



CHESTER
STUDENTS'
UNION



RECRUITMENT ———

PACK

Student Trustee (volunteer)
15-20 hours a year

Can you help 15,000 students love their life at Chester?

Deadline: 5pm on Sunday 7th September 2025



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Thank you for your interest in becoming a Student Trustee with Chester Students' Union. This is an exciting opportunity to play a vital role in shaping the direction of your Union.

At CSU, our values guide everything. We are inclusive, collaborative and proactive in everything we do to support over 15,000 students here at the University of Chester.

As a Student Trustee, you'll join our Board of Trustees, working alongside elected officers and external trustees. Together, you'll provide oversight of our strategy, finances, and governance, helping CSU stay strong, sustainable, and student-focused.

This role is about more than responsibility – it's about personal growth and impact. You'll develop transferable skills in leadership, decision-making, and strategic thinking, while helping shape a Union that reflects and supports its diverse membership.

In this pack we will give you all of the information you need to understand who Chester Students' Union are, what we do, and the role of a Student Trustee.

If you have any questions about the role/process, please do not hesitate to contact myself, Lillian Watson, SU President and Chair of the Trustee Board, via email at supresident@chester.ac.uk.

Thank you,
Lillian Watson



Lily Watson
President



Luis Martell Correia
VP Education

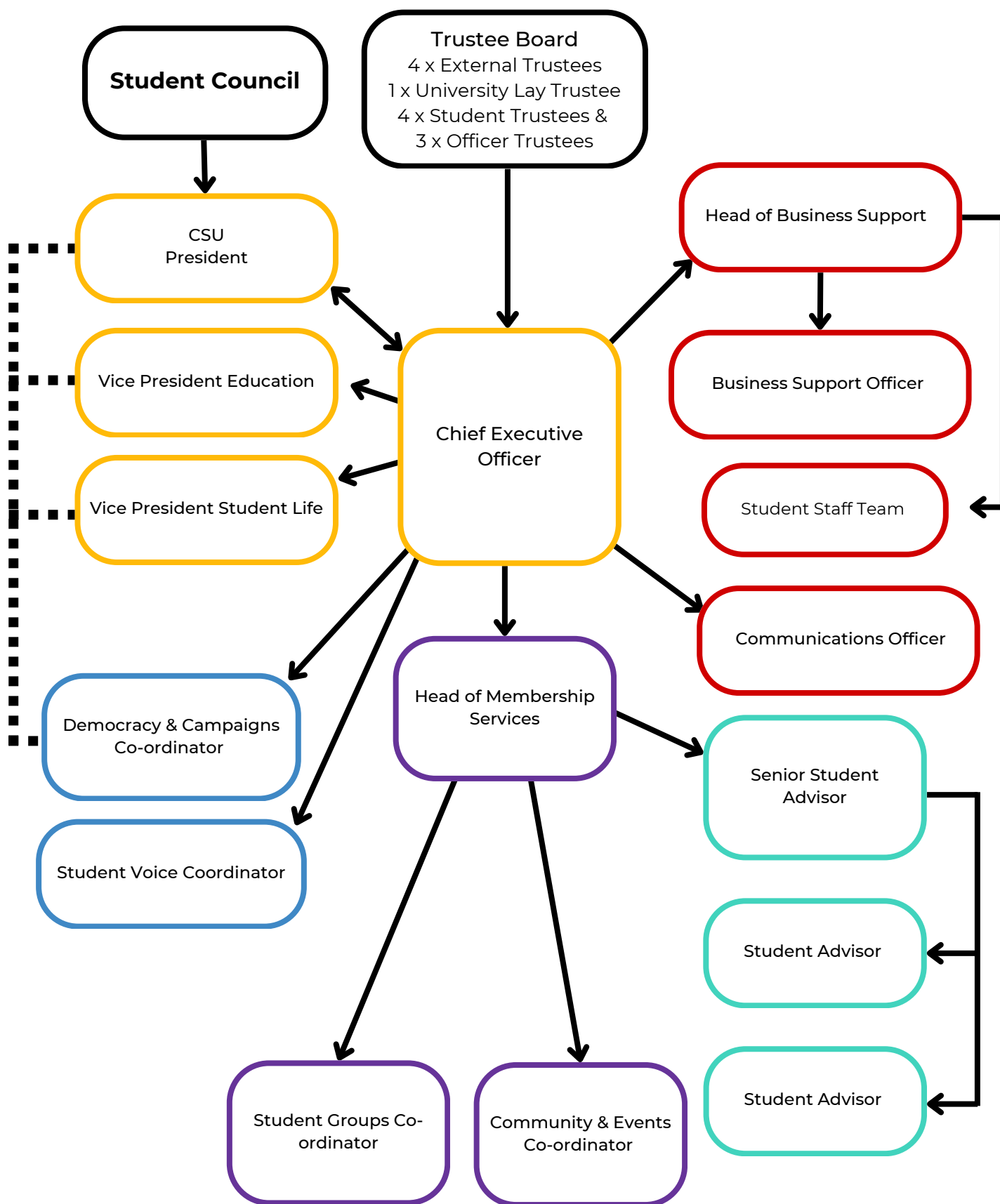


Will Gaines
VP Student Life



Jamie Morris
CEO





Job Title:	Student Trustee
Pay Scale:	Voluntary
Hours:	15-20 hours a year (attendance at 4 board meetings a year)
Responsible to:	Chair of Trustee Board
Responsible for:	Governance and oversight of the organisation
Key relationships:	Full-time elected officers CSU Trustee Board CSU Student Council
Place of work:	Exton Park Campus
Purpose:	As a Student Trustee, you will play a vital role in the strategic direction and governance of Chester Students' Union. You will work closely with other trustees and senior management to revitalise the Union, ensuring it becomes financially sound and responsive to the needs of our students. This is a unique opportunity for a current student to contribute to the transformation of their student community.

Key Responsibilities

