



STUDENT VOICE IN SPORT

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SECTION ONE: INTRODUCTION

1. As the formally recognised representative body for students at Ulster University, UUSU will provide the formal collective feedback channels and structure for the student membership involved in Sport at Ulster University.
2. The Student Sport Executive with delegated responsibilities to the VP Sport will:
 - 2.1 Provide oversight, support and strategic leadership in enhancing participation, development and performance of UU Students in Sport.
 - 2.2 Support the wellbeing of members through advocacy, campaigns and policy development.
 - 2.3 Advocate and lobby for the equity of opportunity for all members within sport.
 - 2.4 With the spirit of genuine collaboration, work with key Ulster University stakeholders within Sports Services in developing formal and informal guidelines and structures in supporting student sport.
 - 2.5 Upon invitation, the VP Sport will represent UUSU formally and informally, to the Senior Leadership Team of UU Sports Services as a critical friend, escalating issues as required.

SECTION TWO: STUDENT VOICE IN SPORT AIMS

1. Advocate, lobby and represent the real time views and interests of students participating in sport within Ulster University.
2. Enable and support formal and informal student led feedback opportunities in enhancing the student experience in Sport at Ulster University.
3. Contribute to the University Sports Strategy and influence the University's strategic direction for sport to the benefit of UUSU members.
4. Be a channel for collective feedback or representation on major student sport development, services and facility projects.
5. Advocate, lobby and campaign the University for sustainable funding within sport, supported by any proposed investment into student sport as is appropriate.

SECTION THREE: STUDENT SPORT REPRESENTATION STRUCTURE

1. UUSU Student Sport Executive Committee (SSEC)

UUSU will oversee, recruit and support the voice of students in sport through a Student Sport Executive (hereafter to be known as "the SSE")

- 1.1 This student representative group will act as the collective voice for UUSU members participating in Sport across each of the NI campuses.
- 1.2 The group will operate as a sub-group of UUSU Student Council, and as a student led body will be formally elected on a campus basis, providing representation into UU Sports Services.

- 1.3 Through effective and genuine consultation, they will provide the formal collective feedback channels to both Ulster University Sport and their Students' Union.
- 1.4 The SSE will collaborate with students, staff, clubs and wider student networks to enhance participation, inclusion and wellbeing through sport.
- 1.5 **SSEC Membership**
Membership of the SSE will include but not be limited to one representative per campus (Belfast, Coleraine, Magee) for each of the following;
 - o Team Indoor Sport
 - o Team Outdoor Sport
 - o Individual Sport
 - o High Risk or additional individual sport (depending on campus need)
- 1.6 **SSEC Responsibilities**
In providing the formal student feedback channel to UUSU and VP Sport, the SSE shall have the following responsibilities:
 - 1.6.1 To proactively engage and connect with clubs and individuals as defined within the membership on each campus.
 - 1.6.2 To formally communicate with UUSU the views and ideas of the collective voice of students within their defined membership.
 - 1.6.3 On a campus basis to liaise and advocate on behalf of their respective membership to their aligned Student Sport Coordinator.
 - 1.6.4 Alongside the VP Sport, provide UUSU representation at UU Sport Campus forums.
 - 1.6.5 To report accordingly through the formal committee structure for student voice within sport as required.
- 1.7 **SSE Recruitment and Election**
Recruitment and duration for the SSE roles will be aligned each year to the UUSU Leadership Election.
- 1.8 Led by VP Sport, the Student Sport Executive Committee will meet four times a year or as agreed by both VP Sport and UUSU staff member supporting student voice in advance of the SSE taking up their positions. Formal recommendations require a quorum of 40% of members in attendance to be valid.
- 1.9 Membership of the working group will include but not be limited to:
 - o The Vice President for Sport
 - o The Student Sport Executive Reps (12)
 - o The Student Voice Coordinator (Engagement)

SECTION FOUR: DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Sports Representative members are bound by the Office Bearers code of conduct and subsequent procedures as defined by the relevant bye-laws/UUSU policies.