



## Board of Trustees

The Student Guild is governed by its Board Of Trustees. The Board delegates the general running and management of the Student Guild to a full-time member of Student Guild staff – the Guild Manager, Shola Fiberesima. Shola also makes sure the Student Guild's policy and procedure is followed and that agreed operational and strategic actions are carried out. The 2018-19 members have been listed below.

The Board of Trustees is made up of students (who remain full-time students) who volunteer some of their spare time to play an important and vital role within the Board. These student members of the Board are elected each year by the student body (the Members of the Student Guild) and include the Student President, Activities Officer and Student Trustees. The President chairs Board meetings. The Student Trustees are in place to provide a voice from a student's perspective whereas the Activities Officer looks after, as the name suggests, activities! For example, she/he reports on the work of societies and is involved in helping to manage Guild events. In addition, there are Appointed Trustees (appointed by Bloomsbury Institute) that are also Board members and enable the institute to be represented. The Board meets around three or four times per academic year.

Whilst the Board of Trustees governs the Student Guild and is responsible for its By-laws (high-level and permanent policy that must be in place for the Student Guild to manage its affairs), the Board relies on Student Council to help it to develop and grow in a sound way. For example, The Guild Manager will consult with Student Council on ideas and developments in the Student Guild's annual Strategic Plan. Student Council is also in place to consult with and question the Officer Trustees (Student President and Activities Officer) on their work. Feedback from Student Council will help the Board of Trustees in making their decisions.

## Our Board of Trustees for 2018/19



**Delon Jones**

He is on the 2-year Law accelerated degree and scheduled to graduate in 2019 with the aim of starting his BPTC and LLM in September 2019. Prior to taking up this role he was the Student President for the academic year 2017/18 and enjoyed sharing his skills with others in addition to acquiring more for his personal development. As a Student Trustee he is able to engage in Human rights and equality activities which is one of his passions.



**Georgiana Ursachescu**

She is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year Law student who believes that everybody has a voice. The role of the Student Trustee has enabled her to enhance the student voice and provide a student perspective on the Board of Trustees. She has had the opportunity to contribute collectively to the overall governance and strategic direction of Bloomsbury Institute and brings that knowledge and experience to the table during meetings. Her goal is to become a barrister and believes with perseverance and determination it is possible.



**Abir Nassar**

She is in her final year of a 3-year Law degree at Bloomsbury Institute. Abir enjoys interacting with people and organising events, her confidence and enthusiasm contribute to the reason why she has taken on this role as an Activity Officer. She believes that will give her the opportunity to use her skills to benefit her immediate and wider community.



**Funke Alagbala**

She is the first female Student President of the Bloomsbury Institute Student Guild and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Accountancy student. Prior to this post Funke was the Accounting Society Leader and enjoys creating change and making a difference.

She has done an exemplary job over the past year. Funke kicked-off the celebration of Diwali and Black History Month and worked closely with our artist in residence, Fiddian Warman, to successfully start the Artist in Residence working group.

## Appointed Trustees



Antony Charles  
**Student Staff Liaison Manager**

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I have worked in higher education administrative management for some 20 years. I have held Academic Registrar roles in both the public and private sectors and have gained knowledge and skills within Admissions, Academic Administration and Student Support.

My current role requires me to be the central communicative link between the Student Guild (the student body) and the Bloomsbury Institute; I provide advice and support to the Student Guild on institutional policy and procedure as well as supporting the development of democratic policy and systems within the Guild. I additionally work very closely with the Student Guild on the operation of the Student Representative system.

### Interests

Professionally, I have an interest in corporate governance arrangements within higher education settings and the setting and application of regulatory frameworks and policy. My current role involves working with students who have been elected as Guild Officers or Student Representatives and I enjoy the opportunity to help them develop their skills and knowledge in these respective areas.

In my spare time, I like to go fishing and take part in other outdoor pursuits.



Shabnam Karim  
**Financial Controller**

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After completing my degree and postgraduate qualification specialising in Accounting, I joined Deloitte in 2003 and qualified as a Chartered Accountant. Since then, I have gained a wealth of experience in other roles, covering internal/ external audit, financial management functions and professional conduct roles working in a range of firms across the City of London.

### **Interests**

I have been actively involved in various voluntary activities within my local community, most recently in a role for an Early literacy programme for nursery children. I remain committed to this cause and currently serve as Chair of Finance committee at my local childcare provider.

