A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF AN ELECTED OFFICIAL

BEING AN ELECTED OFFICIAL (EO) WITH THE SU COMES WITH DIFFERENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT MAKE EVERY WEEK EXCITING AND IMPORTANT. HERE’S A SAMPLE OF WHAT A WEEK MAY LOOK LIKE.

MONDAY
Meeting with stakeholders in faculty and administration. As an EO, you represent student interests to stakeholders in the university. From meeting with deans about teaching and learning issues, to talking about tuition with senior leadership, you are the voice of students in conversations with the university.

TUESDAY
Tuesday night at 6:30, it’s time for SLC – one of your most important responsibilities. SLC is the governing body of the SU, and it’s when all EOs get together and give their mandatory weekly and monthly reports to each other about what they have been working on. Here, resolutions and decisions about the SU’s position on certain issues are decided, as well as any changes to the SU’s own policies and bylaws.

THURSDAY
Sitting on an SLC Committee. In addition to SLC, the SU has several committees that discuss different facets of the SU’s operations and services, such as Clubs Committee, Operations and Finance Committee, and the Refugee Student Board. Executives often chair committees under their portfolios, while faculty representatives are nominated to be members of the various committees. Committees are a great way to further represent student interests and make an impact during your time in office.

FRIDAY
Check In with SU Staff: Elected Officials would not be able to do work they do without the support and guidance of the staff members who work for the SU. SLC focuses on high level, strategic direction for the SU and the staff focus on the background work such as policy analysis, running the SU’s programs and services and supporting you with your goals.

WEDNESDAY
Go to class and catch up on assignments. All EOs are still students! Executives generally take only one class, as they are expected to work full time. Faculty Representatives can and often do take full course loads on top of their role in the SU. However you may need to reduce other commitments to fully dedicate yourself as an EO and get the most out of the role personally and professionally.

INTERESTED? RUN WITH US!
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Nomination Days are February 11 - 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.
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