

Student Officer

Athletic Union Officer

About volunteering 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 Student Officer, you will be responsible for representing a particular cohort of students. Your role will be to be a key point of contact between these students and the Union. This might mean seeking out their feedback on issues that might affect them, promoting relevant events or activities, or just being a visible point of contact for the students you represent.

You will have regular 1:1 meetings with your relevant Sabbatical Officer who will be able to support and advise you in the work that you want to do. 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 the Union as Athletic Union Officer, your role in this mission is described below.

The main purpose of your 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

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The main responsibilities of your 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
- 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:

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Activities Coordinator (Sport):

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SUSU Core Offer

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 6 key meetings that you must attend, but you may also be invited to attend additional meetings such as Student Forums, our Annual General Meeting or our Making Change Summits.
