Have
Your Say!

Session Overview

In this session we will explore different opportunities for clubs and society members to make their voices heard and create some real change across BU and SUBU.

We will be exploring SUBU elections and when they are, SUBUs Student Idea platform and also SUBUs Student Forums!
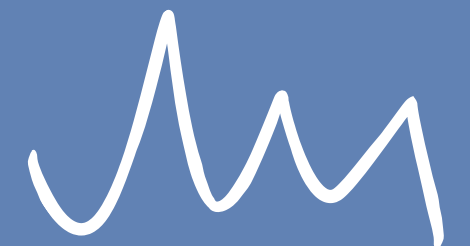
SUBU Elections

You will already have a feel for the elections we run as you went through one to get your committee positions. However, they are incredibly important functions of the union and we run several throughout the year. The largest being our Full-Time officer election between January and March. We also have our Student Leader elections as you will know during April-May time where we elect many roles, from Committee members to our Part-Time officers.

Sometimes if we dont elect every role in an election we run a by-election to fill the remaining roles. We are currently holding a By-Election to fill the vacant Asian, Arab & Ethnic Minority Network Officer and some Faculty Rep roles and a By-Election for vacant committee roles across clubs and societies will take place in October!

Part-Time Officer By-Election

If you want to explore opportunities to represent the community you belong to or help improve the student experience for people in your faculty then this By-Election is for you.

We are electing our Asian, Arab & Ethnic Minority Officer and also Faculty Reps for the HSS and FMC faculties.

To stand in these roles you must either be self-defined to the liberation network or be part of the faculty.
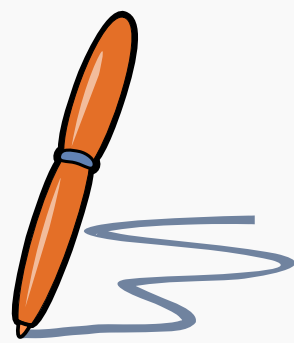
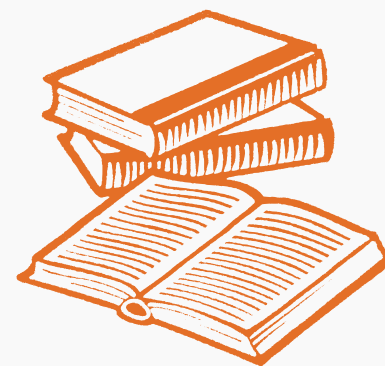www.subu.org.uk/elections

Applications open now!

Your Ideas Platform

Your Ideas is a platform on the SUBU website where students can submit ideas for change or action on issues affecting them or their fellow students.

Your Idea can on anything important to you. Examples we've had previously are 'SUBU should allow free clubs and societies' or 'SUBU should review the timing of elections for clubs and societies'

Once you have submitted Your Idea via 'www.subu.org.uk/yourideas', other students will be able to vote either in favour or against. If an idea gets 15 positive votes, we look to help you make this into SUBU policy!

Ideas that have reached 15 votes are taken to a student forum and voted on again. If they pass then they become SUBU policy and we work to achieve them!

Task!

At the start of the session you were asked to write down something that has negatively impacted your university experience, experience in your club or society, or something you want to change at BU or SUBU.

Please navigate to www.subu.org.uk/yourideas and create & submit an idea based on what you wrote earlier. You will need to consider a title, what the problem is and how you think it should be solved/changed.

Student Forums

At SUBU we run several meetings throughout the year where students can get involved and have a real impact. The most important one for you as Committee Members is our SUBU Summit.

These meetings happen 3 times a year and allow attendees to question and hold your Full-Time officers accountable, learn about what work SUBU has done, and vote student ideas into policy that SUBU will work on.
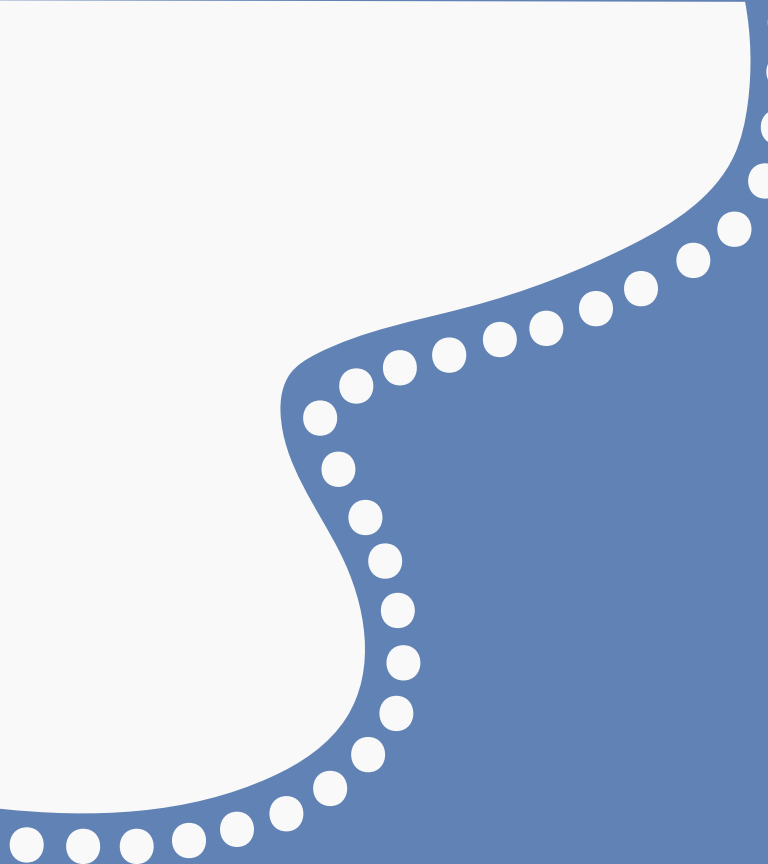
It is also worth mentioning that attending these meetings are part of your 5* grading criteria.
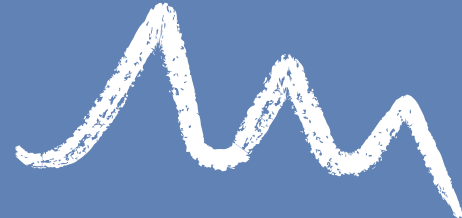
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SUBU Summit's are a great way to get answers to the important questions you have and to question your Full-Time officers on the work they've done for you. You can use these opportunities to really hold your officers accountable for the work they said they would do or on issues important to you or your members.

Either in pairs or alone think of one or two questions you would want to ask your VP Student Opportunities and then you will have an opportunity to ask him or get a follow up answer at a later date.

To Recap: There are three main ways you can get involved and have your say at SUBU.

1. By running in an election or voting for who represents you.

2. Submitting ideas for change via the 'Your Ideas' platform.

3. Attending SUBU Summit and holding your officers accountable and voting on SUBU policy important to you.

Any Question?