

### Name: TU Dublin SU Constitutional Discussion Panel

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2022

Time: 3pm Via: Teams

Present: Brian Jordan President

Louise Kavanagh Deputy President Blanchardstown

Adam Clarke Deputy President City

James Curry Deputy President Tallaght, Clerk

Katrina Murphy Student Rep (Tallaght)

Jamie O'Neill Student Rep (City)

Samantha Balan Student Rep (Blanchardstown)

Moses Ylroy Eusebio Student Rep (City)

Jessica Perez Postgraduate Officer

Apologies: Ciara McKenna Student Rep (City)

Amber Thomas Student Rep (City)

Agenda item	Details	Action
1. Minutes	No previous minutes	
2. Matters arising	No matters arising	
3. Correspondence	No correspondence received	
4. Work done since last meeting	N/a due to this being the first meeting	
5. Constitutional Changes	Article 4     - 4.1 proposed with changes to the wording around who are members of the SU, one of the Student Reps asked if this included music students who are a part of BIMM, the President will clarify this, the discussion panel accepted this.	

- 4.3 proposed to be introduced into the constitution, the discussion panel accepted this.

#### Article 5

- 5.8 proposed with the removal of the "This protocol shall be included in a Schedule of this Constitution", the discussion panel accepted this
- 5.9 proposed with introduction of Schedule J, the discussion panel accepted this.

### • Article 6

- 6.1.3 proposed amendments to the language used, the discussion panel accepted this.
- 6.2.4 proposed amendments to who can run class rep meetings, the discussion panel accepted this.
- 6.2.5 6.2.8 introduced detailing the roles of the Clerk, the discussion panel accepted this.
- 6.2.10 proposed amendments due to the introduction of Schedule J, the discussion panel accepted this.
- 6.4 to be brought back to the next CDP meeting (needs to include PTOs and removal of School Reps).
- 6.4.3 proposed amendments due to the introduction of Schedule J, the discussion panel accepted this.
- 6.4.18 + 19 removal preposed due to the introduction of Schedule J, the discussion panel accepted this.
- 6.4.9 proposed amendments due to the introduction of Schedule J, the discussion panel accepted this.
- 6.4.20 proposed amendments to the language used, the discussion panel asked that the Chairperson of Student Council to be included in this section (brought back to next meeting).
- 6.7 proposed removal due to the changes around the PTO structure being changed, the discussion panel accepted this.

#### Article 8

- 8.3 proposed due to the addition of the Clerk, the discussion panel accepted this.

# • Article 10

 10.3 proposed amendments around who can be chosen to be on Governing Body, it was stated by the President that the proposed PTO changes will still make them ex-officio members to Student Council, the discussion panel accepted this.

### • Article 13

 13.2 – 13.4 proposed removal of the Appeals Tribunal due to it not being deemed functional, the discussion panel accepted this.

#### Article 16

 16.1 proposed amendments to when TU Dublin was official recognised from the

previous Institutes of Technologies, the President is to clarify with a solicitor. Schedule A 5 + 6 proposed amendments to the number of seats given per campus for Student Council and the removal of School Reps, the discussion panel accepted this. Schedule B To be brought back to the next meeting due to the changes of the PTO structure. Schedule D 14 – 16 to be brought back to the next meeting due to the changes of PTO structure and School Reps. Schedule E To be brought back to the next meeting due to the changes of the Officer structure. Schedule F 3.2 proposed amendments around the Quorum and who can call for one, the discussion panel accepted this. 13.3 to be brought back to the next meeting due to the proposed removal of School Reps. Appendix One proposed changes of the word "Grangegorman" to "Campus Development", the discussion panel accepted this. Schedule H 1.3 proposed removal due to the removal of the Appeal Tribunal, the discussion panel accepted this. 7.1 proposed the removal of the Appeals Tribunal in the sentence, the rest of the sentence remained unchanged, the discussion panel accepted this. Schedule I To be brought back to the next meeting due to the proposed changes of the Officer structure. Schedule J Proposed the introduction of the Schedule, the discussion panel accepted this. 6. A.O.B. Postgraduate Officer asked Postgraduate Officer would start when the Executive starts, the President said he will clarify this. The Postgraduate Officer asked if there was any transition period for the Postgraduate Officer, the President will clarify this. The President commends the previous Executive team for doing a lot of the work on the Constitution. The Deputy President of City appreciates the work done by the Deputy President of Tallaght on the presentation.



