

Student Experience Forum

2024-25

Committee purpose

The role of the Student Experience Forum (SEF) is to bring together Student Representatives and members of the Students' Union with senior members of the University. Its purpose is to discuss, consult, monitor and share good practice on matters relating to the learning experience and welfare of students.

The Student Experience Forum is a student-lead committee with a student majority membership and Students' Union Chair. It aims to improve the quality of the learning experience and wider student experience of students at Sussex by including student views in policy and practice decisions at a University level. The SEF offers students a direct channel of communication with senior members of University staff and offers the University direct contact with student representatives for consultation, feedback, information sharing and development of policy and practice. All academic committees operate in accordance with the University's governing documents – Charter, Statutes and Regulations – and the Public Interest Governance Principles.

Membership

Pro Vice Chancellor for Education and Students and Education and Employability Officer to co-chair

Student members:

- Three student representatives per Faculty
- One Foundation Year representative

Students' Union members:

- 6 Students' Union Sabbatical Officers
- 4 Students' Union Part-Time Officers

University members:

- Pro Vice Chancellor for Education and Students
- Director for the Student Experience
- Librarian

Council representatives:

- One independent Council member
- One academic member of Council

In attendance:

- Student Services Retention and Progression Manager

Terms of Reference

To receive feedback from student representatives on the student experience in order to inform policy developments and help determine priorities and to act as a sounding-board for proposed University developments.

- a) To discuss and share views and information on issues of policy and practice relating to the student experience.
- b) To enable student representatives the opportunity to raise issues with the University relating to their academic and learning experience, their welfare and wellbeing, and any other issue related to the wider student experience including, but not limited to: pastoral care and advice, social orientation and cohesion, study skills development, employability and personal development, extracurricular activities, student financial advice, links to campus (NHS) health service.
- c) For members of the group to advise and inform relevant University committees on matters within its remit and to ensure that responses are received and fed back to SEF. In particular to take forward issues raised at SEF to University Education Committee and to seek further action where appropriate.
- d) To consult with and receive reports from Faculty Education Committee and School Student Experience Groups.
- e) Within this general remit, to attend to groups within the student body with special interests and needs including, but not limited to: international students, students with disabilities, student parents, mature students, LGBTQ students and black and minority ethnic students.