

## About working with SUSU:

Our vision for the future is that every student loves their time at Southampton  
We are here to represent the voice of students at every level and ultimately make their university experience unforgettable.  
Independent from the University, we're run by students, for students!

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 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 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.

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.

## Main Purpose of Role:

- 1) Leading the Athletic Union
- 2) Developing sporting performance
- 3) Encouraging participation in sport
- 4) To act as a Trustee of the Union

## Main Responsibilities of the 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*
- *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*

## Key Meetings you will need to attend: (this list is not exhaustive)

- *Sports Experience Board*
- *Regular meetings with Head of Sport and Wellbeing*
- *Free Sport Working Group*
- *AU Committee and Sports Participation Committee*

## Officers who will report to you:

- *Athletic Union Officer*
- *Sports Participation Officer*
- *Intramural Officer*

## Where can you find guidance?

- *Sabbatical Officer: [vpactivities@soton.ac.uk](mailto:vpactivities@soton.ac.uk)*
- *Activities Team: [activities@susu.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:representation@susu.org)

Term of office: 1<sup>st</sup> July – 30<sup>th</sup> 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.