

Student Officer Role Description

Excerpt from The Constitution and Rules of the Students' Union (Rule 4)

6. THE STUDENT OFFICER EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

They:

- 6.1 Shall be responsible for the fair representation of all student groups within the Students' Union.
- 6.2 Shall liaise with the University with regard to all matters pertaining to equality, diversity and gender issues, and shall make effective representation and provide input in order to influence the policy making of the University regarding Equal Opportunities.
- 6.3 Shall, in partnership with relevant Non-Sabbatical Student Officers, be responsible for representing the interests of particular student groups, which shall include but are not limited to the following:
 - (i) Disabled Students;
 - (ii) Mature Students;
 - (iii) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Students;
 - (iv) International Students;
 - (v) Students of all Faith Groups;
 - (vi) Part-Time Students;
 - (vii) Student Carers;
 - (viii) Care Leavers;
 - (ix) Student Parents; and
 - (x) Women Students.
- 6.4 Shall provide policy advice and support to relevant Non-Sabbatical Student Officers.
- 6.5 Shall develop and maintain contacts with external community and voluntary organisations or relevance under-represented or disadvantaged student groups with which the Union has an official membership or partnership.
- 6.6 Shall strive to ensure that a genuine spirit of diversity and equality of opportunity is present throughout the Students' Union and the University, and to support and represent those students who face discrimination.
- 6.7 Shall ensure that Students' Union services are accessible to all students, maintain communications with under-represented or disadvantaged groups and draw attention to instances of discriminatory behaviour within the Union and the University whenever these occur.
- 6.8 Shall work in partnership with the Student Officer Campaigns and Engagement on campaigns related to equality and diversity.