

Students' Union Approach for SSCF Representation by Elected Student Faculty President

Rationale:

As per Chapter 8 of Edge Hill University's Quality Management Handbook, our approach aims to ensure that SSCFs are effectively represented by students who can accurately reflect the diverse interests and experiences of the student body. By appointing an elected student Faculty President from the Students' Union, we can leverage the democratic process and the Union's existing infrastructure to guarantee representative leadership.

Implementation:

1. Election Process:

- The Students' Union will organise elections for the Faculty President position.
- Candidates will be required to demonstrate their understanding of the issues facing students in the relevant faculty and their commitment to representing their interests.

2. Faculty President's Role:

- The Faculty President will serve as the primary liaison between the SSCF and the Students' Union.
- They will be responsible for collecting and summarising the diverse interests and experiences of students within the faculty.
- This will be achieved through regular meetings with academic societies, liberation and equity student representatives, our advice service database, focus groups, social media engagement, and our customer relationship management database.

3. Communication and Advocacy:

- The Faculty President will communicate the concerns and priorities of students to the SSCF members and the wider university community.
- They will advocate for the interests of students within the SSCF and the university governance structures.
- The President will work closely with other student representatives and faculty staff to address issues and find solutions.

4. Training and Support:

- The Students' Union will provide training and support to the Faculty President to ensure they have the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively represent students.
- This will include training on leadership, communication, negotiation, and advocacy.

Benefits:

- **Representative Leadership:** The elected Faculty President will be accountable to the student body and will have a mandate to represent their interests.
- **Efficient Communication:** The President will act as a central point of contact, streamlining communication between students and the SSCF.
- **Diverse Representation:** By collecting and summarising the diverse interests and experiences of students, the Faculty President will ensure that all voices are heard.
- **Leveraging Existing Infrastructure:** The Students' Union's resources and expertise can be utilised to support the Faculty President's role.

Conclusion:

By implementing this approach, SSCFs can be represented by a dedicated and representative student leader who can effectively advocate for the interests of the student body. This will foster a more inclusive and democratic environment within the faculty and strengthen the relationship between students and the university administration.