



**Title:** Natural Sciences Academic Senator (NSAS)

**Department:** Students' Representative Council ("BUSRC", or the "SRC")

May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024

**Expected Hours:** 5-10 hours per week

**Honorarium:** \$600

**Description:**

As an elected member of the SRC Board of Student Representatives, the Natural Sciences Academic Senator is responsible for representing students' interests. The NSAS has for its main role of liaising with the Natural Sciences students to address and communicate any issues regarding the student experience, while advocating on behalf of students at the SRC Board of Student Representatives (BSR).

**Requirements:**

- Must be a full-time Natural Sciences student at Bishop's University, enrolled for the 2023-2024 academic year

**Nature of Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Liaise with Natural Sciences students to address and communicate issues;
- Seek input from students from each program within the Natural Sciences and Mathematics division;
- Responsible for organizing, alongside the Natural Sciences Peer Mentor, Wine and Cheese networking events, along with other workshops or events as deemed necessary by the Senator or Vice-President Academic Affairs (VPAA);
- Receive concerns, feedback, criticism, pertaining to the SRC or University, in relation to any element of the student experience;
- Follow-up on student concerns, by conducting research with other students, other student organizations, university staff and administration, etc.;
- Advocate on behalf of students at the Board of Student Representatives meetings;
- Attend bi-weekly Academic Advisory Meetings, along with the other student Senators and VPAA;
- Sit as a voting member on the University Senate and represent students on at least one Senate Sub-Committee as deemed necessary by the VPAA;
- Collaborate and support relevant SRC academic societies;
- Support the VPAA for any Academic initiatives as deemed necessary by the VPAA;



- Be available and accessible to meet with students for a minimum of two hours per week at the Student Success Centre, in addition to meetings of the SRC Board of Student Representatives;
- Relay findings, recommendations and issues to the Board of Student Representatives, SRC Executives and the student body;
- Volunteer as necessary for SRC events and operations such as Safewalk, Study Hall, Blood Drive, etc.;
- Submit a report to the BSR on all projects, affairs and operations of their position during their term of office. This report will be due upon the date of the final BSR meeting of each semester and it must follow the final report procedure as set out by the BSR.

**Recommended Skills:**

- Good interpersonal skills
- English language – oral and written
- French communication skills are an asset
- Ability to work in groups and individually
- Self-motivated and organized

This is an elected position, chosen during the SRC General Elections, voted on by undergraduate Natural Sciences students. The nomination period runs from Monday March 6 until Thursday March 9 at 3 p.m. Applications received after that time will not be accepted.

To apply, complete the Nomination Form for the General Elections. All forms must be completed and submitted in the beige SRC drop box found in the SRC Office near the entrance, by 3 p.m. on Thursday March 9. The box is clearly marked for nomination forms.

There will be a mandatory Candidates Meeting for all those running on Friday March 10 at 12 noon in McGreer 100.

The voting period for these positions will run from Tuesday March 21 to Wednesday March 22.

For further information about the election and candidacy, please contact Karen Dymond, Secretary General, at [srcsg@ubishops.ca](mailto:srcsg@ubishops.ca) or Mackenzie Poulin, Deputy Returning Officer, at [srcelections.ca](http://srcelections.ca). For information about the position and its duties, please contact Victoria Perak, Vice President of Academic Affairs, at [srcacad@ubishops.ca](mailto:srcacad@ubishops.ca).