



Cardiff Students' Union
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Student Trustee

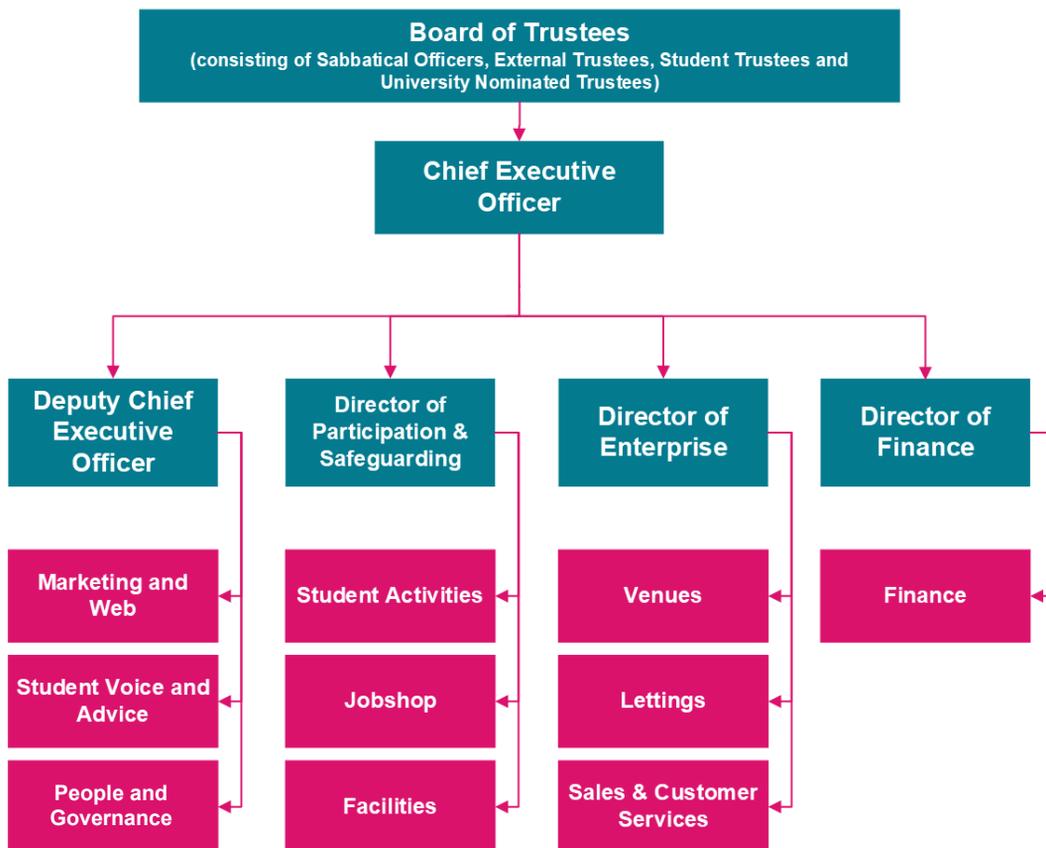
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About Cardiff Students' Union

Cardiff Students' Union (CSU) is at the heart of Cardiff student life. We are here to support students to thrive, and to have their backs when things don't go as planned, in a safe, inclusive space where students can be who they want to be. We are consistently ranked in the top three for student satisfaction in the UK.

The Students' Union is a not-for-profit membership organisation independent of Cardiff University and provides a range of services for its members. These include academic representation, commercial operations and financial and welfare advice. CSU receives a grant from Cardiff University and generates other income from its commercial outlets such as venues, bars Jobshop and Cardiff Lettings. It is governed by a Board of Trustees and supported by a Senior Management Team, around 100 salaried staff and 300 student staff.

ORGANISATION STRUCTURE



The CSU Board

Cardiff Students' Union is governed by a Board of Trustees comprising elected Sabbatical officers, Student Trustees, and external non-student appointed Trustees. The Board is supported by a Senior Management Team, around 100 salaried staff and around 300 student staff.

