



**STUDENT
COUNCIL**
BOARD OF 2023-2024

ELECTIONS

Infosession 2024



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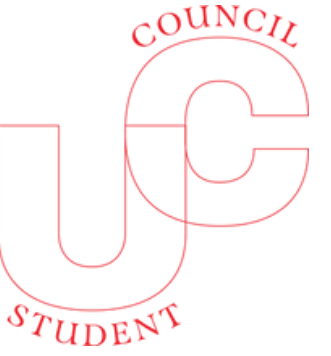
WHY SHOULD YOU RUN?

PRACTICALITIES

ELECTIONS & TRANSITION



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**WE AIM TO IMPROVE LIBERAL ARTS
AND SCIENCES EDUCATION AT UCU
FROM A STUDENT PERSPECTIVE.**

MISSION STATEMENT



WHAT IS THE UC STUDENT COUNCIL?

**THE CONNECTION BETWEEN COLLEGE HALL
AND THE STUDENT BODY**

What do we do ...



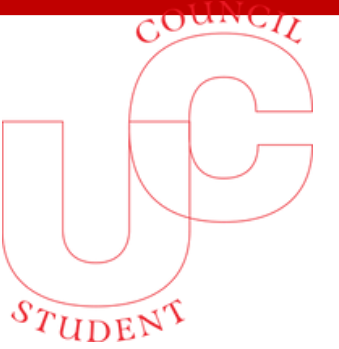
Represent students in all educational and other relevant matters (Finances, Relocation) as well as tackle specific issues and complaints

Office hours, emails, focus groups, meetings with cluster chairs, fellows, teachers, MT, BoS, UCUC and other staff

Investigate students' opinions

focus groups; UC Student Council questionnaires, track reps

What do we do ...



Have a formal say in UCU academic and governance policy

Management Team; UCU Council; Board of Studies; additional committees

Organize all sorts of events

Track Market, introweek events, UCU NEXT, MTSE, Lustrum

WHERE DO WE REPRESENT?



