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

**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 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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