

STUDENT DIRECTOR - BOARD TRUSTEE

ROLE DESCRIPTION

Main Purpose

The Board acts as the ultimate decision maker for BUCS, ensuring that it is operating in line with its strategic aims and fulfilling its charitable purposes. The Board are committed to the long-term interests of the organisation and meet regularly to oversee and direct business operations. There is currently a vacancy for a Student Director, who will represent the voice of the Student and Sabbatical Officer Network (the Network) on the Board.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

- Co-chair the Network, reporting to the Board on the group's activities and discussions.
- Advocate the voice the Network.
- Provide constructive check and challenge to ensure that the views of the Network are considered within BUCS leadership and decision making.
- Ensure that any relevant items, for discussion at the Board, are brought up from the Regions and Nations and Advisory Group; especially those which are related to student experience.
- Support the regional student chairs in specified regions and nations and represent students' needs, concerns and aspirations as expressed at regions and nations meetings.
- Support the Student Officers to ensure there is engagement across the Network.
- Sit on Advisory group for the first year of tenure, attending where possible in the second year of your tenure.
- Provide mentorship to the incoming Student Director in the second year of tenure.
- Hold a position on the BUCS Board of Trustees, representing the student voice.
- Ensure the charity is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit in accordance with its Articles of Association.
- Ensure compliance with regulatory bodies, codes and funding partners, including but not limited to Companies House, the Charities Commission, HMRC and A Code for Sport Governance.
- Act in the charity's best interest and ensure the charity's resources are managed responsibly.
- Support the delivery of the BUCS Strategy, with particular reference to student elements by advising and constructively challenging the development, implementation and evaluation of the BUCS approach.
- Where appropriate, act as a member of a sub-committee of the Board.
- Represent BUCS in public.

Key Skills and Knowledge

- Ability to speak confidently in a public forum.
- Ability to convey complex information to a range of audiences.
- Ability to work with, support and constructively challenge.
- A commitment to BUCS, its mission, vision and values.
- An understanding of sport in the Higher Education environment.
- Highly developed analytical, communication and influencing skills.
- Ability to exercise good independent judgement.

Eligibility

To be eligible to stand for the position of Student Director, you must be either:

- A Student Officer of an Athletic Union, Sports Union or Students' Union at a Member institution at time of appointment OR
- An internally registered student at a Member institution who is on a HE credit rated course and on a programme of at least 50% FTE.

Tenure

The Student Director will be elected for one term of two years, starting in July 2026 and ending in July 2028.

Location

Meetings of the Board are held in person and alternate between London or the Midlands.
Meetings of the Student and Sabbatical Officer Network are usually held online.

Meetings of Advisory Group are held in various locations around the country.

Board roles are voluntary, however reasonable out-of-pocket expenses will be covered for the delivery of the meetings and for Trustees operating on behalf of BUCS in an official capacity, in line with BUCS Expenses Policy.

Time Commitment

Year One - around 13 days a year. This includes four Board meetings, four Advisory Group Meetings, four Student and Sabbatical Officer Network meetings and the AGM.

Year 2 – around 9 days a year. This includes four Board meetings, four Student and Sabbatical Officer Network meetings and the AGM.

Additional time may be required to support the BUCS Executive with online meetings and development projects.