

## **Election of Student Members**

### **Council of the School of the Humanities and Social Sciences: Student Representatives**

The Student Representatives to the Council of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences are the student leaders in the School's efforts to promote and develop the best possible student experience. The School supports teaching across the following nine Faculties or Departments, each of which is represented at the Council of the School by its Head:

Economics; Education; History; Law and Criminology; Archaeology and Anthropology; Sociology; Politics and International Studies; Land Economy; History & Philosophy of Science

The business of the Council of the School is wide-ranging. Student representatives are invited to attend for all unreserved business, with full speaking rights, and are encouraged to provide a 'student voice' in the Council's deliberations, which will include setting the overall strategic plan of the School; financial and physical resource allocation; education; research; School governance; and fundraising. The School's institutions collectively support approximately 2600 undergraduate students and approx. 2000 graduate students (MPhil and PhD), representing around 30% and 40% respectively of the University's total populations.

In addition to attendance at twice-termly meetings of the Council of the School, each student representative is co-opted to one of the School's two educational sub-Committees (Undergraduate Committee and Graduate Committee) which meet termly to discuss matters of policy and practice relating to provision for students as a whole. The Graduate Committee and Undergraduate Committee are the school's primary fora for discussion of educational policy. Student representatives thus have an opportunity to influence directly the decisions made by the School and the quality of education provided within its constituent subjects, through voicing a student perspective and through raising queries and concerns about the matters discussed in sub-Committee and Council.

The Student Representatives are expected to maintain close links with Faculty Board reps, to identify issues for the Council's attention and to feedback policy and decisions through local networks.

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