

BUCKS STUDENTS' UNION OPPORTUNITY PROFILE



This opportunity profile is designed to give you an idea of what this position within Bucks Students' Union will involve. It highlights the commitments, skills and benefits you can expect in taking up that role.

Role: President

Department: Trustee Board

Opportunity: The position of President of Bucks Students' Union is a unique opportunity to be the central point of the Union's Leadership Team. It offers the right individual the opportunity to shape and influence the academic and social life for students at Buckinghamshire New University in pursuit of the Union's mission to 'Make Life Better for Students at Bucks'.

As President you will be the principle representative of students at the University and the Chair of a Trustee Board of a charity whose role is to improve the education of students at Buckinghamshire New University.

You will have the opportunity for considerable networking both within the University and outside, particularly with other professionals and representatives in the student movement.

Benefits:

- Salaried position £25,048 p.a
 - Holiday entitlement of 30 days plus bank holidays and the Christmas closure period
 - Stakeholder pension is available
 - Considerable opportunities for on the job training and development.
 - Excellent career experience
 - Free under 25's railcard
 - Free Totum card
 - Out of pocket expenses paid
 - An opportunity to work within a dynamic, student led organisation making a real difference for students at BNU
 - Working in a vibrant, fun and exciting environment.
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Duties and responsibilities:

- Be the principle officer of the Union and member of University Council
 - Be responsible for setting the direction of the Union and communication with all stakeholders
 - To be a primary representative of all students at BNU on issues within the University, the local community and the national stage.
 - Have responsibility for engaging with the national student movement and the future direction of Higher Education and enabling others to do so as well, in order to strengthen the Union's sphere of influence
 - Be responsible for commercial oversight of the Union's trading and licensed operations
 - Engage with students over issues impacting their student experience, working to resolve these with the University where possible
 - Direct and oversee the Union's lobbying work to secure meaningful and positive change for students
 - Chair a range of Union committees including Trustee Board and Strategy & Planning
 - Hold the University accountable for its promises and delivery of the student experience
 - Be a trustee of the Union and a part of the Executive Committee
 - Participate in enhancing the welfare of all students at BNU
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People who like this opportunity may also be interested in the following positions:

- Student Trustees
 - Vice President Education & Welfare (High Wycombe), or Vice President Education & Welfare (Uxbridge & Aylesbury)
 - Vice President Achievement and Belonging
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Training and support: A comprehensive and extended programme of induction and ongoing training and development tailored to the individual.

Skills gained: Participating in this opportunity will enable you to develop and practice the following skills.

written communication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	citizenship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	languages	<input type="checkbox"/>
teamwork	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	decision making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	physical fitness	<input type="checkbox"/>
organisational skills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	networking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
verbal communication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	community awareness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	creativity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
time management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	problem solving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	environmental awareness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
marketing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	leadership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	project management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
delegation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	cultural awareness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	mechanical skills	<input type="checkbox"/>
financial management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	numeracy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	learn a new skill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other (as specified below):

You will become a fully trained and experienced charity trustee. As there is a national shortage of young experienced trustees, when you leave you may be able to use your skills to get high quality voluntary experience as a trustee in many fields and industries to support your career aspirations. You will also have the opportunity to sit on different interview panels for University and Union staff.

Time commitment: Full time position paid for 37 hours per week. Considerable evening and weekend working is involved for which no overtime is paid. Normal working hours are 9am – 5pm Mon - Fri.

Flexible: There is considerable flexibility excepting the schedule of regular meetings referred to below.

Fixed: The role involves participation in many meetings which operate on a fixed calendar and of variable frequency.

Committees Attended:

Union Committees

- Union Council
- Trustee Board (Chair)
- Strategy and Planning (Chair)
- Finance & Staffing (Chair)
- Governance Committee
- Student Activities Committee
- Representation Management Committee
- Feedback Oversight Group
- Executive Committee
- Environmental, Sustainability and Fairtrade Committee
- Society Funding Committee

University Committees

- Senate
- Council
- University Management Group
- Programme Committee Meetings
- Student Experience Committee
- University Course Approval Panels
- Governance Committee
- Education Committee
- Civic Engagement Committee
- Student Experience Forum
- Health and Safety Committee

External Meetings

- South East Conference
- NUS Lead and Change Conference

Method of appointment: This position is elected by the students of Buckinghamshire New University.

Venue: Bucks Students' Union Offices including the High Wycombe, Uxbridge and Aylesbury campuses and potentially Partner College campuses.

Responsible to: The membership of Bucks Students' Union, Union Council & the Trustee Board of Bucks Students' Union.

Operates alongside: Vice President Education & Welfare (High Wycombe) and Vice President Education and Welfare (Uxbridge and Aylesbury), Vice President Achievement and Belonging, Senior Management Team and Trustee Board of Bucks Students' Union.

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