

# BPCSU

Our Voice, Our College!



**BPCSU Election Pack 2022-23**

3rd May - 27th May

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## EXEC COMMITTEE

*Why should you go for it?*

1. Become the voice of the students at BPC
2. Learn valuable skills for your future
3. Grow in confidence
4. Work in a great team and make new friends
5. Take on new challenges and responsibilities
6. Attend meetings, help out at events
7. Have a big say on the development of the SU and The College
8. Get opportunities to run your own events
9. Get the opportunity to go to national NUS events/conferences
10. Attend training days to learn new skills
11. Gain some great experiences that you can't get anywhere else
12. Receive a certificate, rewards and a reference from the Students' Union and Student Engagement Co-ordinator
13. Improve your CV
14. And most importantly know that you have helped to improve the College for future students



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## *Positions Available*

### *Senior Exec Team*



#### **BPCSU President**



You will be the figure head for the union, deliver a manifesto and make the college better for students. Be a member and be responsible for working within the Exec Committee and the Our Voice, Our College Committee ensuring actions are implemented. Being the lead representative for the Union and liaise with The College on matters that affect students. Fully participate in all Union meetings and present reports. You can help make sure the student's time at the College is the best it can be.

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#### **Vice President Opportunities**



You will liaise with the college and focus on increasing opportunities for all students. Be a member of the Executive Committee and carry out the role of ensuring students get lots of equal opportunities.



#### **Vice President Advice**

You can ensure all students are represented across the college and work with the Exec Committee and the SU team to make sure that all advice given to students is accurate. You will work on an elected manifesto and make positive change for BPC students.

## Vice President Student Voice

You can ensure the voices of all students are represented across the college. You will work with the Exec Committee and the SU team to make sure that representation for FE, HE and Apprentices are to the highest standards. You'll campaign on an elected manifesto and make positive change for BPC students.



## Student Officer Team

### Clubs and Societies Officer



Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and the SU team to find new ways to increase our clubs and societies within the college.



### Green Impact Officer

Working within the Exec Committee and helping SU staff to develop our Green Impact strategy. Be the lead on new Green Impact initiatives and campaigns.



### Mental Health Officer

Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and helping SU staff team to make sure there is mental health awareness and help implement ways to improve mental health



## ESOL Student Officer

Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and SU team to bring positive changes for ESOL students.

## Apprenticeship Students Officer



Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and SU team to bring positive change for apprenticeship students.



## Foundation Officer

Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and SU team to bring positive change for foundation students.

## Inter Faith Officer



Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and SU team to be the voice for all students with regards to faith and make positive changes.



## LGBTQ+ Officer

Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and helping SU staff team to make sure LGBTQ+ students are represented and have their voices heard.





## Equality Officer



Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and College staff to make sure the students' voices are heard in relation to equality.



## Community and Engagement Officer

Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and helping SU staff team to engage with the community and the students.

## Activities Officer



Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and the SU team to create and find new activities for students.



## HE Student Voice Officer

Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and helping SU staff team reach our higher education students. Be the voice of the HE students and make a difference.

## Our Voice, Our College Officer



Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and helping SU staff team reach Our FE students. Be the voice of all FE students and make a difference.





## Media Officer

Responsible for working within the Exec Committee with main focus on creating and taking the lead in all things media.

## Volunteering Officer



Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and helping the SU team find new and exciting way to increase volunteering opportunities within the college.



## International Officer

Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and SU team to bring positive change for our International students.

## Advice Engagement Officer



Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and SU team to help create content for students relating to advice. Making sure all students are represented and have the information from BPCSU Advice strand.





## Mature Student Officer

Be a student of the age 21 years or older. Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and helping SU staff team reach our mature students. Be responsible for organising mature student groups and encouraging mature students to participate. Provide a prospective on the issues facing mature students. Be the voice of the mature students and make a difference.



## Fulcrum Site Officer

Are you studying at our Fulcrum site? Do you want to represent and make Fulcrum better for everyone? This is the role for you. Responsible for campaigning for change and working within the Exec committee.

## Lansdowne Site Officer



Are you studying at our Lansdowne site? Do you want to represent and make Lansdowne better for everyone? This is the role for you. Responsible for campaigning for change and working within the Exec committee.



## North Road Site Officer

Are you studying at our North Road site? Do you want to represent and make North Road better for everyone? This is the role for you. Responsible for campaigning for change and working within the Exec committee.

