**Society and Politics Committee Director**

The WUD Society and Politics Committee develops and implements informative programs that address contemporary issues and stimulate political and social discussions within the university community. This may be achieved through a variety of program formats including but not limited to lectures, debates, panels, forums, and discussion groups. The nonpartisan committee focuses on current political and social issues that have a campus, local, domestic, and/or international impact. Past programs have included political debates, candidate appearances, panel discussions, series programming, and film screenings. The committee director works in partnership with the program advisor.

**Director Duties:**

- Chair weekly Society and Politics committee meetings, attend necessary weekly meetings, hold general office hours (typically 10 per week) and participate in cooperative WUD projects and activities.
- Weekly meetings should be discussion based and focus on current events
- Recruit, select, and train Associate Directors.
- Meet with Associate Directors on a weekly basis.
- Work with the committee to establish goals for programming.
- Coordinate close collaborations with other WUD committees, student organizations, and community organizations in order to put together well-rounded and diverse programs regarding social and political current events and issues.
- Foster a comfortable, friendly and open environment for all committee members.
- Work to develop committee members in areas of programming and marketing, in addition to building committee cohesiveness and unity.
- Promote community on campus through student engagement across multiple mediums.
- Implement the Weisberg Forum and Wilke lecture series. Keep donors abreast of committee activities.
- Actively recruit committee members for specific programs/content areas.
- Foster growth and development of committee members, which includes planning regular leadership trainings and other special opportunities for the committee to grow and develop as a whole.
- Develop and coordinate promotion plans for the committee and its events, working with the Union’s marketing department.
Responsibilities to Directorate:

• Participate in weekly Directorate meetings, using officers and fellow directors as resources. Perform action items as required.
• Serve on a Union Council Advisory Board
• Participate in annual WUD Fall Retreat (3 days in mid-August), facilitate AD training, and participate in additional leadership training as mandated by the officer team.
• Increase campus presence by actively pursuing co-sponsorships within WUD and throughout the campus community.
• Promote Directorate committees and the organization at student fairs and other recruitment opportunities.
• Actively communicate with Union officers about the needs and goals of the committee.
• Create an adequate binder or digital file of information for the incoming director to understand the intricacies of running the Society & Politics Committee. Ensure that all digital materials are stored on the Union’s shared drive.

Additional Relationships Fostered:

• Associated Students of Madison
• Multicultural Student Center
• UW Academic Departments
• Campus Multicultural / International Organizations
• Campus Political Organizations (Dems, GOP, Greens, Election Research Center etc.)
• Student Organization Office
• Community Activist Group
• WUD DLS
• Cap Times

Term of Office

May – May, with active participation in training before the term begins. Academic Year: 20- 25 hours per week

Remuneration

• Academic Stipend - 60% of yearly in-state tuition based on previous year, distributed at the beginning of each semester (Benefits Policy PL3-14).
• $50/month - Wiscard Amount (8 months)
• Lifetime Union Membership

See Policy PL3-4 for Expectations of Wisconsin Union Directorate committee directors

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