

Name: Lee Bennett

Course: Current Vice President for Education, graduate of Marketing Management

Position Contested: Deputy President Tallaght Campus

Introduction

Hey everyone! My name is Lee Bennett and I am running for the position of the Deputy President for the Tallaght Campus in TU Dublin Students' Union. I have been part of the students' union for the last two years being elected as Vice President for Education in IT Tallaght Students' Union in 2018 and re-elected as Vice President for Education in TU Dublin Students' Union in 2019. I graduated with a Business Marketing Management honours degree in 2018 and in this year decided to run for the Students' Union, without realising the power behind the student movement and the ability students have to make a real change and I am so grateful you gave me an opportunity to be a part of that change.

Experience

- Deputy President/Vice President for Education IT Tallaght Students' Union
- Vice President for Education TU Dublin Students' Union Tallaght Campus
- Sat on Governing Body during my time in IT Tallaght Students' Union
- Sat on Academic Board and Academic Council for two years
- Created the first ever Technological University Dublin Students' Union
- Sat on various local and national committees
- Represented TU Dublin SU at the European Students' Union Conference in Helsinki
- Elected the most amount of class reps in my term including full time and part time
- Assisted the University as a SMART Consent Facilitator and helped with rolling out over 450 consent classes
- Appointed student lead on sustainability in Tallaght

With this experience I believe I am the best person to represent you, the students of Tallaght as your Deputy President of TU Dublin Students' Union.

If Elected, My Goals Are:

1. Representation

Local Representation - If elected, I want to make sure your voice is heard in all decision making bodies whether that's within the University or the Students' Union. I have been involved in the TU Dublin process for the last two years and I want to make sure in the constitutional review that we, as your union, are representing you to the best of our ability.

National Representation - We saw the students get out in force for this past general election and I don't want that to end there, so if elected I want to make sure students know what current issues are happening nationally and continue to fight and lobby TDs for the removal of the student contribution charge, review the SUSI grant scheme and rent prices.

2. Union Development

In these last two years, I have seen the opportunities to create better systems within our current union structures so if elected I want to:

- Develop and improve current committees
- Make sure feedback is a key priority for the union
- Ensure officers are trained in Consent, SafeTalk and any other relevant training
- Implement systems for officers to track casework and use this data for campaigns
- Monthly SU newsletter on all campaigns and events

3. Community

The community aspect of Tallaght is so important to me coming from a DEIS school and if elected I will not lose this going through the TU Dublin changes. I will:

- Work with local business for events and student deals
- Partner with the Access Office for College Awareness
- Ensure we have an environmentally friendly campus
- Work with local representatives to ensure Tallaght students issues are being addressed
- Ensure the University puts the mental health and wellbeing of its students first
- Expand and explore student financial support

4. Events and Engagement

The college experience isn't just about getting your degree, it's the journey in how you get there. There are many ways to get students involved whether that's in events, clubs and societies or campaigns. If elected:

- I want to hear from you on what you would like to see in our events
- Develop an information campaign on the different opportunities to get involved
- Run bigger and better events including a festival style event and a TU Ball
- Food Vendors on campus every month
- Inclusive events for all students

5. Improvement of Services

There are many services that can be improved on within the University and Students' Union including:

- Microwaves to be provided in the main campus and premier house
- New student space for students to relax or study between classes
- Create office hours for premier house and part time students
- Ensure there is equal services across TU Dublin SU

These are some of the areas I want to focus on if elected but I still want to hear from you on what you want to see from your union. You have put your trust in me for two years so I'm asking you, the students of Tallaght to vote for Lee Bennett for one last time to ensure Tallaghts voice will not be ignored. Vote Lee Bennett #1 for Deputy President of the Tallaght Campus on the 31st of March and 1st of April!