



Wisconsin Union
D I R E C T O R A T E

Art

Committee Director

Overview

- This position is a volunteer leadership position with the Wisconsin Union Directorate student programming board.
- Each committee of the Wisconsin Union Directorate is committed to amplifying the voices of underrepresented communities through thoughtful and deliberate programming that targets societal issues. WUD leaders have an obligation to use the privilege of our organization and the power of our positions to continually educate ourselves and provide the same opportunities to our communities.
- Successful applicants for WUD Leadership positions will demonstrate a commitment to social justice during the interview process. Upon selection, WUD Leaders will commit to committee process and programming efforts that continually address the inequalities our campus, country, and global communities face due to racial, environmental, societal, and other types of discrimination.
- Given the significant time commitment of WUD Committee Director positions (20 – 25 hours, weekly), a stipend is provided to increase the likelihood these volunteer leadership positions are accessible to all students. An academic stipend provides 60% of yearly in-state tuition based on the prior year and will be distributed at the beginning of each semester. Additionally, \$50/month is provided on the student's Wiscard for 8 months in gratitude for each student's service. Students also receive a Lifetime Union Membership upon completion of their terms.
- WUD Committee Director Positions run May – May yearly and include one mandatory, three-day training in August.

Committee Purpose

The Art Committee is dedicated to the advancement of visual art in the campus community. Bringing inventive and challenging exhibitions to campus in the Wisconsin Union Galleries, (Class of 1925 Gallery and the Main Gallery in Memorial Union, and Gallery 1308 in Union South), the student-run committee develops every aspect of the exhibition from selection to publicity to installation, and in the process promoting leadership among its members. The committee encourages students and the community to participate with active and diverse dialogue by providing supplemental educational programming. Annually, the committee presents and curates approximately 15 - 20 exhibitions, including summer, fall, and spring shows in all galleries. This includes the annual Student Art Show, individual and group shows, nationally touring exhibitions, and on-line shows which will become increasingly incorporated as an exhibition/gallery space. The committee director works in partnership with the program advisor.

General Responsibilities of a WUD Director

- Chair weekly meetings of the committee and leadership team. Attend weekly meetings with the committee advisor. Hold additional meetings as needed.
- Hold general office hours (typically 10 hours per week).
- Participate in weekly Directorate meetings, using officers and fellow directors as resources. Perform action items as required. Participate in cooperative WUD projects and activities.
- Serve on a Union Council Advisory Board (generally one meeting per month).
- Appoint Associate Directors (ADs) for your term of office. Train them in the responsibilities of their role.
- Work with your team to establish individual and committee goals and procedures for programming.
- Responsible for the oversight, direction and all administrative aspects of the committee program, including individual program budgets and the overall committee budget.

- Assess and evaluate individual programs and processes of the committee.
- Be responsive to and maintain communication with your advisor, Associate Directors, committee members, and other Union representatives (such as Union Officers, Marketing, Campus Event Services, etc.)
- Actively communicate with Union Officers about the needs and goals of the committee.
- Follow the policies and procedures of the Wisconsin Union, Directorate, and the committee.
- Promote Directorate committees and the organization at the student fairs and other recruitment opportunities.
- Build a sense of community within the committee by fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment for all committee members.
- Actively recruit committee members and develop a sustained and growing committee membership.
- Directly involve committee members in all aspects of planning and enacting programs.
- Familiarize committee members with available resources and encourage them to utilize these materials to strengthen programming and curate an intentional, inclusive and responsible program.
- Organize a benchmarking trip or workshops to build committee knowledge and skill.
- Encourage committee members to apply for leadership positions.
- Solicit ideas, input, and opinions from both the committee and external sources (collaborators, campus departments, etc) to inform committee programming.
- Increase campus presence by pursuing opportunities to coordinate, publicize and host collaborative programs within WUD and throughout the campus community with RSOs and campus departments.
- Ensure all digital materials are stored on the committee Google Drive or the Union's shared drive.
- Review and update the onboarding materials for the incoming director.
- Participate in the annual WUD Fall Retreat (3 days in late-August), facilitate AD training, and participate in additional leadership training as mandated by the officer team.

Committee-Specific Responsibilities of the Director

- Direct the committee in selecting and contracting of the current and following academic year exhibitions, including summer.
- Familiarize yourself with the facilities, tools, installation procedures, and risk management practices in the Wisconsin Union Galleries through specialized training.
- Ensure Art Committee is adequately promoting all programs, establishing relationships with Union marketing, communications.
- Complete all program plans for the upcoming summer leaving only the implementation and evaluation to the summer coordinator.
- Additional relationships fostered:
 - Art Department
 - Art History Department
 - Campus and community arts organizations, particularly those traditionally underrepresented by the committee
 - Communication Arts Department
 - Design Studies Department
 - Local Galleries and Museums
 - Local & regional arts media
 - Local art communities, especially artists of color (the Bubbler, Art + Lit Lab, Madison Community Discourse, etc.)
 - Wheelhouse Staff

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