with each other, the University, and the local community to make a positive difference.



Take Responsibility

We take action on the issues that matter to students and act with integrity.

We continually work to be more sustainable, challenge discrimination and prejudice. We strive to be a force for good for students and wider society.