

# Weekly Sub Committee Memos

**Week**

## **Academic Affairs**

Item / Action / task	Description	Noting / Discussion / Approval

## **Campaigns**

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Updates delayed until next week due to Class Rep elections.	N/A	Noting

## **Campus & Facilities**

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City: Class Rep Elections:CQ	Elections in CQ	Noting
Blanchardstown: Class Rep Elections:Blanch	Elections in Blanchardstown	Noting
Tallaght: Class Rep Elections:Tallaght	Elections in Tallaght and CQ	Noting

## **Communications and Media**

Item / Action / task	Description	Noting / Discussion / Approval
Anti Racism Rally	Attended with members of Exec and PBP society in solidarity with students.	Noting
Class Rep Elections	Elections In Bolton St and Blanchardstown	Noting
Governing Body	Confidential	Noting
Su and Societies media opportunities	Meeting with societies to discuss collaboration opportunities.	Noting
Budget 2024	Video content on socials in reaction to budget	Noting

Blanch Transport Campaign	Video content made, parked awaiting press release to media outlining lobbying efforts and further action	Noting
Student Council	Motions to be sent to Liam by the 17/10/23.	Noting

### Events and Engagement

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### National and USI Affairs

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Campaign strategy Committee	Next meeting to discuss further direct-action post budget	Noting
Presidents & Deputy Day	Provisional dates for CN updated on outlook	Noting
Pink Training	Registration open, President liaising with each LGBTQ+ Society, form opened on 16 <sup>th</sup> October for members to apply	Noting
AHEAD/ Students with Disabilities Advisory Group	USI/Ahead still accepting applications until 23rd October 2023.	Noting

## President

Item / Action / task	Description	Noting / Discussion / Approval
1:1 Sessions with Officers	Informal 1:1 sessions with Officers have begun + due to be completed within 2 weeks	Noting
Staffing Updates	Shortlisting for Democracy + Representation Executive has begun, interviews next week. Finance Executive update. Welfare, Equality, Advice Lead has started.	Noting
Democracy + President sub-group merge	Gain Executive approval for placing democracy / general representation under President sub-group	Approval
Palestine Conflict / SC	Discuss upcoming SC training, SC motions + policies	Discussion
Broadstone Plaza Updates	DCC agreed to implementing more lighting, Chief Superintendent indicated more policing in NIC generally, Petition on 500+ responses	Noting
Governing Body Updates	Confidential	Noting
Workplan Finalization	Discuss policy work for workplan inclusion	Discussion

## Welfare & Equality

Item / Action / task	Description	Noting / Discussion / Approval
Multifaith Rooms	Finally, the curtain was installed at the GG room. The Islamic Soc extends their gratitude to you all.	Noting
BHM	Dates for the final events of the campaign have been confirmed. The video with the international swimmer was done	Noting
International/Postgrad Students	We did the first pilot of merging International and postgrad students. The attendance was still low, and I have suggested a day change from Friday to one when students are most on campus.	Noting

Anti-racism protest	Joined the President and students to protest the security issue around Broadstone	Noting
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[Executive Meeting Minutes](#)

**Name: TU Dublin SU Executive meeting**  
**Date: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**Time: 4:15pm**  
**Via: Teams**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Brian Jordan</b> <b>Louise Kavanagh</b>  <b>Nekesa Khisa Nancy</b> <b>Shauna O Toole</b> <b>Jeremy Lawler</b> <b>Peter McCann</b> <b>Sheran Bahadir</b>	<b>President (Chair)</b> <b>Vice President for Communications &amp; Media, Deputy President</b> <b>Vice President for Welfare &amp; Equality</b> <b>Vice President for Academic Affairs</b> <b>Blanchardstown Campus Vice President</b> <b>City Campus Vice President</b> <b>Tallaght Campus Vice President</b>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<b>Ian Kelly</b>	<b>Vice President for Events &amp; Engagement</b>
<b>In attendance:</b>	<b>Liam Cosgrove</b>	<b>Academic Affairs &amp; Representation Lead (Clerk)</b>

