

USI Officer Board Positions

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Jargon Buster

Hustings – an event before an election where a candidate puts forward their reasons for running for election and what they would attempt to do if elected

Sabbatical – a description of the type of employment a full-time officer will undertake. In this way, the officer is considered to be a full-time student during their time in office. Allows an officer to return to studies after their year out in office.

Full Time Positions Available

The role descriptions for members of the USI Officer Board are given in Article 5 of the USI Constitution. They are laid out as follows:

The President:

- Shall have overall responsibility to lead the Union's work, to allocate and direct the work amongst the officers of the Officerboard and to report to Congress and National Council on the Union's work.
- Is the chief spokesperson and representative of students in Ireland.
- Is the Chief Executive Officer of the Union and can take such decisions that do not require a meeting of National Council or Congress. All such decisions must be reported to the next meeting of National Council.
- The President or his or her nominee, shall be responsible for the human resource management of the union. The President must consult the Finance Committee in the areas of staff recruitment and termination. All recruitment shall be in a manner to be agreed with Finance Committee.
- Shall propose for ratification, to the first National Council each year, another member of the Officerboard to act as their Deputy in their absence, or, in the event of their death, resignation or incapacity. This nomination should be circulated to all Member Organisations at least one calendar week prior to the first meeting of National Council.
- Oversees the work of the President's Committee of which they are Chairperson.
- Shall nominate an appropriate member of Officerboard to assist Member Organisations not covered by Schedule G of the USI constitution.
- Where USI is requested to nominate a member or members to the board of an external body or committee the President shall inform National Council of all nominations made under this provision.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs:

- Shall have special responsibility for the Union's work on academic policy and quality assurance at levels five and upwards on the National Qualifications Framework, including, full-time and part-time students in Further Education and Higher Education, students on Labour Market, Activation Programmes and Apprenticeships. They shall act as an advocate for the Union's education policy on a national and international level and shall assist the VP/Campaigns in relation to campaigns on education matters.

- Shall also be responsible for supporting Member Organisations to develop academic policy within their own institutions and shall produce such research and develop such support structures, as this task requires.
- Shall be responsible for policy and research on postgraduate issues and shall assist the VP/Campaigns in relation to campaigns on Postgraduate issues.
- Shall be Chairperson of the Academic Affairs & Quality Assurance Committee and shall oversee its work. The function of this Committee is to support the VP/Academic in developing, implementing and planning the Union's academic affairs and quality assurance policies. It also assists the VP/Academic in supporting the academic affairs and campaigns of Member Organisations.

The Vice President for Welfare:

- Shall assist the VP/Campaigns in relation to campaigns for the defense and promotion of student welfare.
- Has responsibility for the implementation and development of the Union's welfare policy and oversees the work of the Welfare Committee of which they are Chairperson.
- Shall have special responsibility for the provision of welfare publications and materials.

The Vice President for Campaigns:

- Has overall responsibility for organising all Union campaigns.
- Has the responsibility to organise and prepare campaign strategies and plans of action as required by National Council, Officerboard or Congress in pursuit of Union policy in liaison with the President.
- Shall be responsible for overseeing Union publications, including electronic publications, in liaison with the President .
- Oversees the work of the Campaigns Committee of which they are Chairperson.
- Shall have overall responsibility for the coordination of Union Development, in liaison with the President and in accordance with Schedule M of the USI Constitution.

The Vice President for Equality & Citizenship:

- Shall have responsibility for the implementation and development of all Union policy in relation to issues of discrimination on the grounds of age, disability, family status, gender identity, marital status, membership of the Traveller Community, nationality, race, religion, sexual orientation, and/or socio economic circumstance.
- Shall assist the VP/Campaigns in relation to campaigns for the defence and promotion of student's rights in the areas of equality and citizenship.
- Shall have overall responsibility for the running of Equality, Citizenship and LGBTQ training events such as Pink Training.
- Shall be the chairperson of the Equality & Citizenship Committee.
- Shall assist the VP/Campaigns in relation to campaigns on, and shall be responsible for; running events and campaigns relating to citizenship in areas such as the environment and civic, social and political participation, with particular emphasis on voter registration; working with community and voluntary groups etc.

