

WHEN STUDENT FEES
COME HUNTING
IN THE NIGHT...



...DO YOU THINK IT
MATTERS WHO SITS ON
THE IRON THRONE?

INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR SU PRESIDENT?
OR MAYBE WELFARE OR ACADEMIC OFFICER?
FIND OUT MORE - EMAIL LIZ AT [SUELECTIONS@ULIE](mailto:suelections@ul.ie)

WANNA RULE
AND BE PRESIDENT?

or maybe Welfare or Academic Officer?

Find out more - email Liz at suelections@ul.ie



- Liz Gabbett, Democracy Development Manager
- Resources
 - Submission of all election queries and material to:
suelections@ul.ie
 - <https://ulsu.ie/representation/governance#elections>

Important Dates & Times

- Nomination Period Opens – Thurs 22nd Feb, 12 mid-day, Wk 5
- Close of Nominations – Thurs 1st Mar, 12 mid-day, Wk 6
- Training with Candidates & Managers – Thurs 1st Mar, 6-8pm, Wk 6
- Candidates declared Fri 2nd March, 12 mid-day. Campaigning begins
- Hustings, Tues 6th March, 6pm, Wk 7
- Online Election – 8th March, 7am – 8pm, Wk 7

Why are you running for election?

If your answer is the following:

- I haven't got a job sorted for next year so I'll go for this. It's paid.
- It can't be that hard.
- It will be a laugh.

.....then you are heading for failure

BUT if your answer is along these lines:

- represent student interests locally and nationally
- Give back to UL
- Work hard to make a positive difference to student's lives in UL
- Work to make UL a better university

.....then you are off to a good start



Who can run? Who can vote?

- You have to be a current registered student of UL this semester to run for election or to vote
- International students who were here last semester and now no longer registered in UL cannot vote.
- Postgrad students can vote in ULSU elections
- Undergrads cannot vote in Postgrad elections



What is a sabbatical Officer?

- A sabbatical is a period of paid leave granted to a university teacher or other worker for study or travel
- A ULSU Sabbatical Officer is a student who wins an election to take a break from their studies to represent UL students locally, nationally and work for the Union, i.e. all students of UL.

When do you start work as a Sabbatical officer?

- 5th June
- Out-of-term core working hours, 9am – 5pm
- Term-time core working hours 10am – 5pm. MOST evenings you will be working late.
- OR if you have a meeting scheduled for 9am, be in on time

This is a job and a privilege - treat it with respect and work for all the Students of UL



Pay?

- minimum wage €9.55 +€1 per hour
- 44hrs a week for 53 weeks of their term of office

Training

- Training starts in May or beforehand with handover from Sabbats
- June is a lot of introductory meetings with UL staff and 3 days training with Dominic Doherty (former Queens' SU manager)
- Safe Talk

What are SU Officers responsible for?

Key points

- Representing 14,000+ members at all levels of governance to the University, locally and nationally
- Attending all the required committee meetings – over 50 committees
- Sabbatical officers are members of the university discipline committee & process.

What is ULSU Student Executive?

- The SU Executive are a working group of 11 students – 4 sabbatical officers and 7 full-time students
- Meets weekly
- Listen to the students, work on projects, report back to students at Council, class rep forum, AGM

What is ULSU Student Council?

- Council is made up of 25 Department Reps, 15 interest group & 11 executive who discuss Union policy.
 - The three ULSU sabbatical do not have a vote on council.
- As representatives of all UL students Council direct Executive on what to do. Council meets every second Tuesday at 6pm.



What position should I run for?

- “Read the job description for each, talk to each of the current sabbaticals and talk to Liz. If you still don’t know which one is for you, none of them are for you” – Tommy Bolger

Election & Campaigning rules?

- ERB Rules and Regs are available on the website
- All Campaign material has to be approved by ERB before it can be circulated
- Most commonly broken rule?
 - 4.1 “All campaign material must display the constitutionally prescribed *“Issued by (Name of Campaign Manager), Campaign Manager for (Name of Candidate)”*”
 - ... This includes all social media forums – including snapchat.

What is involved in campaigning?

- Asking people for their vote
- Be nice!
- Concentrate on your own campaign not tearing down others
- 2nd , 3rd preference votes really matter
- Make sure your campaign team know the rules
- Be smart in creating your campaign material

Manifesto

- Read the ULSU Strategic Plan
- Most objectives will fit under the 4 main pillars
- You will need at least 3 versions of your manifesto
 - 5 main points for An Focal article with your photo
 - An A4 page synopsis
 - A long manifesto for your own website and social media forums

ULSU Strategic Plan

Taking Giant Steps 2016-2020

- 4 pillars



Hustings

- 6th March 6pm
- Jean Monnet – DG016
- Chair Diarmuid Scully

- What is it?
 - Where you speak for 1-2 mins to convince students to vote for you.
 - Answer questions from students.
 - Every questions must be put to all candidates in the election

Funding support for election

- €1000 for all 3 ULSU elections
- Candidates will be refunded on submitting a receipt and completed form
- Refund will be via Bank transfer
- Claim form is available online

Your personal life when you get elected

- It is fun and hard work, and much easier when everyone gets on and works together as a team.
- BUT when a student wins an election they are immediately seen as representative for students. You are held to a higher expectation of behaviour and responsibility.
- Choose your housemates carefully and know who your friends are so that they won't drag you into less than ideal situations. Smart phones, videos etc. risky behaviour.
- Once you are an officer of the Union you are that officer 24/7 when you are in Limerick. That can be tough going. You need good friends and family that will allow you safely switch off when you are away from UL students.

If you don't get elected.. What next?

- Most of you will not get elected so be kind to each other
- Take the weekend off and then get back to your course as soon as possible. There is no other choice.

- ONLINE Voting <https://vote.ulsu.ie>

Who is who of ULSU Staff?

- General Manager Martin Ryan
- Financial Controller Barry Costelloe
- Building & Facilities Manager Adele O'Carroll
- Democracy Development Manager Liz Gabbett
- Events Manager Olwen Murphy
- Marketing & Communications Coordinator Killian Stone
- Reception Staff Niamh Madden, Sinead Jennings
- Clubs and Societies Development Manager Paul Lee
- Clubs and Societies Facilitator Michelle Whyte
- Organisation Development John McDermot
- Student Information and Support Coordinator Sean Bailey-Whyte
- Coop students – 2 students Caoimhe and Chelsea
- An Focal editor - Intern Ryan O'Rourke

QUESTIONS ???