

Weekly Sub Committee Memos

Week: 21.11.23

Academic Affairs

Item / Action / task	Description	Noting / Discussion / Approval
Student Charter	Currently ongoing	noting
Getting up to date	Just getting myself up to date with emails etc since being on leave	noting

Campaigns

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Cash Cow	Submitted Comms Form	Noting
Transgender Healthcare	Blanchardstown CVP met with Welfare Team to discuss campaign and working together. Blanchardstown CVP and President supported USI statement on Transgender Healthcare	Noting
Blanchardstown Transport	Received support from USI in Transport Focus Group, looking into local community centres to see about support and possibility of university support	Discussion

Campus & Facilities

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Tallaght: Meeting With Campus Planning	Discussed ways we can improve the accessibility and security of the SU buildings amongst with general campus updates.	Noting
Tallaght: Green Campus Meeting	Had a meeting with CVP City, and Green Campus to discuss the lack of bins and signage around Grangegorman And Tallaght	Noting
Tallaght: Student Council	Attended student council.	Noting

Blanchardstown: Student Council and Class Rep meetings	Attended	Noting
Blanchardstown: Gym Facilities	Met with Sport and Facility Development Manager to discuss the new equipment, plans for development and new cost introduced for Sports Hall in Blanchardstown and Tallaght Campuses	Noting
City: Met with TUI	Met with TUI to discuss canteen subsidization	Noting
City: Tour of Linenhall	Walked around Linenhall with 3 reps to document problems with Linenhall	Noting
City: Attended Student Council and Class rep training for Aungier Street	Attended	Noting
City: Met with Green Campus	Had a meeting with CVP Tallaght, and Green Campus to discuss the lack of bins and signage around Grangegorman And Tallaght	Noting
City: Created a form for facilities with the academic affairs lead	Allows students to log their problems with each campus and their facilities	Noting
City: Attended Mature student breakfast		Noting
City: Helped out at sketch and sip	Helped out at sketch and sip	Noting

Communications and Media

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SMEDIA 2024 Workshop	Free Workshop for Students Interested in taking part in the 2024 European Commission Student Media Award Wednesday, 29 November 2023 – Clashes with day of action	Noting
PTO photographs	Rearranging photos with comms team	Noting
Drivetime	President spoke on the Seanad updates	Noting

Events and Engagement

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Christmas	Launched christmas events, full schedule to be sent to all officers and staff	noting
RELAY FOR LIFE	Had a positive meeting with ics about the event. We have decided it will take place in April	noting
FUNdraising	Shave or dye next week, going ahead on all campuses. Over 40 students on the go fund me	noting
Sleep out	Approved by the uni, going ahead december 1st	Noting

National and USI Affairs

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Palestinian Solidarity National Action	Request from USI to confirm attendance. Team to respond by end of day 21/11	Discussion
USI Transport Focus Group	Blanchardstown and Tallaght CVPS attended	Noting

President

Item / Action / task	Description	Noting / Discussion / Approval
Staffing Updates	Finance Executive + Student Advisor	Noting
ECWG	New committee between Officers + Staff	Noting
EUT+	Phase 2 of project has begun, President to provide document to Executive + next Council	Noting
PhD Stipends + Student Survey	Meetings occurred with University Staff on each	Discussion
Student Council	Nominations tracking well, several motions to discuss	Discussion
Student Experience Committee	Opportunity to receive funding for welfare projects, finalise student charter, etc	Noting
Pink Training	N/A	Noting

Student Finance, VP Research Innovation, EDI GB	N/A	Noting
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Welfare & Equality

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MINUTES

Date: 21.11.23

Location: MS Teams

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

Matters Arising

- Shauna to follow up with registration issues in Tallaght
- New seating in CQ but there is plenty of space for more seating – President has asked for breakdown of the money spent as it doesn't seem worth it.
- VP Blanch: asked the Gym about expanding the opening hours. They don't want to extend the opening hours as they don't believe students will pay the membership fee. Brian – to follow up on the specific motion passed by student council in relation to this.