Governance: Actively participate in Board meetings, ensuring the Union operates within its constitution and complies with relevant legal and regulatory requirements.

Strategy: Contribute to the development and review of the Union's strategic plan.

Financial Oversight: Review and approve budgets, financial statements, and actively contribute to the financial recovery and sustainability of the Union.

Representation: Act as a voice for the student body, representing their interests, and concerns to the Board of Trustees.

Risk Management: Assist in identifying and mitigating risks that may affect the Union's operations or reputation.



Student Engagement: Promote and facilitate student engagement in Union activities and decision-making processes, encouraging active participation in the transformation process.

Essential Qualities:

- Current enrolment as a student at the University of Chester.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work effectively as part of a team.
- Enthusiasm for representing the interests of students.
- A genuine interest in governance.

Desirable Qualities

- Prior experience in a student leadership role.
- Familiarity with the structure and functions of a student union.
- Experience in financial management or budget oversight.

Additional information:

- This is a **voluntary** position, and Student Trustees are expected to play a significant role in the Union's strategic governance attending all four annual Board meetings (lasting approximately 2-3hrs) and committing to a strategy planning morning.
- There may be requirements to attend extraordinary (extra) meetings if required
- Training and support will be provided to Student Trustees to help them fulfil their duties effectively.

The next three board meeting dates are:

Board meeting - 30th September 2025 at 2pm

Board meeting - 20th January 2025 at 2pm

Board Meeting - 24th March 2026 at 2pm



NEXT STEPS

For an informal discussion and any questions please contact:

- Lillian Watson, CSU President
- supresident@chester.ac.uk

To apply, send:

- Your complete CV
- Supporting statement demonstrating how you meet the skills and knowledge outlined in the person specification
- Details of one employment or academic reference

by email to: workforus@chester.ac.uk by 5pm on Sunday 7th September 2025.

We expect interviews to be taking place on Friday 12th September 2024.



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