Running in TU Dublin SU Elections 2020
Welcome!
Putting yourself forward for an election can be daunting, but a really rewarding and memorable experience. This booklet aims to provide a step by step guide, to answer some frequently asked questions, and to provide some extra resources to get you started!
About TU Dublin Students’ Union

The TU Dublin Students’ Union is the largest SU in the country; with 28,500 students, we are the representative body for all students in TU Dublin.

When you are a registered student, you automatically become a member of the Students’ Union. We are affiliated to USI (Union of Students in Ireland), which is the national representative body for students.

If you’re a TU Dublin student - we represent you!

The Mission of the Union is to be the independent representative organisation for students of TU Dublin and to act in the best interests of its members, to advance and defend their rights, primarily in relation to their education and welfare as TU Dublin students, and as citizens.
TU Dublin SU Elections: Key dates for your diary.

Nomination Open: Thursday, 27th February 2020
Nominations Close: Tuesday, 10th March 2020 @ 12pm
Candidates Meeting: Tuesday, 10th March 2020 @ 5pm
Election Hustings: Tuesday 24th March (Full time positions only and local hustings tbc)
Election Polling: Tuesday, 31st March & Wednesday, 1st April 2020
Election Count: Thursday, 2nd April 2020
The SU Team & Pay

The SU team is made up of full-time sabbatical officers and part-time officers from each campus and the Postgraduate Officer. The team meets and works together to improve the student experience in TU Dublin. The annual stipend of the President currently is €31,202.

The annual stipend of the Deputy Presidents currently is €30,362 and the annual stipend for Vice Presidents currently is €26,887.

Part-time officers are paid per hour for work they have agreed to carry out at a rate of €12.30 per hour.

Officer Roles & Descriptions

The TU Dublin SU team is made up of 21 officers (10 full time and 11 part time). You may run for any of the positions.
Overall (Representing Students in all Campuses)
President

Blanchardstown
- Deputy President (Blanchardstown)*
  - Vice President for Welfare and Equality (Blanchardstown)

  *With responsibility for education

City Campus
- Deputy President (City)
  - Vice President for Welfare and Equality (City)
  - Vice President for Education (City)
  - Vice President for Events and Engagement (City)

Tallaght
- Deputy President (Tallaght)
  - Vice President for Welfare and Equality (Tallaght)
  - Vice President for Education (Tallaght)
Part-Time Positions

The roles of the officers are available in the Constitution. We recommend that you get in touch with the current officers to gain more insight into the role you are interested in. Their contact details are on the last page of this booklet.

**Overall** (Representing Postgraduate students in all campuses)
- Postgraduate Officer

**City Campus**
- College Officer Aungier Street and BIMM
- College Officer Bolton Street
- College Officer Central Quad
- College Officer East Quad

**Blanchardstown**
- Clubs and Societies Officer
- Entertainments Officer

**Tallaght**
- Clubs Officer
- Communications Officer
- Entertainments Officer
- Societies Officer
**Who can run?**

Any registered student of TU Dublin can run for election*. The only experience you really need to run is to be a student. You are the expert on the student experience. If you want to bring that to the SU team, then running for election is for you.

If you’re running for a full-time role, you must be currently in your final year or intend on taking a year out as this role is a full-time job from 1st July - 30th June. While if you’re running for a part-time officer role, you must intend and expect to be still studying the next academic year. You should not run for a part-time role if you’ll be on placement/work experience for parts or all of the year. If you have any doubts or questions if you can run, you can speak to any elected officer.

*Positions may be restricted by the campus/building you are based on. Please see the officer roles list for more details.

(The Postgraduate Officer is open to Postgraduate students studying at level 9 or above only.)
**Why Should You Run?**

**Represent students across TU Dublin**
- You will be the student voice on several committees and boards, and ensure that student issues get heard.
- TU Dublin is changing so much, and you can play a key role in what it becomes.

**Work in an interesting and exciting environment**
- TU Dublin SU is an ever changing environment with a large dynamic team. One day you could be running a campaign, the next in a meeting about programme quality, the next day filming a video. No two days are the same!

**Gain invaluable experience on policy, campaigning and events.**
- Being an SU officer is a great opportunity to shape your Union and TU Dublin. Your involvement will ensure you get exposed to several different areas of work in a supportive environment.

