

SAITSA PRESIDENT

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What are the responsibilities of the President?

- The President acts as the primary spokesperson for SAITSA*:
 - They are expected to speak on behalf of SAITSA and its members to the media (television, radio, etc.)
 - The President engages with SAIT administration and represents SAITSA on the SAIT Board of Governors
 - The President is also SAITSA's main liaison with industry leaders
- The President works with SAITSA's Executive Director to manage the financial operations of the organization
- As a member of the Executive Council (EC), the President is encouraged to develop goals and special projects to improve SAITSA as an organization
- The EC attend bi-weekly BOD meetings on Mondays at 6pm and are expected to attend a variety of SAITSA events throughout the year, which may occur on weekends or in the evenings

What are some skills that make a good President?

- Networking
 - While you are provided training to help you prepare for your interviews and presentations, the President usually is someone who enjoys being social and meeting new people
- Leadership
 - As President certain responsibilities and expectations are placed on you; you represent a multi-million dollar organization, it is imperative that you enjoy working in teams and can run them effectively
- Communication
 - Being able to communicate effectively is essential to this position; the President must be able to communicate visions, objectives and goals with external stakeholders, SAIT, the EC, students, etc.

How is the President compensated for their hard work?

- All EC positions are full-time and are compensated in the following ways:
 - President's salary: +\$39,000/year (May 2016-May 2017)
 - 15 days paid vacation (+2 weeks at Christmas)
 - Health and dental benefits and RRSP contributions

How do I become the President of SAITSA?

- In order to become the President you must participate in the SAITSA EC Elections, which take place in the winter semester; you must be a SAIT student in good standing and an active member of SAITSA
- You must abide by all SAITSA nomination, campaign and election processes and be successfully elected by your fellow SAIT students



For more information on the EC and SAITSA's elections please contact:
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VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL

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What are the responsibilities of the VP External?

- The VP External advocates on important issues that impact students: tuition, financial aid, transferability, etc.
- They develop relationships with the municipal and provincial governments and participate on several lobby groups; participating in committees and events with elected officials is expected of the VP external
- Through consultations with SAIT students, the VP External develops advocacy goals for SAITSA
- As a member of the Executive Council (EC), the VP External is encouraged to develop goals and special projects to improve SAITSA as an organization
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What are some skills that make a good VP External?

- An interest in politics, current events and advocacy is essential of the VP External
- The VP External works with a variety of groups and sits on a number of committees; the VP External is someone who likes to speak publicly, meet new people and advocate on issues that affect students
- An understanding on how to develop formal requests, policies and advocacy campaigns is an asset

How is the VP External compensated for their hard work?

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VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC

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What are the responsibilities of the VP Academic?

- Charged with all areas of student concerns, student advocacy and the general well-being of all SAITSA members, the VP Academic acts as an advisor to students
- Participate and act as a voting-member on SAIT's Academic Council; liaise with SAIT faculty and administration and provide insight into students' perspectives on academic issues
- As a member of the Executive Council (EC), the VP Academic is encouraged to develop goals and special projects to improve SAITSA as an organization
- The EC attend bi-weekly Board of Directors meetings on Mondays at 6pm are expected to attend a variety of SAITSA events throughout the year, which may occur on weekends or in the evening

What are some skills that make a good VP Academic?

- Being open, objective and able to exercise good judgement and discretion is essential for the VP Academic
- The VP Academic sometimes handles confidential and sensitive information; an ability to actively listen and be empathetic towards students' situations is imperative
- Conflict resolution and an understanding of what leads to conflicts are important skills for the VP Academic
- Strong interpersonal skills, including the ability to deal with emotionally charged situations are an asset

How is the VP Academic compensated for their hard work?

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VICE PRESIDENT STUDENT LIFE

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What are the responsibilities of the VP Student Life?

- The VP Student Life is heavily engaged with SAITSA events, clubs and campus activities
- They help to plan, organize and execute events around campus that encourage student participation and improve the SAIT student experience; they also strive to represent SAITSA in off campus events that support students
- As a member of the Executive Council (EC), the VP Student Life is encouraged to develop goals and special projects to improve SAITSA as an organization
- The EC attend bi-weekly Board of Directors meetings on Mondays at 6pm and are expected to attend a variety of SAITSA events which may occur on weekends or in the evenings

What are some skills that make a good VP Student Life?

- An open, welcoming, friendly and supportive demeanor is essential for the VP Student Life
- Advocating for students is key to this role; the VP Student Life must be able to communicate with SAIT students from all backgrounds and areas of interest in order to advocate on their behalf
- Being interested and excited about improving and developing support services for SAIT students is key to being an effective VP Student Life
- Experience planning, organizing and running events is an asset, as is team-leadership/management

How is the VP Student Life compensated for their hard work?

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