



## **External Member of the Governing Board**

Members of the Governing Board collectively form the Students' Union Governing Board which is responsible for overseeing the affairs of the Students' Union. This includes oversight of our responsibilities under legislation, such as holding free and fair elections, as well as having oversight of Students' Union financials and general governance.

This is a transformative and important time for ULaw Students' Union, as we make significant movement towards becoming an independent legal entity. You will bring experience and insight into these discussions and will support an organisation undergoing real transformation to best serve our students.

### **Key Responsibilities**

As a Member of the Governing Board, you will be responsible for:

- Ensuring the Students' Union complies with its governing document, as well as other relevant legislation or regulations.
- Contributing actively to the direction of the Students' Union, defining goals and evaluating performance against these targets.
- Ensuring the financial activities of the Students' Union align with its mission and manage its funds responsibly.
- Support the Students' Union Manager in their role, informally monitoring and aiding performance.

### **Legal Responsibilities**

It is important to note that due to the structure of ULaw Students' Union, you will not be a legal trustee, however the Students' Union is undertaking extensive and exciting work to transition becoming an independent legal entity. It is expected that serving Governing Board members will transition to the first trustees of this legal entity, and because of such it is important to embody the following legal responsibilities:

- Ensuring the Students' Union carries out its purposes for the public benefit as defined by its governing document.
- Complying with the governing document and the law.
- Acting in the best interest of the organisation.
- Managing the organisations resources responsibly.
- Act with reasonable care and skill.

## Person Specification

Attribute	Essential	Desirable
<b>Experience and Qualifications</b>		
Significant experience in a finance environment		X
Experience of success in a senior leadership role		X
Experience in organisational change or development		X
Professional qualification in accounting or finance (e.g. ACCA, CIMA)		X
Understanding or experience of the charity sector		X
<b>Knowledge and Skills</b>		
Experience of contributing to strategic activities or plans and the implementation of these activities	X	
Ability to build and sustaining relationships with a diverse range of stakeholders	X	
Experience of supporting and empowering developing leaders and career staff	X	
Ability to make independent judgements and take decisions for the good of the organisation	X	
Attention to detail, with the ability to digest information and inform those without subject expertise	X	
High level of communication skills and the ability to work constructively with a range of colleagues from differing backgrounds	X	
Tact and diplomacy and the ability to listen to the views of others to inform collective opinions	X	
An understanding of the Nolan principles and the ability to embody these within the role	X	
Commitment to devoting the necessary time and attention to the role of a Lay Board Member	X	
An understanding of the issues facing the higher education sector, and its students		X