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Action</b>
1. <b>Welcome</b>	<p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>No issues were noted on the minutes of the previous meeting, and they were approved.</p> <p>There were no Matters Arising:</p>	
2. <b>Academic Affairs</b>	<p>Shauna O’Toole, Vice President Academic Affairs</p> <p>The officer noted that they were out sick last week.</p> <p>Key updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Class Rep Elections are almost completed and there are few positions left to elect.</li> </ul>	<p>Executive Memos will be updated with the relevant staff support even if an officer is out.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Class Rep Meetings started today, and it was noted that there are still students who are awaiting confirmation of results following supplementals.</li> <li>- Academic Integrity Campaign is due to start next week.</li> <li>- The Chair thanked each member for their hard work on electing class reps over the past two weeks.</li> <li>- It was noted that an online election system would be much more effective.</li> </ul>	
<p>3. <b>Campus &amp; Facilities</b></p>	<p>The VP City updated on the microwaves in Rathdown house. Using an extension cord would cause a fire so an additional plug is needed this is being investigated by Estates.</p> <p>Rathdown Canteen have also been in discussion in relation to seating for up to 80 seats.</p> <p>The VP Tallaght gave feedback to Paul Horan on the Campus master plan noting the SU offices, seating, multi-faith rooms and more.</p> <p>There were issues raised in the Tallaght Class Rep Meeting regarding registration issues and exam results. They were encouraged to email the exams office and the students note that they are not getting an answer.</p>	<p>Officer to follow up with Academic Affairs on this.</p>
<p>4. <b>Communications &amp; Media</b></p>	<p>Louise Kavanagh, Vice President for Communications &amp; Media:</p> <p>The USI rally got a lot of press for TU Dublin SU.</p> <p>There were communications sent out last week regarding the Budget.</p> <p>There was a meeting with Minister Jack Chambers to get an update on the transport situation. A press release will follow on this</p>	

	<p>overall situation linking in with the NTA Travel survey.</p> <p>Work on the student media outlet is back up and running and there was a meeting with clubs and societies in relation to this so more information is to follow soon.</p> <p>There was a discussion about incorporating the communications officer into the Academic Affairs and Welfare Teams so that planning will be more effective. This will take place from next week.</p>	
<p>5. <b>Events &amp; Fundraising</b></p>	<p>Ian Kelly, Vice President for Events &amp; Engagement is on annual leave.</p> <p>The President gave a brief overview of the officers' workload:</p> <p>Halloween events are selling really well.</p> <p>The President thanked the Vice President for Events and Engagement who spent a great deal of time working on the Black History Month Campaign and others given absence of a Graphic Designer at the moment.</p>	
<p>6. <b>USI &amp; National Affairs</b></p>	<p>Pink Training will take place from the 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> November. The process in relation to who will attend this year has yet to be confirmed.</p> <p>TU Dublin SU will be hosting the next National Council and Part Time Officers are more than welcome to join.</p> <p>Last week saw USI Presidents' and Deputies Day in Athlone where they engaged in various trainings and networked with Fórsa and others.</p>	

	<p>USI have been in touch and noted that more direct action will follow the disappointing the Budget released last week.</p>	
<p><b>7. President</b></p>	<p>The President is undertaking one-to-one meetings with officers.</p> <p>Recruitment: The shortlisting for the Democracy and Representation Executive role is underway and the union hopes to have someone appointed by the end of the month.</p> <p>It was noted that the Finance Executive will be leaving and now recruitment for that position will need to take place.</p> <p>Student Council nominations have closed, and we currently have 61/82 nominees which are all being elected this week.</p> <p>Work on the student council policy in relation to the Israel/Hammas War is ongoing and will be sent to everyone to ensure they're happy to support it going to Council.</p> <p>The President and Deputy President were able to get some representatives to put oral questions in to the Dáil to ask Minister McEntee to investigate better lighting around the Broadstone Luas stop.</p> <p>No major updates from Governing Body.</p> <p>A final discussion was had about the Workplan before it had to be submitted to the Student Council. The following policies were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over-assessment, lecture recording, Teacher : Staff Ratio, Academic Calendar etc.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T-Fund, Period Poverty, Gender Neutral Signage, Decolonizing the curriculum,</li> </ul>	
8. <b>Welfare &amp; Equality</b>	<p>Nekesa Khisa Nancy, Vice President for Welfare &amp; Equality has been linking in with the University about a lunch or breakfast for various minority student cohorts.</p> <p>It was noted that there is a need to pool resources and collaborate as opposed to various events by different people where the turnout is very low.</p> <p>It was noted that there was an oversight regarding the international student breakfast. There are boundaries in relations to the workload for example regarding poster/graphic making.</p> <p>The initiative taken by Part Time Officers so far was commended by the Executive.</p> <p>The VP WE attended the University Presidents Staff Forum. The VP questioned the 'student experience' advertisement and noted that there was not a good quality of equal student experience across each campus. A meeting was arranged with Brendan Jennings to discuss this further. Student Experience should be standardized across all locations.</p>	
9. <b>Any Other Business</b>	There was no other business.	
10. <b>Date of next meeting</b>	Next Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> of October.	