

TU Dublin Student Union Proposed Motion

Motion: Mandate the Chair of Student Council to write to the Board of Directors on behalf of Student Council outlining concerns around the recent resignation of several sabbatical officers

Student Council Notes:

Three sabbatical officers have resigned from their posts in quick succession.

Student Council Notes with Concern:

Three sabbatical officers across two campuses have resigned from their post in the union in quick succession. While this type of situation may not be unheard of, it is certainly unusual and raises concerns over the functioning of the union and the working environment.

One of these officers was a returning officer, so it cannot be said that the workload of the position was not understood.

Student Council Believes:

Sabbatical officers work tirelessly for students, contributing significantly to the quality of our university experience. It is our due diligence as student councillors to ensure that those we elect feel supported in their work environment and capable of carrying out their mandates.

When several sabbatical officers resign before the end of their term, this results in not only a higher workload for the rest of the SU team, but will ultimately influence the quality of the work that can be carried out by the remaining officers and therefore warrants these concerns being brought to the Board of the Directors of the Students Union.

An examination of the work environment and practices of the Union will provide valuable feedback so that any prominent issues can be resolved, and more supports can be put in place in the relevant areas for sabbaticals going forward. It is pertinent to identify areas of concern

that can be addressed and resolved, and can establish better work practices going forward to avoid the same situation happening in the future.

Council further notes:

If these concerns are not addressed and there are further resignations, it would be extremely regretful to not have acted sooner.

Student Council Therefore Mandates

The Chair of Student Council to write a letter to the Board of Directors highlighting the recent resignation of several sabbatical officers, and suggest looking at any potential issues that may have contributed to multiple staff departures.

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