Chair of Student Council

Role Description:

The Chair of Student Council acts as its main ambassador, and the anchor of the Students’ Union’s democratic processes. They are responsible for chairing (leading and managing) Student Council meetings throughout the year, making sure that they are held in accordance with the Students’ Union’s Articles of Association, Byelaws, and other relevant policy. They provide strong leadership, ensuring that Elected Officers are held to account, and that all students are able to have their say on the key matters being discussed.

Responsibilities:

- Chair Student Council (min. 5 x 2 hour meetings per year)
- Student Council Briefing (min. 5 x 1 hour meetings per year)
- Support and empower students to hold Elected Officers to account
- Represent students’ views, and encourage student engagement at Council
- Promote the various services and activities provided by the Students’ Union
- Meet with Students’ Union staff for regular updates and support
- Work with other Student Leaders to bolster the Union’s representation

The ideal candidate will...

- Be confident in managing discussions involving many different viewpoints
- Have a good understanding of the issues students are currently speaking about
- Be a good communicator, with people from a diverse range of backgrounds
- Have experience in good time-management and organisation
- Be committed to improving students’ overall experience at Herts

The successful candidate will...

- Receive support and training throughout the year
- Develop a range of new skills, from negotiation to public speaking
- Receive access to the SU’s Student Leadership Development Programme
- Work closely with other Student Leaders and Students’ Union staff
- Play their part in making a positive difference to the lives of students at Herts