Student representative elections

Why become a student rep?

Student reps are an integral part of the committee structure which governs the Department. They fulfil an important role by ensuring that students are represented in the Department's decision-making.

Benefits of becoming a student rep include:

- the opportunity to have your say, help shape the course and influence decision-making
- CV points and the development of valuable transferable skills
- a raised profile within the Department
- the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the Department and to understand how it works 'behind the scenes'

Please note that student representatives to the Faculty Board of Engineering are now elected in a process run by the Cambridge SU.

2021 election timetable

Nomination forms (and more detailed notes) are available to download.

Closing date for nominations: Thursday 18 November 2021. Completed forms should be emailed to the Teaching Office by 5pm on the day of the deadline.

Election Date: Thursday 25 November 2021 using an online ballot system which shall close at 2pm.

Elected roles and responsibilities

SSJC reps

The role of the SSJC is to contribute to the continuous improvement of the quality of all aspects of the undergraduate Engineering course. Its remit and full details of its membership are available online. Elections are held for eight student representatives:

- two first year undergraduates
- two second year undergraduates
- two third year undergraduates
- two fourth year undergraduates

The SSJC meets for an hour over lunch five times a year. The first meeting is a handover meeting to which all outgoing and incoming members are invited.

Diversity Committee reps

Equality, diversity and inclusion are the responsibility of all members of the Department. The purpose of the Diversity Committee is to promote, to advise on and facilitate changes to the culture, environment and working practices in the Department of Engineering. The Committee shall be responsible for monitoring equality and diversity in the Department, for making proposals to the Faculty Board on Departmental and University policies concerning equality and diversity, and for ensuring the Department has inclusive work and study environments. The Committee shall also serve as the Athena SWAN self-assessment team.
Positions are held for:

one undergraduate

one postgraduate

The Diversity Committee meets once per term including during the Long Vacation and the members will be chosen from the SSJC membership.

**Support for reps**

CUSU provide [training and support for student reps](http://teaching.eng.cam.ac.uk/content/student-representative-elections) throughout the year. Reps are also always welcome to contact the SSJC or Faculty Board Secretary to discuss any item on the agenda, ask for further information or suggest additional matters which they would like to raise.

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