

# BUCS STUDENT OFFICER X 3

## STUDENT OFFICER NETWORK

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### ROLE DESCRIPTION

#### Main Purpose

The Student Officer Network is designed to support any sabbatical officer from a BUCS Member institution to fulfil their roles by:

- Providing the Student Officers with regular and current updates on the work of BUCS.
- To enable collective sharing of information and resources between the Student Officers.
- To provide a safe and supportive environment for Student Officers to discuss their roles and share experience with people in similar roles.
- To share good practice across the network of Student Officers.
- To act as sounding board to the BUCS Executive Team to ensure the views of students and student unions are taken into key decisions.
- To share insight into the opinions and views of the student body involved in BUCS.

BUCS is seeking to recruit three Student Officers, who will represent the voice of students on BUCS Advisory Group and across the Student Officer Network.

#### Main Duties and Responsibilities

- Sit on BUCS Advisory Group and provide input into the delivery of BUCS Strategy, with particular focus on areas relating to the student sporting experience.
- Provide constructive check and challenge to ensure that the views of students are incorporated into BUCS decision making processes.
- Support the BUCS Student Director and other Student Officers to ensure there is engagement across the Student Officer Network.
- Support the Chair of the Student Officer Network to develop agendas, run meetings and deliver sessions for the Student Officer Network.
- Advocate the role and purpose and act as a representative of the Student Officer Network.
- Where appropriate, organise network events and forums for the Student Officer Network.
- Support where necessary regional student chairs.
- Represent BUCS at public events, including but not restricted to BUCS AGM, BUCS Conference, BUCS Nationals and BUCS Big Wednesday.

#### Eligibility

To be eligible to stand for the position of BUCS Student Officer, you must be:

- An internally registered student at a BUCS member institution, who is on a Higher Education credit rated course and on a programme of at least 50% FTE, or:
- A sabbatical officer of an athletic union, sports union or student at a BUCS member institution at time of appointment.

#### 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.

#### Tenure

The Student Officer will be elected for a term of 1 year.

**Location**

Meetings of the Student Officer Network are usually held either online or in conjunction with other events such as BUCS Conference, BUCS AGM or BUCS Nationals and Big Wednesday competitions.  
Meetings of BUCS Advisory Group are held at various locations across the country.

**Time commitment**

Around 8 days a year. This includes four Advisory Group Meetings and four Student Officer Network meetings.