## Name: TU Dublin SU Constitutional Discussion Panel

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Time: 3pm

**Location: Lower House 103, Grangegorman** 

Present: Brian Jordan President

James Curry Deputy President Tallaght

Katrina Murphy Student Rep (Tallaght)

Jamie O'Neill Student Rep (City)

Samantha Balan Student Rep (Blanchardstown)

Jessica Perez Postgraduate Officer

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Louise Kavanagh Deputy President Blanchardstown

Adam Clarke Deputy President City

Moses Ylroy Eusebio Student Rep (City)

Oisin Putt Student Rep (Tallaght)

In attendance: Anna Perho Representation and Engagement

**Executive, Clerk** 

Ian Kelly Vice President for Events and

**Engagement (City)** 

Agenda item	Details	Action
7. Minutes	<ul> <li>The minutes from the last meeting on the 9th September 2022 were approved.</li> </ul>	Noted.
8. Matters arising	<ul> <li>President and Deputy President for Tallaght Campus gave an update. Director of Student Academic Affairs &amp; Welfare Mary Scally was</li> </ul>	

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	contacted about questions considering matters	
	arising in last meeting. Article 4.1 considering	
	membership of the Union was clarified that the	
	Junior Music in TUD covers ages 3-17 so the	
	proposed wording would exclude this group. In	
	article 16.1 the dates when the ITs merged were	
O Correspondence	confirmed as correct.	
9. Correspondence	No correspondence received.	
10. Work done since	President gave an update:	
last meeting	Director of Student Academic affairs and Welfare	•
	of TU Dublin SU Mary Scally was contacted about	
	matters arising from the last meeting.	
	Officers discussed about the proposed officer	
	structures.	
	Chair of student Council and Electoral Commission	
44 Comptituding	were consulted about Impeachment process.	
11. Constitutional	5.1 Officer Structure	
Changes	President went through the current Full-Time  Office Structure and explained the reasons for a	
	Office Structure and explained the reasons for a review of the structure	
	<ul> <li>President presented the new planned Executive structure, which includes 8 Full-Time Officers. 5</li> </ul>	
	positions are overall around all campuses as	
	follows: President, VP Education, VP Student	
	Development, VP Welfare and Equality and VP	
	Communications and Media. Three roles are	
	campus based as follows: Campus VP	
	Blanchardstown, Campus VP City and Campus VP	
	Tallaght. Full-Time Officers could run for 2 years	
	instead of 3 years in the new proposed	
	constitution.	Proposed VP
	VP for Student Development title was discussed	Student Development
	and the representatives agreed to change this title	changed to
	to be VP Events & Engagement.	VP Events
	<ul> <li>VP Communications &amp; Media was explained as a</li> </ul>	and
	new role. They are focusing on the media presence	Engagement
	for the SU across all media platforms.	
	The title of VP Education was discussed, and it	Proposed VP
	was proposed to be changed to VP Academic	Education changed to
	Affairs. This was agreed to be changed	VP Academic
	anonymously.	Affairs.
	<ul> <li>The discussion panel agreed on the proposed Full-</li> </ul>	
	Time Officer structure. They noted that new	New graph
	graphics for the structure should be created.	for officer
	<ul> <li>A procedure for Deputy President was proposed as</li> </ul>	structures to be created.
	follows: President appoints a Deputy from the Full-	DE CIEALEU.
	Time Officers, and if the president resigns/leaves	Proposed
	before 31st October a by-election takes place. If it's	Full-Time
	after 31st October the deputy becomes president.	Officer
	If 2/3 of council objects to deputy being president,	Structure
	council elects a president from one of the other	was agreed
	officers. This election process was discussed. It	on.
	was agreed by the Discussion Panel to be changed so that the Deputy will be elected amongst the	Deputy
	Overall VPs.	President to
	Overall vi 3.	be elected

from Overall VPs.