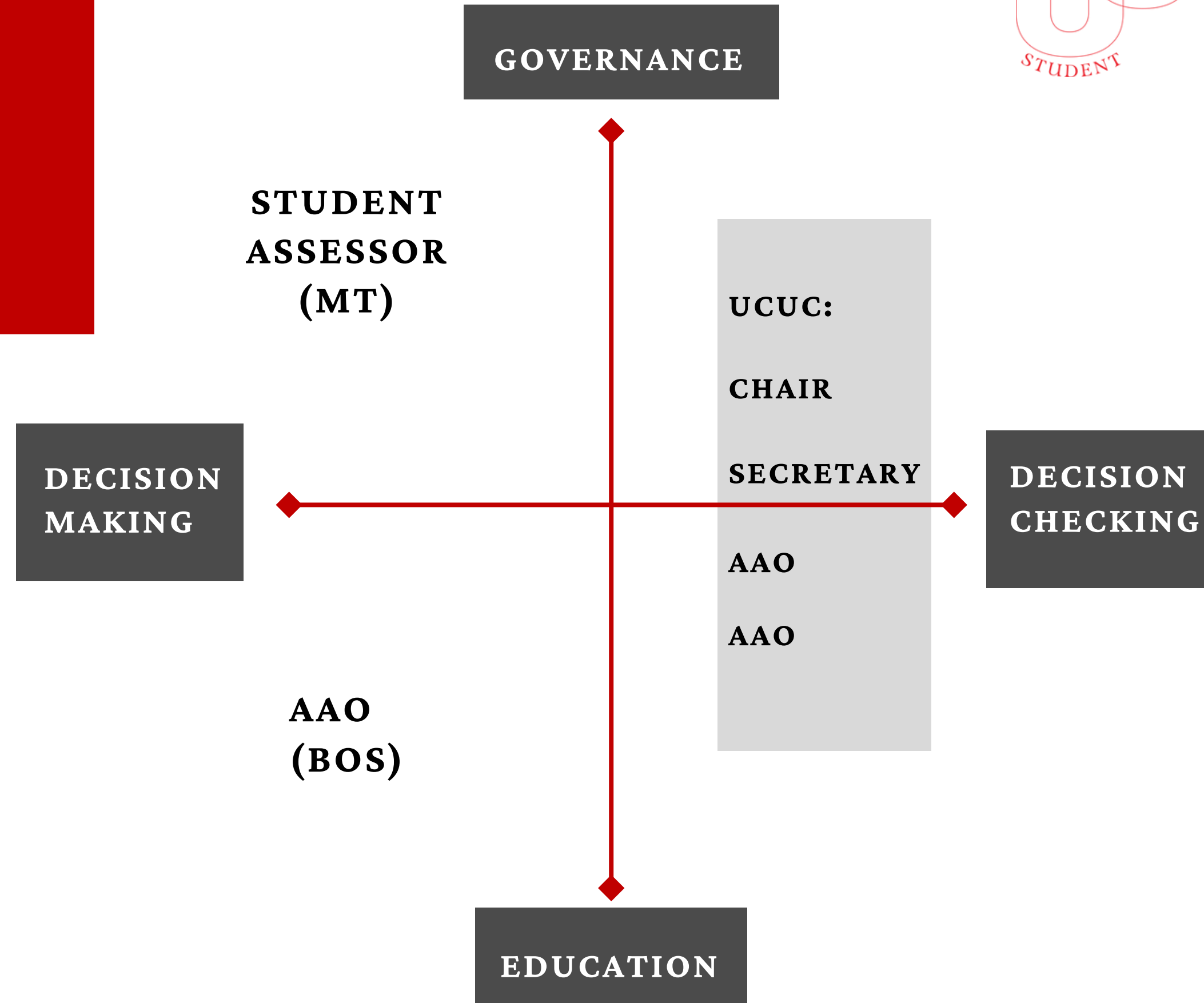
VARIOUS BODIES IN COLLEGE HALL

UCUC

BoS

MT

other committees / working groups



POSITIONS IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL



CHAIR



SECRETARY



STUDENT ASSESSOR



ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS



CHAIR: VIO

WHAT DOES MY POSITION ENTAIL?

- Setting the agenda, chairing meetings
- Being end responsible for the Student Council's activities
- Long-term planning; monitoring goals progress
- Keeping the board feeling fulfilled and motivated
- Contact person to external parties
- Being vice-chair of the UCUC

THIS YEAR I...

Am in the Green Team; reported on course evaluations (as part of the UCUC); evaluate co-governorship compensation; work on goals transparency and the bi-yearly reflection report; worked on the UCU NEXT: Life After the Bubble Symposium; work on the revision of the ARR; Elections organization.



CHAIR: VIO

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED THIS YEAR?

- Chairing meetings, leading discussions
- Time Management: Overseeing what is feasible in relation to our mandate and energy/time ratio
- The structures and dynamics of UCU and UU
- Code Switching: how to interact with different people in different contexts
- Navigating board dynamics in times of unexpected change; being the professional and emotional backbone of the board
- Advocating and negotiating in 'staff-dominated' spaces



SA: LAURENS

WHAT DOES MY POSITION ENTAIL?

- Student representative of UCU's Management Team
- Handling confidential information
- Main representative towards UCU & UU governance
- Vice-chair of the Student Council
- In close contact with assessors of other faculties

THIS YEAR I...

Organized the MT Town Hall & the Dean's Diversity Initiative, worked on Learning Accommodations Agreements at UCU, and worked with MT on issues of UCU's position within the UU, student wellbeing, and improving the Writing and Skills Centre.



SA: LAURENS

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED THIS YEAR?

- Working independently in a professional environment as a student
- Strategy and leadership skills
- Learning to represent various groups of students to MT & other governance bodies
- Handling sensitive information
- Networking and collaborating with a wide range of people
- UU politics and the inner workings of the university



SECRETARY: DOORTJE

WHAT DOES MY POSITION ENTAIL?

- Board Administration and Finance
- Student Representative in the UCU Council
- Working on PR and Communication, such as creating Monthly Updates and upkeeping the website
- Checking on board dynamics and workload
- Planning meetings and checking calendars.
- Taking Minutes

THIS YEAR I...

made a year plan and biyearly reflection reports, organised the student-staff events, and worked on the UU Teacher of the Year submission.



SECRETARY: DOORTJE

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED THIS YEAR?

- Dealing with an endless to-do list, having a good work/academics/life balance
- Advocating students' voices in the UCUC, negotiating and working professionally with staff and other parties
- The inner workings of UCU, its structure, co-governing and policies
- How to function properly as a student board



AAOs: MURIEL, KARSTEN & EUGENIE

WHAT DOES OUR POSITION ENTAIL?