Updates

Academic Affairs

Student Charter	Shauna to follow up with a new one.
Catching up after Leave	
Co-Option	The form has been created – sent to SA's and sent to Louise for promotion.
Update on Class Rep Recruitment given	
President met with Mary McNamara GRS – following motion – a report is being drafted to	

be presented to the VP for Research & Innovation to be assessed on whether there is enough budget for it.

Student Survey: President met with Mark Russell – it has been decided that SS will not be run this year and instead they will take the year to implement the changes as outlined.

Campaigns

These will move to your various work areas.

Budget for Cash-Cows has been submitted.

Blanch transport – Idea from Cork – get the Universities support for the letter.

AQAEC Feedback – Liam to send on the Feedback Survey Action points.

Jeremy to send the letter to exec for feedback before next week.

Campus & Facilities

Tallaght

VP Tallaght gave an update on a potential move of the SU to the main building in Tallaght and updating the current SU building.

Blanch

VP Blanch updated on potential painting and updating of the buildings. There is now a breastfeeding room – however apparently it is not up to standard.

Deregulation/sensory spaces – on each campus

Phase 1 – Aungier, Blanch & GG.

Phase 2 – BST & Tallaght (December/Beginning of January).

Potential issues with the sensory rooms (lack of furniture & they are keycard access only)

City

VP City met with the TUI – coincidence. The subsidisation of the canteens was discussed and subsequently brought up at their branch meeting. Denis O'Brien to be contacted in

VP City to send motion to council.

<p>relation to getting traction nationally. It would be helpful if this was brought to USI National Council and the TUI will support this. TUI also want to support in condemning Linenhall. VP City did a tour of the LH campus with reps and put together a report on the issues and meet with Ciaran stone and head of estates – also brought to VP Sustainability in relation to key issues like energy waste. Green campus was met with to talk about the bin's situation – the need for cigarette bins even though we are a smoke-free campus yet there are number cigarette butts.</p>	
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Communications & Media

<p>Student Media outlet. It was noted that there was an appetite in the EQ Class Rep Meeting for a Student Newspaper.</p> <p>President noted the idea of getting an intern to work on setting it up and running it.</p> <p>There was a request for an update from the VP Comms and Media.</p> <p>Communications Policy is in draft format.</p>	<p>President to bring this to Leadership to request the funding and update from there.</p>
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Events & Engagement

<p>Christmas Day</p> <p>Officially launched this morning.</p> <p>Over 600 likes on the posts already.</p> <p>A staff member from the Irish Cancer Society will be designated to work with TUDSU and to come in and speak to TUDSU.</p>	<p>VP EE to send around a document outlining specific to-dos to officers & Staff.</p>
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National Affairs / USI Affairs

<p>Comms team to post more about Palestine.</p>	
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President

<p>Student Advisor deadline to be extended by two weeks – a video about the job to be posted to boost interest.</p> <p>The Events and Campaigns Working Group – Ian was proposed and approved as the Chair of the new WG.</p>	
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<p>Ian appointed as internal Deputy with responsibility for Events & Campaigns – there was no opposition to this appointment.</p> <p>Cyprus Update</p> <p>The President proposed bringing a proposal to hold a plebiscite on ‘no confidence in the government’ - there was no opposition from the Executive.</p> <p>The President noted their intention to bring a request to Student Council to approve a referendum on USI Affiliation. There was no opposition from the members of the Executive.</p> <p>The President gave an update on Pink Training.</p> <p>The president gave an update on Student Finance, Student Experience and EDI.</p>	<p>President to write up an official update.</p> <p>The president to bring this motion to Student Council.</p> <p>The President to bring this motion to Student Council.</p>
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Welfare & Equality

<p>The VP EE gave an update on the meeting – potential food bank. It was agreed that the University should be providing these – potential motion to Student Council to follow.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the need to add more detail to the new Group Insurance Scheme Motion.</p>	<p>Motion to be drafted.</p> <p>VP WE to follow up on this.</p>
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AOB

<p>Email received in Advice to be followed up on.</p> <p>Meeting invite in relation a Tallaght – Kenya anniversary event.</p> <p>Ian will be visiting Blanchardstown x2 a week and Shauna will visit Tallaght x2 a week going forward.</p>	
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