• The position of Postgraduate Officer was explained to be kept as it is, and it is separately added as Article 7.3. The current postgraduate officer proposed that the role description of could be specified to make sure that postgraduate students are presented. The President proposed that this could be included in the contract of the Postgraduate officer because the boards may change frequently. The President agreed to discuss this with the postgraduate officer in another context.

### **5.2 Part-Time Officer Structure**

- President explained that the suggestion is to renew the Part-Time Officer structure:
- The proposed Part-Time Officers are elected by Student Council for the following Academic year. These would be voluntary overall roles (all campuses).
- The 9 PTO roles would be as follows: Gender Equality, Sustainability, ACCESS, Ethnic Diversity, Mature Student, International Student, Gaeilge, LGBTQ+ Rights, Disabilities. The roles were expanded for the Discussion Panel.
- It was brought to discussion that most of the roles are in the remit of Welfare. The president explained that these are these were seen as themes brought up most by students and showed up in the research made by the Executive. It was also explained that these would be added to schedules, which would mean that the roles can in the future be changed by Student Council.
- It was discussed if anyone can run for the roles or if it would be restricted in some manner. It was agreed in the discussion panel that this will not be specified in the constitution.
- The possibility of adding in a Part-Time Student Officer, the salary and the name of the roles were discussed in the Panel.
- The discussion panel was supporting the presented unanimously.

**5.3 Student Council Structure** 

 President concluded that Student Council according to the proposed structures would be 101 members as before, including: 8 Full-Time Officers, 1 Postgraduate Officer, 9 Part-Time Officers and 83 Student Councillors (distribution of eats between campuses is decided by Electoral Commission).

### a. Recall of Office/Impeachment Process

- President explained that new article would be added on "Recall of Office and Impeachment of officers"
- This article states that any position that is elected can be removed by a vote of the same electorate that elected them. This requires a 10% petition that leads to a vote.

Part-Time Officer Structure was approved in the Discussion Panel.

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	• • 5.4 Bo	The removal of elected officers has a separate process. 200 (for Campus Specific VPs) and 400 (for Overall positions) students from the officer's electorate must sign a petition to be submitted to Electoral Commission, for it to go to a Student Council vote. A student Council vote where 66% must vote in favour to remove the officer in order to hold an all-student vote where a simple majority would be needed for the removal of the officer.  It was asked whether this would work for impeaching the Postgraduate officer, and it was explained by the president that it would go through the Recall of office process (10% for the petition). It was asked whether that means 10% from the people who voted or the whole electorate, and it was clarified to mean the full electorate (all postgraduate students).  It was asked whether percentages were considered for the impeachment process. It was explained that this was researched but that percentages would lead to vast numbers on City Campus. It was agreed the proposed arrangement would remain a democratic process to go to Student Council. The suggestion was unanimously approved in the discussion panel.  ard of TUDSU CLG	The proposed Recall of Office and Impeachment Process were approved in the Discussion Panel.
	•	The changes in the officer structures cause changes to the board of TU Dublin SU CLG as follows:	
	•	The Deputy Presidents in the Board of Directors are proposed to be replaced with the 4 Overall Vice Presidents. President had confirmed from the	
	•	Chair of the Board that this is possible.  The members of the Company are proposed to be 10, including the 3 Campus Vice Presidents,	The
	•	Postgraduate officer and 6 students (at least: 1 from Blanch, 2 from City and 1 from Tallaght) It was asked how student representatives are elected, and it was answered that Student Council	proposed Board structure was approved in
	•	elects them.  The new Board structure was approved on in the discussion panel.	the Discussion Panel
12.A.O.B.	•	President explained that the next step is to update the changes in the constitution and confirm it with the discussion panel.  It was asked how the changes would come to	
	J	action considering the new officer structure. It was explained that the changes would be in action after their term.	
13.Date of next meeting	•	Date of the final meeting to be confirmed.	



