

**Eligibility Criteria Amendments.**

In the last Senate we proposed changes to the Eligibility criteria which was challenged. As a result, the following roles were re-visited:

- LGBT+ Officer

We examined the LGBTQ+ Officer role and agreed that it could remain as it previously was. This was possible thanks to the feedback received by the LGBT society, who felt that listing the identities would not promote a greater sense of community.

<p><b>LGBTQ+ Officer</b></p>	<p><b>Must be a student who identifies as Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Trans, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, Pansexual, Agender, Gender Queer / Variant, Pangender or Bigender</b>  <b>NB we are also adding ‘Q’ to the name of the role</b></p> <p><b>Amendments:</b>  <b>Must be a student who identifies as belonging to the LGBTQ+ community.</b></p>
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- International Officer

We also examined the International Officer’s criteria. Through student consultations we have seen how different students’ experiences are when they are paying different fees, and how such differences affect them. Additionally, E.U. student’s fees and experiences have been affected by Brexit; they now fall under the same category as international students. However, with the student networks in the works E.U. students will still be able to lobby for their distinct issues to be addressed, as would international students not from the E.U.

<p><b>International Officer</b></p>	<p><b>Must be an international student (including EU)</b></p> <p><b>Amendments:</b>  <b>Must be an international student, (paying international fees), this includes EU students.</b></p>
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**(12 November 2020)**

**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.

<b>Role</b>	<b>Recommended Eligibility Criteria</b>
<b>Senators</b>	<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><b>The recommendation is that we maintain the lack of eligibility criteria for Senators.</b></p>
<b>6 x Sites Officers</b>	<b>Predominantly based at the relevant site</b>
<b>Sustainability Officer</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Halls Officer</b>	<b>Must have experience of living in UoS halls</b>
<b>5 x Faculty Officers</b>	<b>Must be a student in that faculty</b>
<b>5 x PGR Students</b>	<b>Must be a PGR student from the relevant faculty. NB these roles are currently being reviewed and are likely to be replaced</b>
<b>Joint Honours Officer</b>	<b>Must be a joint honours student</b>
<b>BAME Officer</b>	<b>Must be from a Black, Asian or minority ethnic background</b>
<b>Wellbeing Officer</b>	<b>Must have experience of helping/supporting students</b>
<b>International Officer</b>	<b>Must be an international student (including EU)</b>
<b>Women's Officer</b>	<b>Must identify as a woman (including a trans woman). NB we are also correcting the name of the role to 'Women's Officer'</b>
<b>Disabilities Officer</b>	<b>Must have experience of living with a disability</b>
<b>LGBTQ+ Officer</b>	<b>Must be a student who identifies as Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Trans, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, Pansexual, Agender, Gender Queer / Variant, Pangender or Bigender</b> <b>NB we are also adding 'Q' to the name of the role</b>
<b>AU Officer</b>	<b>Must have experience of being a member of an AU Club (or similar)</b>
<b>Intramural Officer</b>	<b>Must have experience of being a member of an intramural team (or similar)</b>
<b>Sports Participation Officer</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>PA Officer</b>	<b>Must have experience of being a member of a PA society or similar</b>
<b>Enterprise Officer</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Volunteering &amp; Fundraising Officer</b>	<b>Must have experience of volunteering or fundraising</b>
<b>Student Trustees</b>	<b>Eligibility for these roles is defined by the Articles and Charity Commission</b>

