

STUDENT PRESIDENT



Role Description 2020

Expected weekly volunteer hours

Each week the requirements of your role may vary. As Student President you need to be able to commit to at least 15 hours of work each week.

Reports to

The MAWSA Executive as a whole and the Massey Wellington student body. You will also occasionally report to Presidents from other Massey campuses and even other non-Massey campuses.

Period of office

1st Dec 2019 – 30th Nov 2020

The role

As the Student President you will represent all Massey Wellington students on a local and national stage. As part of the role you will rub shoulders with other student leaders from around the country. As the Student President you will be responsible for the leadership of the MAWSA governance group as well as conducting important tasks like performance appraisals for staff that the executive employ. This group provides oversight over current and future activities within the association and sets MAWSA's future direction to ensure MAWSA is providing top quality services. You will be assisted by the MAWSA Executive, Association Manager and MAWSA staff.

What a typical week might look like

A typical week for you as the Student President will include running a weekly or fortnightly Executive meeting.

At the meeting each member of the Executive is expected to report in about projects they are working on or issues students they represent may be facing. The Executive will go over upcoming events, approve spending of MAWSA funds outside of the budget, approve new affiliations of clubs and undertake general problem solving when any issues may arise.

As the Student President, you hold a position on a number of Massey and MAWSA boards. You will either attend these meetings yourself or send a representative from the Executive. These boards include the Massive Magazine Media Board, The Massey Health and Safety Committee, The MAWSA Events and Clubs Grant Committees, Campus Co-Lab governance group, the Massey University Students' Association Federation Committee and others. At these meetings you will be there to represent and advocate for the best interests of Massey Wellington students.

As the Student President your week is not only filled with meetings! You will also help MAWSA run events, such as Orientation, the annual ball, barbecues and much more! You can also take up your own projects to improve the student experience on the Massey Wellington Campus.

Governing MAWSA

To apply for the role of Student President you must be enrolled as a student on the Massey Wellington campus. You must be part of the current MAWSA Executive when applications open UNLESS only one, or fewer, Executive members apply for the role.

The right person for the job should be eager to represent the student body as a collective, be a great public speaker, have good time management skills and be keen to manage and lead a team of student volunteers.

Together the Executive makes up MAWSA's governance group. Each Executive member brings a diverse perspective to provide oversight of MAWSA's operations and future direction. As a group, you represent students' best interests to Massey University and ensure that MAWSA is providing quality services.

Governance Responsibilities

- Contribute to a diverse representation on the MAWSA Executive
- Ensure that MAWSA's constitution and policy statements are kept up-to-date, upheld and maintained in the best interest of Massey's Wellington students
- Monitor MAWSA's finances

General Meetings

The Executive is responsible for setting the date, running and recording MAWSA's General Meetings. These meetings happen only a few times a year and as an Executive you will be expected to attend. Special General Meetings (SGM) are held to pass changes to legal documents, co-opt in new Executive members and go over other changes that require the student body to approve.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held to elect the incoming Student Executive, to go over the current year's financial report and go over other changes that require the student body to approve.

Transitioning into the role

During October and November you will be handed over the Student President role. This handover will include any ongoing projects the previous Student President might have been working on, the contacts and relationships they have made, and anything else you need to know from their time within the role.

The 2020 MAWSA Executive take office from December 1st. Over the summer break there will be motions that need passing, but these can be done remotely. You won't be fully active in the role until Semester One 2020.

At the start of the semester, MAWSA will provide you with multiple training days to equip you to be able to successfully govern MAWSA and ace your role as the Student President.

MAWSA will provide training opportunities throughout your term to help you develop your role even further.

Payment

Being a MAWSA Executive is a voluntary position, but it doesn't come without its perks! Free food is provided at Executive meetings, Executives are provided with training and experience that will be invaluable for future employment, regular team bonding activities are funded by MAWSA and there is an honoraria (small token as a gesture of thanks) available for your involvement in MAWSA's activities.