

## TU Dublin Students' Union Student Council Officer Report 22/23

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#### **Key Points Since Last Meeting**

Príomhphointí ón gcruinniú deireanach

#### **Exams campaign**

Led by Louise, all the officers got involved in the exams campaign. This campaign took place over 8 days, and I believe we were successful in making students' days a little better while raising awareness about the advice and support we offer in the SU.

#### **Library Hours**

Thankfully, the library hours were extended since the last student council. The hours could still be better therefore, this campaign is ongoing.

#### **STEM Passport for Inclusion**

The STEM Passport for Inclusion is an exciting initiative that is helping to make education more equitable in Ireland. It helps women from socioeconomic disadvantaged backgrounds access STEM degrees more easily as participating institutions offer a 50 point reduction in the points required to enter a programme. A friend of mine introduced me to Dr. Katriona O'Sullivan who is the lead on this initiative. After reaching out, some academia in TU Dublin are currently looking into the feasibility of introducing this initiative here; the education team are hopeful that it will be adapted.

#### **Student Survey**

I am taking the lead on the promotion of the Student Survey (14/02-07/03). The Student Survey is important when it comes to improving student learning and experience. The data is presented at various programmes and committees where action points are agreed upon in order to improve the student experience. I secured funding from TU Dublin to promote the Student Survey on campus. Class reps will be rewarded with a 10-euro JustEat voucher if they work with a lecturer on dedicating 10 minutes of class time to the survey. There will also be various goodies that students can get on select days during the promotion.

#### **Availability of Online Lecture Materials**

Just before Christmas, I made a video for our Instagram that linked to a form where students could report if lecture materials were not being uploaded online for their respective modules. I followed these reports up with the relevant heads of schools. It has been difficult to get these materials uploaded. A video will be uploaded every month to lobby for the availability of lecture materials online on a case-by-case basis. However, for this issue to truly be resolved, it may take the introduction of a new policy in TU Dublin surrounding this. Trinity have a policy like this, and I will be looking into this and asking other education officers if they have similar within their institutions. I also brought up this issue in the education working group and ask USI's VP for Academic Affairs to work with us on this.

#### **QQI Conference: Rethinking Assessment**

I spoke about the importance of timely and constructive feedback at a QQI conference. The academia there heard how much students value feedback, especially feedback given prior to their next assessment.



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#### Seachtain na Gaeilge

I am so excited for this! James is taking the lead on this one but the education team will be supporting him in running events on campus, and doing whatever we can to promote the Irish language.

#### **Academic Integrity Campaign**

Another super important campaign that Louise is taking the lead on. We will be focusing on promoting education on academic integrity.

#### **Class rep Christmas Party**

I was delighted that the class rep Christmas party was a success, and I was happy we could facilitate this event.

#### Class rep issues

Some classes are facing serious issues that need to be addressed ASAP. I will be continuing the casework log so that all issues are recorded, and updates regarding those issues are logged.

#### **Access Mandate**

I reached out to Access to arrange a meeting with the officers, and to offer our support in any way that may enhance their service. We will continue to reach out and offer our support throughout the year.



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Meetings Attended (and Number) Tinrimh Choistí agus Cruinnithe (agus Líon)	Priorities for Next Period Tosaíochtaí don chéad tréimhse eile
Academic council prep x1 Academic council x 1 Tuesday afternoon meeting x4 Education meeting x5 Academic Integrity Working Group x1 Faculty board x1 Apprentices' orientation x1 Stem passport for inclusion meeting x1 Lecture recording policy x1 Student Survey x2 Student survey prep x1 USI presidency candidate x1 Mid-term review x1 All officers meeting x1 Bolton St Chaplain x1 Body project facilitator training x1 TU Dublin info session on faculty board x1 TUDSU info session on faculty board x1 Assessment panel preparation x1 Design and construct working group x1 Design and construct working group review x1 Academic affairs working group review x1 Academic affairs working group x2 Postgraduate affairs working group x1 Campaigns working group x2 Dublin region working group x1 National Council x2 BST online class rep meeting x1 Aungier St class rep meeting x1	<ul> <li>Promote Student Survey on campus</li> <li>Address class casework</li> <li>Address individual casework</li> <li>Research policies in other institutions that promote the accessibility of lecture materials online</li> <li>Continue to lobby for extended library hours</li> <li>Assist in running a fun Seachtain na Gaeilge</li> <li>Promote Academic Integrity through an engaging campaign</li> <li>Work with the Design and Construct working group so that the developments in Broombridge will be orientated around student experience</li> <li>Create impactful motions to be brought to congress</li> </ul>



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Events/Activities Attended Tinrimh Imeachtaí / Gníomha			
TU Dublin Christmas Day National Council x2 EDI coffee morning			
Mandates (Complete/In Pro Sainorduithe (Déanta / Ar Sid	ogress/Uncompleted) úl / Le Déanamh)	Comments Ráitis	



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Exams – In progress
 Access – In progress
 Academic integrity – In progress
 Availability of lecture materials online – in progress

Gifts Received
Bronntanais a Fuarthas

Personal Expenses
Costaisí phearsanta

Coffee and lunch from Bolton St chaplain.

### **Any Other Matters** *Aon nithe eile*

Please share with students that if they are sick, suffering with their mental health, or going through a bereavement, they can complete a PC1 form to get an extension on their assessment. However, I recommended chatting to a lecturer first prior to filling out a PC1 form as sometimes lecturers can be quite understanding and are willing to support students by giving them an extension.