



TU Dublin Students' Union
Student Council Officer Report 22/23
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Key Points Since Last Meeting

Príomhphointí ón gcruinniú deireanach

Welcome everyone to our second Student Council of the year! Before I get into the excitement of the past few weeks, may I just congratulate our newest Councillors on their elections! I'm very, very proud to say that, excluding ex-officio members, we now have **all student councillor positions filled!** This is quite literally the first time we've had a full allotment since the creation of TU Dublin SU, and I think it's a testament to the ceaseless work by many of the Officers. It's also an honour to work for each and every one of you; continue to question us, continue to put forward motions, and continue to engage! You're here to represent students, and we're answerable to you! Now, without further ado, here's some of the major points of information regarding all students that I've found since the 14th October:

Referendum

Someday I'll stop harping on about the Referendum, but today is not that day! As we all know, we made TUDSU history on the 26th October when Student Council voted to bring several proposed constitutional amendments to Referendum. This means that we'll be asking all students to vote either 'yes' or 'no' to several proposed changes. Student Council also mandated the Executive to push for a 'YES' vote; and my god have I done everything I can. I've been involved in everything from TUDSU TV articles, to campaign videos, to canteen walks and class addresses across every single campus, and so much more. I've also been involved in organising the Executive, USI and Referendum Crew to ensure optimal coverage across every campus. Finally, I made sure we had t-shirts, lollipops and red-bull available to encourage students to vote. There's a surprising amount that goes into organising a referendum, let alone a referendum where we want a particular outcome – and I hope that, by today, I've made all of you proud.

By-Elections

The referendum isn't the only thing we'll be asking students to vote for on the 22-24th November, however. We'll also be having our by-elections for several of the part-time officer positions at the same time; these will be happening in Blanchardstown, Tallaght and Aungier Street campus. We've ensured that the candidates are well-represented on our social media, that they had access to posters, and felt supported throughout their elections. I'll go out on a limb here and say a special congratulations to our winning PTO's: Lee, Patrick Magdalena, and Sophie! Well-deserved!

Staff Recruitment

Over the last few weeks, I was involved in the recruitment of an Education Executive. For those who are new to Council, the Officer team basically receive support from various staff positions (they provide consistency during Officer crossover, provide operational support, and are notable apolitical). The Education Executive has been hired to better support the VP's for Education, and to backfill the vacancy left by our now General Manager, Mary Scally. This process involved being part of an interview panel, desk assessments and in-person interviews. I'm very happy to say that the position has now been filled, which will allow for the Union to function more optimally.

Class Rep Meetings & Training

Exciting news – our class representative training was a resounding success! On the 8th and 9th of November, we brought a significant number of our class reps down to the Westgrove Hotel, where we had a number of sessions. These sessions included interactive lessons on teamwork, collaboration, communication and problem-solving, as well



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as a discussion panel with several senior university academic staff. We also had a 'simulation' exercise where we helped class reps get familiar with dealing with common queries / challenges that arise when you're a class rep. Overall the event received very positive feedback, and on a personal note, they love our TU Dublin mascot! Genuinely though, I was honoured to be part of such a great training event with some of TU Dublin's best and brightest students.

We also had our second round of CRM's (class rep meetings) last week! I attended wherever possible (Annual Leave permitting), and we elected the remainder of our Student Councillors. We also provided updates on issues mentioned previously (everything from microwaves to lecture issues), and informed them of the upcoming referendum. Once again they were a very positive experience, with students recognising their Union officers and providing feedback on campus issues as they arise. The priority now is to ensure we solve any issues that we reasonably can, and to increase the numbers significantly, given that the referendum will finally be out of the way. Also, I have to say – shoutout to the education team!

USI (Union of Students Ireland) Updates

National council took place between the 3-4th November in NCI (National College Ireland). TUDSU submitted two motions; the first was for USI to develop a social media campaign around 'Money Mules' (growing area of concern regarding students), which I spoke for. The second was about NDA's (Non-Disclosure Agreements) and their use in HEI's (higher education institutions). Both passed unanimously!

Another major USI event that took over the weekend (18-20th November) was Pink training! This is an annual event run by USI, where LGBTQ+ students from around the country (chiefly from LGBTQ+ societies) attend seminars and social events. Both the Deputy President of Tallaght Campus and I attended as Support Officers with TUDSU's delegation. We also ran several seminars; the Deputy President ran one on LGBTQ+ in sports, while I ran one on 'How to Run an LGBTQ+ Society' as well as one on Asexuality and how it affects dating. Feedback on the event itself as well as our talks were very positive, and reflects an ongoing positive relationship between the SU and all things LGBTQ+!

