Social Science and Law - Faculty officer roles

The Dean

The Dean is the highest academic authority in the Faculty and oversees the Faculty budget, and research and education planning. The Dean is responsible for ensuring that the Faculty is: dedicated to academic achievement across a broad range of disciplines, and to continuous innovation and improvement; research-intensive, supporting both individual scholarship and interdisciplinary or thematic research of the highest quality; a centre for intellectually demanding, research-informed education that nurtures independence of mind and helps students achieve their personal goals and serve society's needs, both during and after their time here; an inclusive and collaborative community of scholarship that attracts and retains people with outstanding talent and potential from all walks of life and all parts of the world; a stimulating and supportive environment for all students and staff, distinguished by a commitment to high standards, respect for the individual and a strong sense of collegiality; committed to operating in a sustainable manner; engaged with society's interests, concerns, priorities and aspirations; a major contributor culturally, environmentally and economically to Bristol and the South West; well led and responsibly run, with an emphasis on consultative decision-making and open communication as well as personal responsibility and accountability.

The Dean chairs and represents the Faculty on all high-level University committees, such as University Planning and Resources Committee, Senate and Council.

Education Director and PGR Director / Graduate Dean

The Education Director and PGR Director work with the Dean and with other Faculty Officers to deliver the University's Postgraduate Education Strategy.

The Graduate Dean is responsible for all postgraduate matters in the Faculty, such as overseeing final examination results, approving suspensions and extensions and advising the Dean on graduate strategy. The Graduate Dean is available for students to see if they are experiencing problems that they cannot talk about to anybody in their department.

Education Director / Undergraduate Dean

The Education Directors work with the Dean and with other Faculty Officers to deliver the University's Education Strategy.

The Undergraduate Dean is responsible for overseeing all undergraduate matters in the Faculty, such as monitoring student progress and advising the Dean on undergraduate strategy. The Undergraduate Dean chairs the Faculty Learning and Teaching Committee (Undergraduate) and the Faculty Progress Committee and represents the Faculty at relevant University Committees. The Undergraduate Dean is available for students to see if they are experiencing problems that they cannot talk about to anybody in their department by contacting fssl-ug@bristol.ac.uk.

Faculty Research Director
The Research Director advises the Dean on research strategy in the Faculty, aiming to create a positive research environment and infrastructure which will attract and retain the highest quality researchers and postgraduate students worldwide. The Research Director is responsible for overseeing the development of our portfolio of flagship and high-impact research, working across and between disciplines to answer important societal questions and contribute to the social, political, environmental and economic well being of the region, the UK and the wider world.

The Research Director also fosters strategic relationships and alliances with key national and international partners in business and industry, the public and third sectors, user communities, sponsors of research and policy-makers.

**Faculty International Director**

The International Director works with the Dean and the Research and Education Faculty Directors to facilitate the University’s International Strategy.

The primary role of the International Director is to provide the Faculty's perspective on international issues, synthesised from existing best practice and activities ongoing between the Faculty’s Research and Education portfolios. The International Director is primarily responsible for contributing to the development of the Faculty and University’s International Strategy, presenting the Faculty’s perspective on internationalisation, sharing best practice across Schools in the Faculty, and liaising with the University International Committee and Faculty Board.

**Faculty Manager**

As a member of the Faculty senior management team, the Faculty Manager is responsible for ensuring effective operations support for the delivery of the Faculty academic vision and strategy, with particular responsibility for project initiation and delivery. The Faculty Manager oversees Faculty-level administrative and operational processes.

**Faculty Education Manager**

The Faculty Education Manager is responsible for managing the faculty office and its student administration processes.