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Student Voice

Your voice matters. Here’s how...
Welcome

Our student representation system is in place so that your views are heard and have an impact. This booklet explains the representation system at Dundee and shows you who to talk to if you have any issues. It also describes ways that you can get involved with representation and help bring about positive changes to the student experience.

Get involved. Make a difference.
Students are experts in their learning experience and this means your voice needs to be heard at all levels in the University. Student feedback is important because it ensures your tutors know what is stopping you from progressing through your course and what is helping you achieve your goals.

There are a lot of ways you can provide feedback to staff, and it is important you take the opportunity to do so.

One of the key ways you can provide feedback to staff is through the representation system. Students, like you, stand for positions to make sure your views and opinions are communicated to the Schools. It is important that all students work with their “Class Reps” to keep improving the learning experience at the University.

The Student Voice booklet will help you understand the representation system and your place in it.
The feedback loop is a vital process which helps enhance the learning experience. Students can provide their feedback directly to their teaching staff and through their student representatives. Your Class Reps and Vice-Presidents will take that to key committees such as Student-Staff Liaison Committees and work with staff to come up with solutions. Your representatives should then feed the outcomes back to you, which closes the feedback loop.

"Coming in 1st in Scotland for satisfaction with the students’ union in this year’s NSS is reflective of the amazing work the previous Executive undertook in pushing the academic support that we offer as a student’s association. We hope to continue our trajectory in this area and always seek improvement where improvement can be made.

Charlie Kleboe-Rogers
Vice-President of Academia"
I have been a class representative for the duration of my Nursing Degree and during this time I have been given the opportunity to engage in discussions to help improve and enhance student learning. The role has also developed my communication skills and helped to build my confidence in tackling complex and difficult situations, at a variety of levels – from fellow students, all the way up to the School Dean.

I have loved every minute of the role and know the skills and confidence gained will stand me in good stead in my future nursing career.

Kerry Perrie
Class Representative
SPARQS University Course Rep of the Year 2017
Representatives explained...

Class Rep
This is your first point of call in the School representation system. Each class is represented by at least one Class Rep that you can provide your positive or negative academic feedback to. The Class Rep’s job is to represent your needs and your voice, so that they can give accurate feedback to the Schools. It’s a good idea to get to know them and find out how to contact them as soon as possible. Elections will be held at the start of the academic year or just before the end of semester 2. If you would like to become a Class Rep, talk to your lecturer or the VPR.

Vice-President
The Vice-President represents your voice at discipline level and supports the School President. They collate the feedback from Class Reps and make sure they are communicated to the right committees and leads. In some cases they will chair Student Staff Liaison Committees.

School President
The School President is the lead representative in the School and works with leading members of the School, University and DUSA to make sure change happens. Each School President sits on the SRC and, along with the Executive, is your direct voice at the Students’ Association. They are there to help students and other representatives have a strong voice and ensure that it is acted on.
The Students Representative Council (SRC) is your voice at DUSA. The SRC is an elected group of Councillors that cover a range of important areas in the student experience such as: Teaching and Learning, Environment, Diversity, BME, LGBT, Housing, Employability etc. Elections are held on an annual basis every September. The SRC meets four times per semester and is open to all students to attend and take part. The SRC recommends policy to DUSA and the University, as well as working with senior University management to make sure they are providing you with the best student experience possible.

 SRC Online

If you missed the chance to become an SRC councillor but still have ideas on how to improve the Union and the University, then you can contact your current representatives. You can contact members of the SRC via email (contact list found on the DUSA website).

You can also provide your own thoughts and ideas at SRC online www.dusa.co.uk/get-involved/src-online

 DUSA Exec

Dundee University Students Association (DUSA) is a membership-led organisation. The DUSA Exec is the team of eight annually elected officers (6 sabbatical and 2 non-sabbatical), whose role is to be a voice for the students and lead change within our campus. Whether it's social or academic or a life-long passion, they are committed to help you reach your goals (Find out more www.dusa.co.uk/about-us).
Who to contact...

**PRESIDENT**
Sofia Skevofylaka
The figurehead of DUSA and the leader of the Executive. She is responsible for the overall strategy of the organisation, liaising with external organisations, and representing students at a local, national and international level.
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**VICE-PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIA**
Charlie Kleboe-Rogers
Charlie is responsible for everything academic, from appeals to termination of studies. His remit also includes deputising for the President, Widening Access and Internationalisation.
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**VICE-PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS & CAMPAIGNS**
Claire Hartley
Claire is primarily responsible for all of DUSA’s external and internal communications and publications, coordinating DUSA’s yearly pastoral campaigns and overseeing DUSA Media.
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**VICE-PRESIDENT OF STUDENT WELFARE**
Joely M. Nicol
Joely’s role is running all of DUSA’s welfare campaigns and providing advice to students about welfare issues such as mental health, safe sex and housing.
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**VICE-PRESIDENT OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES**
Craig Reoch
Craig is responsible for all things extra-curricular in DUSA. He coordinates all student societies and helps handle matters relating to your employability and the facilities on campus.
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**VICE-PRESIDENT OF REPRESENTATION**
Olaf Postola
Olaf directs and works with Class Representatives, School Presidents and SRC Councillors to deliver an effective Representation system at the University.
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**VICE-PRESIDENT OF FUNDRAISING**
Scott Quinn
Scott’s here to help students fundraise on campus. Whether he’s planning events for a local charity or helping you with your own ideas, he’s here to get you raising and giving!
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**VICE-PRESIDENT OF ENGAGEMENT**
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Toni is tasked with reaching out to underrepresented groups and engaging them in the pastoral work of DUSA alongside the Executive Team.
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www.dundee.ac.uk/qf/studentengagement/studentrepresentation

For initial enquiries on elections and other representation matters, please contact Olaf Postola, VPR, 01382 381084.
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