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## *Election Timeline*

**Nominations Open:**  
Tuesday 3rd May @  
11am



**Nominations Close:**  
Thursday 19th May @  
5pm

**Manifesto Deadline:**  
Thursday 19th May @  
5pm



**Voting Open:**  
Friday 20th May @10am

**Voting Closes**  
Friday 27th May @2pm



## ***Election Rules 2022-23***

**The returning officer shall be responsible for administering the elections and ensuring candidates are following the election regulations.**

- 1. The BPCSU elections are subject to the law and college policies. Candidates and their campaign teams must not break the law or any college policy.**
- 2. The election will be conducted in accordance with the BPCSU constitution and the Returning Officer's interpretation of these is final.**
- 3. All students have the right to vote independently and without pressure from candidates or any other individual acting on their behalf.**
- 4. Candidates cannot vote on behalf of others. If a student needs help they should ask a member of Union staff.**
- 5. Votes are cast online. Any electrical device which can be used to vote will be classed as a Polling Station. Any signed area with vote her will be classed as a Polling Station. Candidates must not interfere with any Polling Station.**
- 6. The BPCSU and Bournemouth and Poole College cannot endorse any candidate and serve solely to ensure the election is run freely and fairly.**
- 7. Candidates Manifestos must conform to the guidance within the Nomination and Election Pack.**
- 8. Election rules are decided by the Returning Officer. Candidates in breach of these rules are subject to penalties as decided by the Returning Officer. Such penalties can include, but not limited to; verbal warnings, written warnings and disqualification from the election.**
- 9. Candidates may withdraw from the election at any point by informing the Returning Officer by sending an email to [stewartb@bpc.ac.uk](mailto:stewartb@bpc.ac.uk).**
- 10. The Returning Officer reserves the right to postpone or stop the election at any time if they believe the election is not being conducted in a fair manner.**

## *Voting Procedures*

1. Voting will be done online at Polling Stations throughout the college and on your personal devices.
2. All members of the Union may vote by online vote.
3. Votes will be cast online. All students will have access to vote in either way that is deemed by the member as appropriate.
4. The votes will be counted by the “single transferable voting system”.
5. Re-open nomination shall be a candidate for all positions.
6. The elections counts will be conducted by Union staff after the voting period is finished.

**The Returning Officer is responsible for the final interpretation of the rules and procedures.**

**The Returning Officer will be Brian Stewart, Student Engagement Coordinator, Bournemouth and Poole College Students Union.**



# Example Poster

(NAME)

(A PICTURE OF YOU – NOTHING INAPPROPRIATE)



**VOTE FOR ME TO BE YOUR  
\*INSERT ROLE\***

(ADD ANYTHING YOU THINK WILL HELP WIN YOU THE VOTES -  
WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE OR IMPROVE?)

**You might also want to add where students can vote at college and  
online so check with the SU team for the correct details!**

# *Some Hints On Getting Votes*

**So you're looking to get elected? Here are a few hints on getting your numbers up, and a few things to avoid.**

## **TELL YOUR MATES**

Seems obvious but telling everyone you know that you are running for the elections the better! Voting takes a few seconds of their time to tick a box and put in one of our ballot boxes or to click a button online. Every enrolled student at the college is eligible to vote! Tell your class. Tell someone else's class. Tell them to pass it on!

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

If you can make a poster, why not make a 'vote for me' like page on Facebook or twitter, perfect to add the link for the online voting. Make sure you are representing yourself and the college well and again everything linked is appropriate.

## **DESIGN AND PUT UP POSTERS**

With our help printing we can plaster some 'vote for me' posters around the college. You can make it as simple or as creative as you want (as long as it is appropriate and non-offensive) full details in this pack.

## **DON'T(S)**

**The following has been tried, and then the candidates have been caught out and taken out of the running for elections so don't do the following...**

- **Reach into the ballot box and tamper with any of the ballot papers**
- **Take a stack of ballot papers, fill them in with your name and post them. All ballot boxes are monitored and all slips have to be filled in next to the box.**
- **Intimidate any of the other candidates or 'trash talk' them.**
- **Post anything online or in any other publication related to the election that could bring the proceedings into disrepute.**



## *How to Nominate your self*

Use the QR Code below to nominate yourself for one of the positions in this pack. If you have any questions or are unable to nominate yourself please contact BPCSU.

Email: [Studentsunion@bpc.ac.uk](mailto:Studentsunion@bpc.ac.uk)  
Tel: 01202 205 737

