

Friday 6 December 2019

Item: Laura Barr's External Trusteeship with Student Hub

Union Senate

I would like approval from senate to potentially be a trustee for the charity Student Hubs, who design and deliver social action programmes for students in partnership with Universities across the UK. They are looking for trustees who are recent or current university students to help them strategize and implement. I used to be the president of Southampton Hub and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and I am very passionate about social action and student volunteering. I would like to be a trustee for them. The application deadline is the 4th of December so I have already applied, and I would like approval from Senate to accept the offer if it is given to me.

The time commitments are only 4 times per year, and overall 4 hours per month which includes preparing for meetings, or overseeing papers. I can do this in my spare time. This role would be for 3 years, so I need to begin thinking about my work experience beyond this current role.

I understand there will be concerns around doing this AND my masters AND the Students Union role. However, I trust in my ability to be able to manage this effectively and I am fully prepared to step down from the trustee position should it impact my VP role in ANY capacity, which Emily Harrison will hold me to as my line manager. I also feel this will be a very valuable experience for me and it is directly in the career I would like to go into, so I would really appreciate this opportunity to get involved. The career and networking opportunities I would gain from this would be incredible.

I have checked with charity law and there is no conflicts of interest, and trustees can be trustees of multiple companies. The only potential one would be if the student society, Southampton Hub, needed anything from the SUSU trustee board.