**Work with organisations to advocate for the rights of students**
- From sexual health to SUSI grants, SU officers are constantly working to improve the student experience in TU Dublin.
- Work with USI and other Students’ Union at campaign on issues that affect students nationally, such as cost of education, housing and health

**Personal development**
- Being an SU officer is a once in a lifetime opportunity. The skills you will develop will help shape you as a person, and will really benefit you if you get elected.

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**The Rules**
The rules for running for election are laid out in a separate document ‘Elections Regulations Manual’ which is produced by our Independent Electoral Commission.
Step by step; How to run in TU Dublin SU Elections:

**Step 1: Writing a manifesto**
Firstly, it’s a good idea to start jotting down your points about what you’d like to achieve in the position. This is usually called a manifesto, and it sets out what you’d like to achieve and work on if elected. Here are some tips for putting together a manifesto:

**TIPS:**
Read up on the role description. You’ll find plenty of information in the TU Dublin SU Constitution.

Speak to the officer who is currently in the role; they’ll give you a good idea of the ins and outs of the job and will be able to answer any questions.

Search for previous manifests online. There are some available at https://www.tudublinsu.ie/representation/elections/2020/pastmanifestos/

Split your ideas up under sections that are relevant to your role. For example, the Welfare and Equality officer can deal with campaigns and issues such as sexual health and drugs.

Get a headshot taken. This can be done by a friend. Make sure they capture your good side!

**Step 2: Getting nominated**
Fill out a Nomination Form and submit in the allotted time. They need to be submitted to any of the SU offices along with the following documents:

**TIPS:**
A list of proposers (Name and Student Numbers) - 100 for Sabbatical positions and 50 for Part time Officers.

An emailed or attached copy of the Candidate’s Manifesto.

Refundable €20 deposit

Nomination forms will not be accepted without these documents, and late nominations will not be accepted. Completed nomination forms must be submitted on or before the closing date. This is the sole responsibility of the Candidate.

All of these documents are on tudublinsu.ie
The Election

HUSTINGS

A husting is a meeting at which candidates in an election address potential voters.

The main hustings are taking place on the evening of the 24th March - this is open to full-time officer candidates only.

Local hustings will also be taking place on campus - check tudublinsu.ie for more details.
Candidate’s Meeting
The candidate’s meeting is happening as soon as the nomination period is closed. This is where the election regulations are discussed and you can ask any questions. You must attend to sign the declaration that you understand and accept the election rules. If you can’t attend for whatever reason, you must inform elections@tudublinsu.ie once nominations close.

Campaign Manager
A campaign manager is mandatory for anyone running for President, and is highly recommended for the other positions. Your campaign manager should help manage the logistics of your campaign; they need to be very organised!

Posters & Other Materials
Each Candidate is given a printing allowance, these are set out in the document Election Info Pack. Each candidate is also given a budget which they can use whichever way they see fit. You can buy things like lollipops and t-shirts – however you spend it is up to you but must be within budget! There are stipulations, these are also outlined in the ‘Elections Information Pack’ you will receive when nominations close.

Public Speaking
Believe it or not if you’re running for election, you will have to speak to students and the hustings isn’t enough! You can do this by doing class and canteen addresses. Class addresses involve knocking into a class and getting permission (lecturers are generally sound during elections) to speak to the class and tell them why they should vote for you. You can do the same with canteen addresses and it’s an opportunity to get feedback on your manifesto and hear the issues affecting students.
Use Your Imagination!
Materials are allowed in elections, and while giving out fancy things never won an election, quirky campaign techniques are always memorable. In the past we’ve had candidates make campaign posters out of bed sheets, and having musicians accompany them through campuses! Be mindful if you are paying for materials that you don’t go above the spending limit, and keep all receipts for your purchases.

By and large, elections are won on your ideas and how you get them across. The best way to win is by talking to people and hearing what they have to say.

Election Days
The biggest days of your life will be on voting days. Depending on if you’re running for full or part-time will determine how sore your feet will be! If you’re running for a full-time role, you might have a campaign team with friends and willing volunteers to help campaign for you across different campuses as you can’t be in several places at same time. It is advised that whatever role you’re running for, to have a team to help you out as you can’t do it all on your own.
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Best of Luck!