

## Passionate about the Academic Experience? Why not run as VP Education?

The Vice President Education role really says it all in the name, it is everything Learning, Teaching, Exams, Coursework, Studying and Academic Representation. They develop and implement education policy, ensure quality teaching, learning support and resources and ensure that the university develops graduates ready for the world of work.

There are certain meetings that the VP Education attends to better understand these issues many of these are with different departments and boards within the University. To ensure students are represented in the development of student academic experience at Worcester.

More importantly you will lead the Academic Representation programme, working closely with Institute Reps and Student Academic Reps (StARs) to ensure that the student voice is heard from course to University Executive level. You will work with Reps to find out what issues students face in their academic life, ensure this is fed back to the University and that action is taken to resolve any issues that students face.

This is because big part of the role is putting **pressure** on the University to make improvements that are important to students. Lobbying, negotiating, campaigning are all tactics that VPs use to do this.

Within the remit it is really up to the individual what they want to achieve and how they want to go about it.

### All Full-Time Officers' Responsibilities

- Be a trustee of Worcester Students' Union
- Be an active member of the Full-Time Officer team and the Executive Committee and support the Part-Time Executive Officers in their work, enabling them to achieve their goals
- Be a Student Councillor and attend 8 Student Council meetings a year, producing a report for each meeting
- Represent the Students' Union and its members on key University boards and committees and attend regular meetings with the Vice Chancellor and other members of the University's senior management team
- Work collaboratively with Students' Union staff and the Chief Executive to ensure that the Union works to meets its objects as a charity
- Chair relevant Students' Union committees and meetings
- Always act and behave in accordance with the Students' Union's rules, policies and procedures
- Promote active involvement with Worcester Students' Union to all of its members
- Play an active role in the Appointments Committee, Finance Committee, HR Committee and Development Committee, in addition to other Students' Union Committees which may be established
- Develop the #TeamWorc identity and brand, so that students feel a sense of belonging





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### Vice President Education

- Be an **active member** of the Full-Time Officer team, **deputising for the President** as necessary
- Be a **governor** of the University of Worcester
- Represent members' interests in relation to academic issues, working closely with the Student Engagement Manager
- **Initiate and co-ordinate campaigns** which support students' academic interests
- Co-ordinate and Chair the **StARs Forum** and other Students' Union committees/meetings as required, in collaboration with the Pro Vice Chancellor Students
- Actively promote the StAR system and support around **500 Student Academic Reps**
- Co-ordinate and **deliver training** for StARs, in collaboration with Institute Reps
- **Represent the Students' Union** and its members on University boards and committees, recruitment panels, working groups etc. as required
- Plan, promote and organise the **Students' Choice Awards for Outstanding Staff**
- Provide **information, advice and support** to individual students or groups of students with problems concerning academic issues, in conjunction with the Student Advisors
- **Liaise** regularly with University departments such as ILS and Student Services
- Take the lead on **educational quality issues** for the Students' Union and ensure that members' interests are represented in relation to quality assurance arrangements and the Teaching Excellence Framework

Along with your individual manifesto aims and role descriptions, there will be operational activities within the Student's Union and University that you will automatically be involved in as one of the SU's Full Time Officers.

Below are a few examples of these activities that the Vice President Education has undertaken, from the last couple of years:

- Working with the University on new policies and processes e.g. the Student Charter, The Teaching Excellence Framework, Timetabling etc.
- Co-ordinating StARs forums and regular meetings with Institute Reps
- Helping to organise the Student Choice Awards
- Supporting the promotion of the National Student Survey (NSS) and working with the University on any action plans coming out of the results of the NSS