The Vice President for The Border, Midlands and Western (BMW) Region:

- Shall be responsible for Union development and liaison in their region. They shall also be responsible for the overall direction of the work of their region in conjunction with and reporting to the Officerboard.
- Shall communicate the message of the Union to ordinary members, Member Organisations, external organisations and the general public through various means including, but not

exclusively, social media, traditional media, meetings, conference events, campaigns and training events.

- Shall communicate regional and Member Organisation's issues to the Officerboard.
- Shall work with all Colleges in the Border, Midlands and Western Region to develop their Unions focusing on Unions who have been suspended or where a College does not have a functional Union, to assist the students of that College to establish one.
- 'The Border, Midlands and Western Region' is defined as the Counties of Cavan, Donegal, Galway, Leitrim, Longford, Louth, Kildare, Mayo, Meath, Monaghan, Offaly, Roscommon, Sligo and Westmeath.
- Shall be elected by the Member Organisations in the BMW Region.

The Vice President for the Southern Region:

- Shall be responsible for Union development and liaison in their region. They shall also be responsible for the overall direction of the work of their region in conjunction with and reporting to the Officerboard.
- Shall communicate the message of the Union to ordinary members, Member Organisations, external organisations and the general public through various means including, but not exclusively, social media, traditional media, meetings, conference events, campaigns and training events.
- Shall communicate regional and Member Organisation's issues to the Officerboard.
- Shall work with all Colleges in the Southern Region to develop their Unions focusing on Unions who have been suspended or where a College does not have a functional Union, to assist the students of that College to establish one.
- 'The Southern Region' is defined as the counties of Carlow, Clare, Cork, Kerry, Kilkenny, Laois, Limerick, Tipperary, Waterford, Wexford and Wicklow.
- Shall be elected by Member Organisation in the Southern region.

The Vice President for the Dublin Region:

- Shall be responsible for Union development and liaison in their region. They shall also be responsible for the overall direction of the work of their region in conjunction with and reporting to the Officerboard.
- Shall communicate the message of the Union to ordinary members, Member Organisations, external organisations and the general public through various means including, but not exclusively, social media, traditional media, meetings, conference events, campaigns and training events.
- Shall communicate regional and Member Organisation's issues to the Officerboard.
- Shall work with all Colleges in the Dublin Region to develop their Unions focusing on Unions who have been suspended or where a College does not have a functional Union, to assist the students of that College to establish one.
- Shall be elected by Member Organisation in the Dublin region.

An Leas Uachtarán don Ghaeilge

- Shall be responsible for carrying out Union policy on the Irish language. They shall act as an advocate for the Union's Irish policy on a national level, encourage the use of Irish within the Union, and represent the Union's membership on various external bodies as agreed by National Council.
- Shall also be responsible for supporting Member Organisations to develop an Irish policy within their own institutions and shall produce such research and develop such support structures, as this task requires.

- Shall be Chairperson of the Irish Language Committee and shall oversee its work. The function of this Committee is to support the LU/Gaeilge in developing, implementing and planning the Union's Irish language campaign and policies.

How to be nominated

A candidate must be an ordinary member of the Union of Students in Ireland (including a Sabbatical Officer in a member organisation), or a member of the USI Officer Board. They must receive the nomination of the President of a Member organisation.

Hustings

- An opportunity to record a video message is available for each nominated candidate.
- There is one official hustings at USI Congress, This will take place on Tuesday 3 April.
- There may be other events, not organised by USI, at member organisations throughout the early Spring.

Term of Office

No member of the Officerboard may serve a cumulative total of more than three years on the Officerboard. Members of Officerboard shall be paid a salary decided by Finance Committee. Their term shall be from the 1st July until the following 30th of June.

NUS-USI

Full-Time Positions Available

The NUS-USI President

- The NUS-USI President shall be a member of Officerboard and shall have duties, rights and responsibilities as defined in Schedule F (The NUS-USI Agreement between NUS-USI, USI and NUSUK). <http://usi.ie/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/USI-Constitution-as-of-23rd-April-2016.pdf>
- The region governed by the Trilateral agreement is defined as the Counties of Antrim, Armagh, Derry, Down, Fermanagh and Tyrone.

How to be nominated

The candidate must be nominated by the President of Constituent Organisations in Northern Ireland.

Hustings & Debates

There is one official hustings at NUS-USI Conference.

Term of Office

1st July to 30th June

Who to contact

The NUS-USI President president@nistudents.org