- Being responsible for one or more clusters
- Communication with cluster chairs, fellows, teachers, students, and track representatives

Quality management through...

- UCU Council (course evaluations)
- focus groups, midterm evaluations
- Curriculum content through Board of Studies

Own ideas/initiatives

THIS YEAR WE WORKED ON...

DECOLONIZATION
FROM AN AAO
PERSPECTIVE:
TRACK REP
WORKSHOP

LANGUAGE &
CULTURE
FOCUS
PROJECT

TRACK & THESIS
MARKET

REVISION OF
METHODOLOGY
COURSE (HUMLAB)



AAOs: MURIEL, KARSTEN & EUGENIE

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED THIS YEAR?

- The behind the scenes of UCU;
Institutional expertise
- Communication in a professional environment.
- How to wear different "hats"
- Team work and time management
- Addressing conflicts and concerns in a critical and solution-focused manner
- How to balance and advocate for student needs in an efficient, proactive manner.





WORKLOAD

AROUND 20 HOURS PER WEEK

This time is spent on things like...

- 2 board meetings per week; 4 hours in total
- UCUC, BoS, MT meetings
- Meetings of other committees and working groups in the college
- Weekly office hours
- Meetings with cluster chairs, fellows, track representatives, students
- Meetings with the other student boards and groups on campus, other UU faculties and external parties
- Daily to-do's: sending out emails, preparing meetings, reading documents
- Organizing events, focus groups, projects
Conducting surveys, writing reports

MADE POSSIBLE BY: COURSE REDUCTION

Reduction of (up to) 2 courses per semester

Usually compensated by taking a 7th semester (but this may not always be necessary if you have a large previous credit surplus)

Financial compensation which also covers your 7th semester tuition (for EEA students)



FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS



COSTS

- Cost of studying & living at UCU for an extra semester
 - Can be less if you go on exchange or live off campus!

COMPENSATION

- Board year grant to compensate the work you do, this covers for the tuition fees of your 7th semester
 - For EEA students: full coverage of tuition fees + a little more
 - For non-EEA students: partly coverage of tuition fees



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IN RUNNING
FOR UCSC?**

Come learn all
about what we do
and discuss!

Wednesday March 13th
Lunch time 12h45-13h45
at the UCSC Office (DH)



UCSTUDENT COUNCIL'S
**OPEN BOARD
MEETING**



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Office (DH)



UCSTUDENT COUNCIL'S
**OPEN AAO
MEETING**

ELECTION CALENDAR



FEB 22

ELECTION INFOSESSION



FEB 27

**INTERBOARD ELECTION
BORREL**



MAR 6

ELECTION INFOSESSION



MAR 11

AAO OPEN MEETING



MAR 14

BOARD OPEN MEETING



**APRIL 2-
APRIL 11**

**ELECTION
WEEK!**

AFTER ELECTIONS: TRANSITION



- Starts after the elections (brunch on the Friday after results night), ends in the final week of summer term
- 1-3 transition meetings per week:
- whole board, one-on-ones, position-specific, portfolio-specific
- Also transition meetings with other parties, such as UCSA and CAR!
- Two fun/work weekends
- Occasionally joining SC, UCUC, BoS and MT meetings to observe

IMPACT

Representing the voice of over 750 students, having a say in matters of education and governance

LEARNING

Getting to know the institution and workings of the college, working professionally in the board, acquiring lots of new skills

COLLABORATION

Working closely together with other groups of students, faculty members, staff and the management

BENEFITS

Flexibility in creating your schedule, financial compensation of your 7th semester, having your own office on campus, trainings, BHV-certification, and more!

FUN

Getting to know your fellow board members well, organizing fun projects together, interacting with many students



WHY SHOULD I RUN?

USEFUL TO KNOW!



THIS PRESENTATION WILL BE POSTED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

EXAMPLES OF PREVIOUS ELECTION STATEMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR REFERENCE.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, AND PLEASE APPROACH US WITH YOUR QUESTIONS.

**MEET WITH ONE OF US!
VIA PHONE NUMBERS (LAST SLIDE)**

**ASK QUESTIONS VIA FACEBOOK OR EMAIL
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**STOP BY OFFICE HOURS
(MO 18h-19h & WE 13h- 13h45)**



MEET WITH US !



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