

## **Wisconsin Union Association Trustee Position Description**

I. **Mission:** The Wisconsin Union Association, through its Board of Trustees, provides funding and leadership support to Wisconsin Union students and staff to advance inclusive, equitable, and innovative initiatives that strengthen the Union's unique position as the living room of UW-Madison

II. **Vision:** The Wisconsin Union Association is an engaged and inclusive membership organization providing resources to and nurturing connections among the entire Wisconsin Union Community.

III. **Expectations and Responsibilities:** Trustees of the Wisconsin Union Association (WUA) participate actively to promote the interests, welfare, and development of the Wisconsin Union and its mission. Each Trustee is expected to determine their individual contribution in furtherance of the Mission and Vision, consistent with these expectations:

1. Commitment to the principles of being an [Engaged Trustee](#) by being actively engaged in the ongoing work of WUA.
2. Active engagement at Trustee and Committee meetings by
  - 2.1. Speaking up;
  - 2.2. Listening to the viewpoints of other Trustees;
  - 2.3. Engaging respectfully and in accordance with meeting protocols; and
  - 2.4. Preparing in advance of meetings
  - 2.5. Voting in Trustee elections
3. Serving on, attending and participating meaningfully in the work of at least one standing WUA Committee.
4. Attending and meaningfully participating in WUA Trustee Meetings. 5. Commitment to being an **Informed Trustee**, including by
  - 5.1. Becoming educated in the history and tradition of the Wisconsin Union Idea and the Wisconsin Union; providing and maintaining the WUA "institutional memory" and participating actively in WUA governance;
  - 5.2. Understanding and supporting the current priorities and activities in which WUA engages; and
  - 5.3. Being prepared by reviewing meeting materials, financial statements and committee reports in advance of WUA Trustee and committee meetings.
6. Participating in student engagement opportunities

7. Commitment to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion goals of WUA and the Wisconsin Union
8. Setting annual goals related to your participation as a Trustee and evaluating attainment of these goals
9. Providing your Profile to the WUA Resource Directory and updating as needed
10. Serving as an ambassador for the Wisconsin Union, steward for its mission, and mentor for students, including by
  - 10.1. Supporting the Wisconsin Union within the University and with outside groups;
  - 10.2. Supporting the Union staff and student leadership to advance organizational goals and priorities of the Wisconsin Union;
  - 10.3. Sharing knowledge, history, and tradition of the Wisconsin Union Idea and the Wisconsin Union; provide and maintain “institutional memory” and participate actively in WUA governance;
  - 10.4. Actively engaging in student mentorship opportunities, sharing expertise in support of WUD programs, and championing and promoting WUD initiatives;
  - 10.5. Identifying and nominating new potential Trustees; and
  - 10.6. Support other WUA or Union fundraising and/or outreach events or activities.

**IV. Financial Commitment:** WUA Trustees are expected to make a personally significant financial contribution annually to the Wisconsin Union Association. *Consult the WUA chair if you need clarification.*