

# VP Sports

## Sabbatical Officer

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### 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](http://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.

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### The main purpose of your role:

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

**Current Sabbatical Officer:**

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