The Board comprises 15 members and meets at least four times a year to carry out its business. Trustees are elected (or selected) via the criteria established within the Union's Articles of Association to ensure both student leadership and the recruitment of professional expertise.

The Board currently comprises:

- Seven Sabbatical Trustees
- Three Student Trustees
- Two University Nominated Trustees
- Three External Trustees

Committees also meet around four times a year each, and Student Trustees will be expected to be a member of at least one Committee. One Student Trustee will also be a member of the Board of Directors of Cardiff Union Services Limited (CUSL), the Union's trading company.



[Find out more about governance and the trustees at CSU](#)

[Find out more about CSU](#)

[Read our strategy, vision and values](#)

About the Position



About the opportunity

We are looking for new Student Trustees to provide more strength and depth to the Board and ensure that the Union continues to develop.

A strong and active Board of Trustees is essential for us as we go forward to make CSU even better, to renew our success and continue to move forward.

[Watch our video: Why you should become a Student Trustee](#)

Key Responsibilities

All Trustees have a duty to:

Ensure that CSU acts in accordance with its charitable objectives and governing documents

Ensure that CSU remains true to its Mission, Vision and Values

Help CSU achieve its objectives and benefit the members

Ensure that CSU complies with all relevant legislation and regulations

Ensure that CSU does not undertake activities that put its financial stability, members or reputation at risk

Work with other Trustees and staff in a constructive manner

Participate fully in Board meetings

Use their professional skills and experience to ensure that CSU is well run and efficient

Seek professional external advice where there may be a risk to the Union or where the Trustees may be in breach of their duties

Add value to the Board and the Union through generating ideas, challenging the status quo, broadening thinking, and supporting and promoting innovation and creativity.

Personal Specification



	Essential	Desirable
Status		
A current student at Cardiff University and registered on a course for the 2026/27 academic year	x	
Knowledge		
A good understanding of the issues affecting students at Cardiff University	x	
Awareness of the current issues affecting Higher Education		x
An awareness of good charity governance and an understanding of the Nolan Principles		x
Skills, Abilities and Knowledge		
The ability to constructively question ideas	x	
The ability to value and appreciate different perspectives and opinions	x	
The ability to think strategically and make informed decisions	x	
The ability to communicate effectively with people at all levels	x	
Welsh speaker		x
Values		
An individual who is committed to equality, diversity and inclusion who actively seeks to remove barriers to equality	x	
A role model who consistently demonstrates honesty and integrity	x	

Terms & Conditions

The post is an unpaid position. Appropriate expenses will be paid in line with the Students' Union policy.

Your term of office will be for one year from the date of appointment, in the first instance and may be extended to two years.

Under the Charities Act 2008, you are disqualified from being a Student Trustee if:-

- You are under 18 years of age
- You have been convicted of an offence involving dishonesty or deception that is not regarded as legally spent
- You are an undischarged bankrupt
- You have ever been removed from office as a charity trustee by a Court or by the Charity Commission
- You have been disqualified under the Company Directors Disqualification Legislation
- You have made compositions with any creditors from which you have not been discharged

Application Process

The stages of the application process and key deadlines are outlined below. The SU encourages and welcomes applications from diverse backgrounds.

If there is anything that would make this application process more accessible for you or if you have any questions about any of the stages, please contact SUHR@cardiff.ac.uk

Please be advised that political leadership and the responsibility for student representation on the Board of Trustees is vested in our Sabbatical Officers. Therefore, in assessing the suitability of candidates for Student Trustee roles, the interview panel will seek to appoint individuals who do not currently hold roles within the democratic functions of the Union.

- 1** Submit your CV and Cover Letter by 17:00 on Wednesday 15th April.
- 2** Candidates will be informed by Monday 20th April if they are invited to interview.
- 3** Interviews will take place in person on Friday 24th April in the Students' Union building.

