

Amendments to Eligibility Criteria for Elected Officer Roles

As the elected officer roles within SUSU have evolved and been amended over the years, we have ended up with eligibility criteria attached to some roles but not to others. The purpose of all the elected officer roles is to ensure the best possible representation of students and so it has been decided to review the criteria and further define them where necessary.

During this year, the SUSU Rules will be rewritten to address both representation and all other areas contained within them but as this will not be complete until after the Spring elections open (January 2021) we are asking Senate to approve the following changes to the roles that will be elected this year.

These changes will ensure that only candidates with the right experience can nominate for the roles; candidates will need to self-declare at the point of nomination. These proposals only refer to the Student Officer roles.

Following discussions with the current Sabbatical Officers and the Representation Team, it has further been decided to review the role descriptions for the Sabbatical and Student Officer roles to provide guidance to students about the requirements and realities of the roles.

Role	Recommended Eligibility Criteria
Senators	<p>The Rules currently stipulate that the Senators must include the following students: 2 x PGT, 1 x PGR, 1 x part-time, 1 x mature UG, 1 x with disabilities, 1 x EU, 1 x International.</p> <p>These requirements proved a barrier to nominations and so Senate previously approved their removal. This role is included in this paper for completeness.</p> <p>The recommendation is that we maintain the lack of eligibility criteria for Senators.</p>
6 x Sites Officers	Predominantly based at the relevant site
Sustainability Officer	None
Halls Officer	Must have experience of living in UoS halls
5 x Faculty Officers	Must be a student in that faculty
5 x PGR Students	Must be a PGR student from the relevant faculty. NB these roles are currently being reviewed and are likely to be replaced
Joint Honours Officer	Must be a joint honours student
BAME Officer	Must be from a Black, Asian or minority ethnic background
Wellbeing Officer	Must have experience of helping/supporting students
International Officer	Must be an international student (including EU)
Women's Officer	Must identify as a woman (including a trans woman). NB we are also correcting the name of the role to 'Women's Officer'

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Disabilities Officer	Must have experience of living with a disability
LGBTQ+ Officer	Must be a student who identifies as Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Trans, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, Pansexual, Agender, Gender Queer/Variant, Pangender or Bigender NB we are also adding 'Q' to the name of the role
AU Officer	Must have experience of being a member of an AU Club (or similar)
Intramural Officer	Must have experience of being a member of an intramural team (or similar)
Sports Participation Officer	N/A
PA Officer	Must have experience of being a member of a PA society or similar
Enterprise Officer	N/A
Volunteering & Fundraising Officer	Must have experience of volunteering or fundraising
Student Trustees	Eligibility for these roles is defined by the Articles and Charity Commission