## Name: TU Dublin SU Constitutional Discussion Panel

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In attendance: Anna Perho Representation and Engagement

**Executive, Clerk** 

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14.	Minutes	<ul> <li>The minutes from the last meeting on 16th September 2022 were approved.</li> </ul>	Noted.
15.	Matters arising	<ul> <li>No matters arising.</li> </ul>	
16.	Correspondence	<ul> <li>Jamie O'Neill, a Student Representative, sent correspondence about the proposed constitution articles 1, 6.2.2, 6.3,6.4.18/19, 7.2 and Schedule F.9. This were discussed and decisions made as follows:</li> </ul>	

	<ul> <li>Article 1: it was decided to change the abbreviation BÁC to full terminology.</li> <li>Article 6.2.2: to be changed to "Elected Officers"</li> <li>Article 6.3 "Shall be" will be changed to "who shall"</li> <li>Articles 6.4.18/19 is included in Schedule J Point 2.</li> <li>Schedule F.9 needs specification: "This may include the inclusion or deletion of text" to be added.</li> </ul>	Adjustments made to articles 1, 6.2.2, 6.4.18/19, 7.2 and Schedule F9.
17. Work done since last meeting	<ul> <li>President updated that constitution has been drafted according to discussed changes and circulated to the group.</li> <li>President explained the context about Student Council debates. The proposed change in point 9 enables Student Council to vote for a new amended version of a motion/policy. Addition of Point of Clarification is proposed to be added in to enable asking questions. The discussion panel were supporting these changes.</li> <li>Deputy President reminded that the Constitution will go to a solicitor, so wordings might change.</li> </ul>	
18. Constitution Changes	<ul> <li>Constitutional changes were discussed and floor was open for questions.</li> <li>Postgraduate officer asked a question about article 3.8 wording. Wording was decided to be changed to "disadvantaged backgrounds, diverse backgrounds, marginalised groups."</li> <li>Postgraduate Officer asked about 6.1.3 about postgraduate wording – "as appropriate" to be added to enable different groups of postgraduates.</li> <li>Postgraduate asked about named schedules in Article 6.4.1, to be amended to a), b) and c) from b), c) and d).</li> <li>Postgraduate officer asked about Article 6.6 and the Executive. It was declared by the president that Full-time Officers are the Executive.</li> <li>Article 7.4.2 Terms of Office – a discussion was had about how many years Postgraduate officer can run. It was decided that Postgraduate officer will not have a limitation for running for a position.</li> <li>A discussion about Schedule D point 4 was had about Postgraduate officer and their registration status. It will be added as "for the majority of their term up to the discretion of the Electoral Commission".</li> <li>Schedule D point 9 about postgraduate and clubs and socs was discussed. Postgraduate officer to be added in.</li> <li>Schedule D point 13 was discussed. No amendments needed.</li> </ul>	Article 3.8 wording changed.  Article 6.1.3 wording changed.  Article 6.4.1 amended.  Schedule D point 4 amended.  Schedule D point 9 amended.

	Student Representative, Jamie O'Neill joined the discussion and their correspondence was further discussed. Article 7.2 was agreed to be clear as it is. Schedule F articles 9.5 and 9.6 to be changed to reflect the other changes. 9.6 will be removed, 9.5 will be changed to "vote on whether to accept the amendment to the motion as outlined by the proposer".	Schedule F was amended.
19. Any Other Business	<ul> <li>The president concluded that the finalized version of the constitution is ready to go to the solicitor.</li> <li>The work of the discussion panel is concluded. President and Deputy President for Tallaght thanked the group for their great work.</li> </ul>	