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Faculty Representatives work at the highest level of the student voice volunteer team. Overseeing and representing all students and reps within their faculties, Faculty Reps are the student voice at senior level committees with their full-time UUSU Officer. Specifically involved in course revalidation, the Faculty Rep has crucial input into quality assurance within the university. In this role, Faculty Reps lead the student voice above course and school/dept levels by ensuring that all student voices are heard, respected and valued. Building key skills in leadership, mediation, signposting and professional development, the Faculty Rep role provides excellent experience for many career pathways.

Across the entire university, we recruit four Faculty Reps each year.

KEY TASKS

- Attend UUSU Faculty Rep training.
- Research and gather information on the student experience in your faculty.
- Liaise with School/Dept Reps and staff members within your faculty;
 - In person;
 - Online (email, social media, Blackboard discussion threads).
- Identify School/Dept Reps who require extra support/training.
- Keep up to date with student issues.
- Feed into the annual UUSU Student Voice Report.
- Form part of course revalidation panels (at least once per semester).
- Work closely with your Faculty Associate Dean (Education) and the SU Vice President for Education.
- Attend Faculty Board, Senior Committee, Student Voice and UU/UUSU Joint Forum meetings (where appropriate).
- Promote the student representation roles (Course, School/Dept, and Faculty) and the UU Student Voice framework.

OPPORTUNITIES AND BENEFITS

Building on the skills you may have already gained as a Course or School/Dept Rep, you can develop and enhance key professional attributes in:

- **Leadership**
Be a student voice champion by representing a diverse student body at faculty level. Develop managerial skills through your work with School/Dept Reps.
- **Communication**
Promote your role within UUSU and the University to students within your school/dept. Learn how to negotiate and delegate diplomatically within a connected and supportive Rep structure.



- **Decision-making**

Balance student needs with institutional policies by learning when to refer and take action to support students in need of **academic**, **wellbeing** and **financial support**.

- **Cultural awareness**

Understand and represent the needs of students from underrepresented and marginalised backgrounds. Help to create equal opportunities for all by facilitating student voices in their many forms.

- **Interpersonal skills**

Hone empathy with other students and staff through positive relationships. Become adept at managing relationships with diverse stakeholders.

- **Policy and Governance**

Understand institutional policies and decision-making processes. Apply your knowledge of organizational management to the representative role.

- **Employability**

Collaborate with University departments to enhance student employability opportunities. Develop your own CV through your representational work.

SUPPORTING YOU IN THE ROLE

You will be supported by the **UUSU Student Voice team** and by your faculty's Associate Dean for Education. You will also work closely with the SU Vice President for Education, and benefit from the mutual support of the School/Dept Rep network within your faculty.

TIME COMMITMENT

Faculty Reps are expected to devote at least 30 hours to their roles each semester. Because the expected commitment to this role is more significant than our other volunteer positions, UUSU provides an annual £300 bursary to each of its Faculty Reps. Evidence of time committed to the role will be required before payment of the bursary can be authorised.

