

About working with SUSU:

Our vision for the future is that: **every student loves their time at Southampton.**

Independent from the University, we are here to represent the voice of students at every level and ultimately make their university experience unforgettable.

As a Sabbatical Officer, you are the key student leader who sets the direction of the Union on a specific area of work. Representing the view of the student body both within the Union and to the University. You will work in partnership with relevant Union and University 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 1st July for a period of 1 year**. As a figurehead of SUSU you will be expected to be a public face of the Union, this includes but is not limited to online platforms, public speaking at internal and external events and within the University and wider Southampton community. You may also be required to act as Trustee of the Union.

The main location for your role is on Highfield Campus, however you will be expected to travel to other campuses and sites as part of your role. You will also be expected to work outside of core office hours where the role requires, including some evening and weekend work.

We provide full training and support 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 that you accomplish.

This list of duties is not exhaustive but presents an outline of the core duties and responsibilities of the role.

Main purpose of the role:

- 1) Representing Team Southampton sports clubs and intramural teams
- 2) Advocating for students who use sport facilities at the University
- 3) Encouraging active participation in sport
- 4) Championing healthy lifestyle and wellbeing campaigns

Main responsibilities of the role

Representing Team Southampton Sports Clubs and Intramural Teams

- *Support the running of Team Southampton Clubs, representing all affiliated sports clubs and Intramural Teams, and overseeing the grant allocation process*
- *Advocate on behalf of these clubs to the University and local community*
- *Represent the Union within British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS)*

Advocating for students who use sport facilities at the university

- *Attend high level university meetings about the sports facilities at university, advocating for improved spaces*
- *Feed into the long-term sports strategy with the University and the Union, ensuring that students are consulted throughout*
- *Lobby the university on issues students face when using or accessing sports facilities*

Encouraging participation in sport

- *Ensure all students have a fair opportunity to participate in sporting activity*
- *Lobby the University to make sport more accessible and inclusive for all students*
- *Work to increase student engagement and participation in Intramural sports*

Champion healthy lifestyle and wellbeing campaigns

- *Champion and encourage students to lead an active lifestyle, attending high level university meetings, advocating for healthy lifestyle campaigns*
- *Ensuring sports clubs and intramural teams have opportunities to feed into relevant university initiatives*
- *Lead on the Union's annual Varsity, Team Southampton Awards, and other sporting and wellbeing events and campaigns throughout the year*

As VP Sports you will be expected to attend the following meetings and key working groups within the University and SUSU:

- *Sports Experience Board*
- *Regular meetings with the University's Head of Sports and Community Service, Head of Sport Development, and Director of Residences, Sport and Community Services*
- *Sports Executive Committee*
- *Exercise is Medicine Working Group*
- *The University's Strategic Major Projects as relevant*

This list is not exhaustive, you will be required to attend other meetings and be involved with projects and campaigns as they arise throughout your term as a sabbatical officer, as deemed appropriate by the Union.

Where can you find guidance?

- *Representation Team:* representation@soton.ac.uk

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.

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 voices are 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, challenging discrimination and prejudice. We strive to be a force for good for students and wider society.