



LSU Officer of the Union Schedule

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Introduction

For some time there has been an unwritten position within the Union named "Officer of the Union". This position isn't explained anywhere, nor is it specifically detailed who is and is not an "Officer of the Union". An "Officer of the Union" is someone who has been elected to a position where they take on a greater responsibility to further the efforts of the Union rather than a particular hall.

Body

The positions which will be deemed Officers of the Union are:

- Each member of the Executive
- The HSF President
- The TSF President

Each of these positions require:

- A great deal of profiling amongst the student population, in particular new students
- A very significant time commitment
- A focus on furthering the Union as a whole rather than a particular section or hall

Hence, in order to maintain free and fair elections for other committees including those of Sections and Halls; to avoid over-burdening volunteers at the expense of course or health; and to prevent these highly respected positions being abused in the pursuit of personal gain, this schedule will prevent the following:

- Any Officer of the Union from contesting any election, excluding the Executive Elections, which would lead to them simultaneously holding any additional positions.
- Proposing or Seconding in any election, including the Executive Elections

Recognising that some Officers may wish to continue in service of the Union after their term has finished, an Officer of the Union may contest a committee election under the following circumstance; the disqualify term of office must end before the other term of office begins. This may be exemplified within Media; Development Officer Positions end their term of office in the first week of August, whilst Media Committee positions do not begin their term of office until the start of the

new Academic Term – the positions do not run simultaneously and so in this circumstance would be allowed.

Should any Officer infringe this schedule they will incur a Union Disciplinary with a minimum punishment of 4 weeks entertainments ban. In addition they must surrender one of the positions, and should they not, Union Council will vote to remove them from the position which confers the status of Officer of the Union.

Current Officers

As soon as this schedule is passed by Union Council, the positions mentioned above will be deemed Officers of the Union and will be subject to the restrictions of this schedule. Should they hold any additional positions they will be allowed to serve out the term of office to avoid inconveniencing the remaining committee members.

Becoming an Officer whilst already on a Committee

It is frequently the case that people who become Officers of the Union are already heavily involved in different sections and may be on a number of committees. This schedule does not limit such circumstances, to be clear:

- Any person who is already on a committee may contest for and be elected to a position as Officer of the Union without having to forfeit either.