

# Officer Nomination Package\*

# 2024-2025 President

Federation of Students, University of Waterloo, operating as Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association (WUSA)

\* It is not necessary that a candidate complete this paper nomination package if they complete all the steps in the online nomination form.

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## **Important:**

- Please read this nomination form in its entirety.
- Only undergraduate students and members of the Corporation are eligible to sign nomination forms.
- Fill out all parts of your nomination form.
- For those running in the WUSA General Elections, applications are due **11:59 p.m. on Monday, January 15, 2024,** on vote.wusa.ca\*
- A Candidate Info Session will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. This Info Session is mandatory as essential information will be shared concerning the responsibilities attached to the role, the elections process, and the campaigning period.\*
- Candidates are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association's by-laws, elections & referenda procedures, and all other applicable organizational documents.
- Candidates are encouraged to submit their information mainly through the online nomination process on vote.wusa.ca for inclusion in WUSA Elections promotional materials. If you choose to forgo the online process, please provide the following information in addition to this form: name, team name (if applicable), program and year, previous applicable involvement with WUSA/Waterloo (point-form), top three platform points (option to expand in section below or direct to external link/contact for full platform, but this area is to be brief point-form and not the place to expand on these points), a maximum 100 word bio/reasons why someone should vote for you, and any links to website/social/email address.\*

<sup>\*</sup>Not applicable for those running in a by-election.

#### **Duties as President**



The President is the Chief Governing Officer of the Corporation and is responsible for leading the Board of the Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association, in accordance with the bylaws and with the support of the Vice President and the Executive Director, as needed.



The President is the official spokesperson of the Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association Board of Directors.



The President is responsible for oversight of the internal Universityfacing advocacy and ensures the alignment of strategic goals with the Corporation's objectives. The President is the lead of the directors who also sits on internal University-facing committees to advocate for students.



The President will encourage the evaluation of academic policies, procedures, and grading practices and encourage the formulation and implementation of policies and procedures that promote and reflect academic excellence and standards essential to the integrity of the University of Waterloo's scholastic activities.



The President is the Chair of the Board, head of student government and has other duties and responsibilities as prescribed by the Board.

The President will act as a representative to, or provide for appropriate student representation for the Corporation, in accordance with Council procedure, at:

- 1. Official Functions
- 2. Public occasions
- 3. The University Senate
- 4. The Board of Governors, and
- 5. Any other University Committees or decision-making bodies.

The President, in collaboration with the Vice President, is responsible for maintaining and promoting relationships with key stakeholders:

- 1. Undergraduate Students and their representative student groups (ex. Societies, Residence Councils)
- 2. University Administration
- 3. Other student governments (including the Graduate Student Association)

#### The President is responsible for:

- Leading the creation of the Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association's Long-Range Plan
- 2. Providing strategic direction to, and supporting, the Board, Executive Director, and officers of the Corporation
- 3. Regularly reviewing of the by-laws and policies of the Corporation
- 4. Empowering and supervising of the Secretary of the Corporation
- 5. Publishing and the calling of the agenda for General Meetings
- 6. Enforcing compliance with the bylaws and policies.

The President will be the Chair of the Board of Directors. The Chair is responsible for presiding over all meetings, and – except as may be otherwise specified by procedure – shall be responsible for preparing the agenda for all meetings, and thus may determine which agenda items are to be conducted in confidential session. They are also responsible for ensuring the Board is given adequate training to conduct business effectively.

The President reports to the Board of Directors.

### **Time Commitment:**



The term of office for the President is from May 1, 2024, to April 30, 2025, and is a full-time position. The President will also be expected to attend certain events outlined in their role description that may fall outside of regular working hours, including committee meetings, serving official functions, and certain public occasions.

## Candidate Eligibility:

Candidates for Executive Officer positions must be full members of the Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association. According to the bylaws, a full membership is defined as follows:

- 1. Each undergraduate student currently registered at the University of Waterloo;
- 2. Each undergraduate student currently engaged in a co-operative work term;
- 3. Each person who was an undergraduate student in the previous term who has not withdrawn or graduated from the University.
- 4. Each Officer of the Corporation who (i) was elected as an Officer while an undergraduate student, (ii) has graduated from an undergraduate program at the University, and (iii) has yet to complete his/her/their term of office.

The President is a Director on the Board, which has the following additional requirements:

- 1. Must be at least 18 years of age;
- 2. Must not be a person who has been found under the Substitute Decisions Act, 1992 or under the Mental Health Act to be incapable of managing property;
- 3. Must not have been declared incapable under the laws of a Canadian province or territory, or by a court in a jurisdiction outside Canada;
- 4. Must not be an employee of the Corporation; and
- 5. Must not be an undischarged bankrupt or expect to become bankrupt during the duration of the term of office.



Nominations for Executive Officer positions require the signature of the candidate and the signature of one hundred (100) other electors.



The Chief Returning Officer, or designate thereof, with the assistance of the Executive Director, shall verify the validity of each nomination form. If a nomination is invalid, the nomination will be rejected, and the candidate will be notified. Candidates whose nominations are rejected after the end of the nomination period will have two business days to make corrections and amendments.



Candidates who have not clarified their membership status by either adding sufficient classes to their schedule or arranging their fees will not be allowed to stand in the election.

#### How much does it cost to run?

Officer campaigns have a strict spending budget of \$375.00 per candidate. Campaign teams may receive a higher spending limit depending on the campaign team size. Candidates will receive a reimbursement from the Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association for up to one hundred per cent of their spending budget. Spending budgets for campaigns can be found in the WUSA Elections and Referenda document [Section 7.1]. Candidates, campaign teams, and referendum committee accruing three (3) or more demerit points will receive a reduced reimbursement. Disqualified candidates are not eligible for this subsidy.

## Consent

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Statement of Understand	ling
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#### **Officer Nomination Form**

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