



Wisconsin Union
D I R E C T O R A T E

Global Connections

Committee Director

Overview

- This position is a volunteer, leadership position with the Wisconsin Union Directorate, student programming board.
- Each committee of the Wisconsin Union Directorate is committed to amplifying the voices of underrepresented communities through thoughtful and deliberate programming that targets societal issues. WUD leaders have an obligation to use the privilege of our organization and the power of our positions to continually educate ourselves and provide the same opportunities to our communities.
- Successful applicants for WUD Leadership positions will communicate a commitment to social justice during the interview process and, upon selection, commit to continually highlighting inequalities due to racial, environmental, societal, and any other type of discrimination that our campus, country, and global communities face through their committee processes and programming efforts.
- Given the significant time commitment of WUD Committee Director positions (20 – 25 hours, weekly), a stipend is provided to increase the likelihood these volunteer leadership positions are accessible to all students. An academic stipend includes 60% of yearly in-state tuition based on the prior year will be distributed at the beginning of each semester. Additionally, \$50/month is provided for 8 months in gratitude for each students' service, as is Lifetime Union Membership upon completion of their terms.
- WUD Committee Director Positions run May – May yearly and include one mandatory, two-day training in August.

Committee Purpose

The Global Connections Committee (Glo Co) is dedicated to fostering friendship, dialogue, and linkages among members of the campus community and provide a forum where members will be able to learn about the intersectionality and diversity of ethnicity, culture, and backgrounds. Global Connections strives to develop innovative, cultural, and educational programming for the UW-Madison community by organizing many international and multicultural events throughout the year. We expect to emphasize social, racial, and political justice as an integral part of programming to educate others and create a community of understanding and awareness. The committee director works in partnership with the program advisor to develop programs and overcome any obstacles that may be introduced.

Director Committee Responsibilities

- Chair weekly Global Connections committee meetings, attend necessary weekly meetings, hold general office hours (typically 10 hours per week).
- Recruit, select, and train Associate Directors for your term of office.
- Help maintain communication between Advisor, Associate Directors, committee members and other Union Representatives (Dining Services, Marketing and Campus Event Services)
- Work with the committee to establish goals for programming.
- Lead committee members in planning and implementing social education programs, training them on the procedures and policies of the Union and the Global Connections Committee.
- Oversee details in events, such as finance, collaborations, and speakers, are efficient and effective
- Actively pursue collaboration opportunities and ongoing relationships with a variety of student organizations, as well as other UW-Madison groups and departments.

- Familiarize yourself with the programming needs of the university community regarding international, cultural, social, and collaborative opportunities.
- Oversee marketing and branding for the committee and all GloCo sponsored events, fostering relations with the Union's Marketing Department.
- Build a sense of community within Global Connections, working to directly involve Global Connections general membership in the planning of committee programs, and attempt to develop a sustained and growing committee membership.
- Foster a comfortable, friendly, and open environment for all committee members.
- Set an example of leadership for committee members and encourage committee members to pursue leadership positions.
- Additional Relationships Fostered:
 - Multicultural Student Organizations
 - International Student Services
 - Multicultural Student Center (MSC)
 - Relevant Academic Departments

Director General WUD Responsibilities

- 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 (2 days in late-August), facilitate AD training, and participate in additional leadership training as mandated by the officer team.
- Increase campus presence by actively pursuing collaboration 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 needs and goals of committee.
- Continue developing and reviewing binder of information for the incoming director to understand that relevant information on long term policies, procedures, and missions of the committee.
- Ensure that all digital media will be shared on the union drive.

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