

The Role of the Student Governor

The role of the Corporation Board is to set the overall direction of the College by taking responsibility for all aspects of the College including managing resources and finances, the appointment of the Principal and the Clerk, and overseeing how the College operates.

Running the College on a day to day basis is the responsibility of the Principal, Mark Jones, and his senior management team.

The role of the Student Governor is to provide a learner perspective to the Corporation Board.

Your skills and attributes

- You should have an interest in the College and a passion to make the College the best College in Wales.
- You will be willing to be part of the Board ‘team’.
- You must be willing to learn some of the complexities of running the College and governance.
- You will be confident in speaking up and putting forward ideas and views in an appropriate manner, and are able to put forward the learner perspective.
- You can listen and consider the views of others.
- You can put aside your personal agenda and put forward the ‘view of the learner’ in the College, and act in the best interests of the College at all times
- You can commit a couple of hours a month to preparing for and attending meetings.
- You are expected to abide by all the governance policies and rules.

The views of the student member are important and the Board is interested to hear them, with Student members given specific opportunity to raise student matters in the Learner Support Committee.

How do you become a student governor?

Some people are ineligible to become governors and you are advised to check the [eligibility criteria](#) before applying.

Apply using this [form](#)

The timetable and process is as follows:

- The Student Governor role is open to all students full or part time across all areas of study and all campuses;
- Applications close at midnight on 1 October 2021;
- There will be one student appointed;
- If there is more than one candidate there will be an election;
- Anyone completing an application form will be invited to a meeting with Sharon Barron, Clerk to the Board, on 4 October 2021 at 6.00pm to discuss the role and confirm that they want to proceed;
- The election will run between 11 and 15 October 2021 with votes cast electronically;
- Campaigning can take place between 5 October and close of poll on 15 October 2021 (you might want to prepare any material prior to 5 October 2021);
- The candidate with the highest number of votes will be put forward to the Board for appointment;
- If the vote is tied the outcome will be decided by the toss of a coin;
- If no applications are made by the initial deadline there will be an extension for applications of one week and a week's extension to the election period;
- The applicants will be informed of the outcome on the Monday following the close of polling;
- The successful candidate will be invited to attend the first meeting of the Board following their election.

The Search and Governance Committee makes a recommendation on appointment to the Board. The appointment is made for a period of one academic year.

The Clerk to the Board is Sharon Barron who can be contacted on sharon.barron@gowercollegeswansea.ac.uk.