

**Students'
Union**
Bath Spa

**DEMOCRACY AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
ROLE DESCRIPTION**

Democracy and Scrutiny Committee Member

What is Democracy and Scrutiny Committee?

Democracy and Scrutiny Committee is responsible for the oversight and development of:

- The policy and by-laws of the Union, jointly with the Board of Trustees
- Ensuring that the Union has equality, diversity and inclusion at the heart of its strategy and operations
- Ensuring the Union operates ethically
- Ensuring the Union and its officers are accountable to students
- Ensuring an equality of representation for all students

How long will I be a Committee Member for? The role lasts for one academic year, though you may decide to run for the position again next year

You should run for this role if you...

- Want to be part of making important decisions over the SU's future.
- Are interested in organisational governance.

Responsibilities:

Committee Members are expected to:

- Attend, read papers and be active in Democracy and Scrutiny Committee. There are usually four 2-hour meetings in a year.

Support:

- Democracy and Scrutiny Committee Members can ask for any help regarding their role from SU Staff including
 - Caroline Dangerfield, Head of Student Engagement (c.dangerfield@bathspa.ac.uk)
 - Sarah Dawes, Chief Executive on s.dawes@bathspa.ac.uk

Benefits:

- Gain lots of transferrable skills such as communication and time management – the more you engage with the role, the more opportunities and the more skills you develop. These skills can be presented to future employers through CVs, personal statements and interviews
- Networking with lots of different people
- Take a leadership role, with more responsibility
- **Most importantly, improve the student experience!**

For more details about the role, contact su-elections@bathspa.ac.uk.