Student Council & Student Council Training

Student Council training took place on the 15th October and was very successful! We made it our goal to simplify the process as much as possible, in order to make Student Council more accessible. We conducted mock debates, prepared mock motions, and overall student feedback was excellent.

Later that week, we held our first Student Council. This had a turnout (both in-person & online) of 75; this is the highest recorded number of councillors present since the start of the pandemic (I love a good key performance indicator), and meant we were able to proceed with the vote to go to referendum. The goal now is to maintain this level of engagement, given the additional councillors and PTO's elected since then!

Events & Welfare

Black History Month took place throughout October (events across all campuses, great turnout at talks), while SHIFT week (Sexual Health In First Term) took place from the 14-17th November and included everything from Sex Toy Bingo, to fishing for sex toys out of a paddling pool filled with condoms! Meanwhile we've also had some exceptional social events over the last few weeks, including Haunted Grangegorman tours and Halloween balls to name a few. Our social media accounts have also seen a huge increase in engagement, so shoutout to the Welfare & Events team!



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General TU Dublin Updates

Graduations were a thing! Several thousand TU Dublin students graduated from the 31st October – 5th November (including yours truly); these occurred in Blanchardstown campus. Open days also occurred in several campuses, where prospective third level students visited TU Dublin and spoke to various staff. No additional microwaves nor significant cost-of-living changes have been introduced by the university since the Walkout (13th October); the executive is therefore planning to submit further motions to USI to mandate further protests. More updates regarding this to be provided at Student Council – ask away!



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Meetings Attended (and Number) <i>Tinrimh Choistí agus Cruinnithe (agus Líon)</i>	Priorities for Next Period <i>Tosaíochtaí don chéad tréimhse eile</i>
Weekly Executive Meeting [TAM] (x3) National Council (x1) TUDSU CLG Board (x1) TUDSU CLG FARC (x1) TUDSU CLG HR + Renumeration (x1) Interview Panel [Education Executive] (x1) Class Rep Meetings (x2) Student Council (x1) Student Council Training (x1) Officer Check-Ins [Formal] (x5) Governing Body (x1) Governing Body EDI Sub-Committee (x1) Electoral Commission (x2) Meeting with Chair of Council (x1) Meeting with Chair of TUDSU CLG Board (x1) Meeting with Societies Office (x1) Pink Training Organisation Meeting (x1) Finance Executive Meeting (x3) Common Room Activities Planning (x1) CRM Planning Meeting (x1) Student Council Agenda Meeting (x1) Referendum/Election Planning (x2) Local Community Safety Partnership (x2) Meeting with Brian Gormley (x1) Board Planning (x1) Candidates Meeting (x1) Campaign Manager Meeting (x1) Finance Information Session (x1) Term Time Calendar Review (x1) Mark Slattery Meeting (x1)	New Constitution Preparation Elections Campaign Class Rep Recruitment Fundraising Facility Improvements Partnership Agreement Student Charter
Events/Activities Attended <i>Tinrimh Imeachtaí / Gníomhaíochtaí</i>	Mandates (Complete/In Progress/Uncompleted) <i>Sainorduithe (Déanta / Ar Siúl / Le Déanamh)</i>



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<p>Sleepout Event Halloween Ball Sex Toy Bingo Active* Consent Play Class Rep Training Exam Preparation Session Pink Training Information Session Pink Training</p>	Officer Archive (In Progress)
Gifts Received <i>Bronntanais a Fuarthas</i>	Personal Expenses <i>Costaisí phearsanta</i>
Pink Training Welcome Pack	<p>Taxi (Blanch, September) = 39.00 Taxi (Blanch, September) = 37.40 Taxi (Blanch to Tallaght, September) = 34.50 Taxi (Tallaght to Aungier, September) = 24.40 Drink Prizes (Trolley Crawl Event) = 19.7 Food + Refreshments ('Sleepout' Event) = 12.05</p> <p><u>Note:</u> All taxis occurred during orientations when I was required in Tallaght, Blanch and City orientations, often within minutes of one another. No further personal taxi expenses have been accrued since this week.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> My expenses may appear higher than other officers because as well as being overall, I do not claim back from 'petty cash'.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> Food, refreshments, and prizes were for students attending the events, shockingly not myself.</p>

Any Other Matters <i>Aon nithe eile</i>



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