

## **Introduction**

At Solent Students' Union we strive to provide a variety of volunteering and fundraising opportunities for our students in and outside of the Union. If you think that we are missing an area of fundraising or volunteering that you wish to pursue please contact [student.involvement@solent.ac.uk](mailto:student.involvement@solent.ac.uk)

## **Course Representatives**

Our Course Reps serve as the bridge between Students and Staff in terms of feedback. They are elected by their peers at the beginning of the Academic year; two from each Level.

Our Reps collect feedback from students and present it to Course Leaders twice a year during Course Committee. These happen in Semester 1 and Semester 2. This feedback is taken on by Course Leaders who implement any changes that have been proposed if at all practical or possible. There is a strong emphasis on teamworking, problem solving, and connections with students.

## **Student Council**

Student Council is a monthly meeting in which our Sabbatical Officers and Part Time Officers gather to share reports on their progress. Any student attending Solent University can attend these meetings.

The meeting lasts 1.5-2 hours and is held in the Students Union office. Students are encouraged to bring Motions forward to Student Council to be discussed, in which the Council will either vote to Approve or Deny the proposed motion. Any student who brings forward a motion will need to have at least one other student to "second" the motion. They are invited to share their motion with the Council and answer questions that the Council may have. This is a democratic process, which is treated fairly. All approved motions will be submitted to Policy, which remains as valid policy for 3 years.

## **Course Council**

Course Council will be made up of the students who nominated themselves for Course Rep but were not elected. They serve as an additional feedback opportunity for students, not specifically focused on the academic aspects of the course. Feedback can be concerned around academics, decolonisation, or general running of the course itself.

Course Reps will present their student feedback (alongside the resolutions - if any - from Course Committee) to the Course Council and discuss the handling of this feedback. If Course Leaders are not doing enough to safeguard the learning opportunities of the students, then that can be fed forward into Course Council. It will be discussed in the Course Council meeting, and resolutions proposed, and the findings would be presented to the Union. Course Council runs twice per Semester and lasts around 1.5-2 hours.

## **Student Council Forum**

Student Council Forum happens twice a year; once at the beginning of Semester 1 and once at the beginning of Semester 2. These meetings are held open-air; in an area of the University that is incredibly visible to encourage students to attend. The reason for this is so that students can observe what our democratic purposes look like, and may be more likely to join in if they are aware of what we do.

For any additional information regarding Course Representative, Student Council, Course Council, Student Council Forum please contact [sophia.defaia@solent.ac.uk](mailto:sophia.defaia@solent.ac.uk)

### **Student Officers**

Student Council is one of our key democratic elements of the Students' Union in which the members of student council will propose, debate and vote on policies, centered around students with the aim of keeping students at the core of what the SU does.

Student officers, are part time elected volunteers, will hold your sabbatical officers to account to ensure their work is on aligned to their manifesto and individual portfolios. In addition to, guiding the work of the union by holding each other to account and conversing about important issues withing the Solent community and broader national issues. Our current positions available are:

a. Societies Council Chair	p. Night Life Students' Officer
b. Sports Management Group Chair	q. Part Time Students' Officer
c. Apprentice Students' Officer	r. Postgraduate Students' Officer
d. BME Students' Officer	s. Physical Activities Students' Officer
e. Carer Students' Officer	t. Religion & Faith Students' Officer
f. Disabilities Students' Officer	u. Trans+ Students' Officer
g. Environmental Students' Officer	v. Undergraduate Students' Officer
h. Events Student' Officer	w. Widening Class Participation Students' Officer
i. Housing Students' Officer	x. WMA Liaison Officer
j. International Students' Officer (EU)	y. Womens' Officer
k. International Students' Officer (Non-EU)	z. Faculty of Warsash Maritime School Representative
l. LGBT+ Students' Officer	aa. Faculty of Business, Law and Digital Technologies,
m. Mature Students' Officer	bb. Faculty of Creative Industries, Architecture and Engineering Representative,
n. Mens Health Students' Officer	cc. Faculty of Sport, Health and Social Sciences Representative
o. Mental Health Students' Officer	

As a student officer, you will gain key skills; you will learn how to campaign on key issues and what it means to manage a project of such a nature. You will learn the ability to write policies and reports in order to enact change, gather and analyse feedback from students to create impactful data, how to work as part of a collective and gain some experience of working as a volunteer in a charity.

**Nominations for the positions go live on September 24th 2023 and for more info, please email [elections@solent.ac.uk](mailto:elections@solent.ac.uk)**

### **Three Peaks**

The Students' Union is running a Three Peak challenge in partnership with Choose a Challenge to raise money for WWF. The challenge involves hiking the tallest mountain in each of England, Wales and Scotland (Scafell Pike, Snowdon, Ben Nevis) in 48 hours. You can find more information about [the challenge here](#).

The challenge will be run at the end of the academic year, and you will have the full year to fundraise money for the WWF to be able to go on your challenge. The WWF will provide a member of staff to help the students organise their fundraising efforts. For more information about the help that WWF provides [please visit here](#).

The challenge requires a Challenge leader who will help run the fundraising events and organise the team. The Challenge leader will not lead the trek but the fundraising efforts, the trek will be led by an experience guide. For more information about becoming a challenge leader [please read this guide](#).

### **Volunteering Page and Next Steps**

Our volunteering page is regularly updated with new volunteering opportunities in which our students can pursue.

For additional volunteering opportunities please go to our [volunteering page here](#).

Societies, sports, or student groups can fundraise for a charity of their choosing and put on fundraising events of their choosing. For help with these events or choosing a charity please contact [rebecca.johnson@solent.ac.uk](mailto:rebecca.johnson@solent.ac.uk)