

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

Tuarascáil Oifigeach Comhairle na Mac Léinn Aontas na Mac Leinn, Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta, Baile Átha Cliath 22/23



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

Príomhphointí ón gcruinniú deireanach

### **Elections**

Spring-time elections are nearly here again, where did the time go?! With the new officer structure there will be 5 overall positions available, 3 campus-based VPs positions and 10 brand-new part-time officer positions (including so many related to welfare and equality which is AMAZING!!).

If you're interested in running for election, then check out our elections page (https://www.tudublinsu.ie/studentvoice/elections2023/) – it's got all the info you could possibly need, but also don't be afraid to approach the current officers if you want to have a chat through the roles.

### **USI (Union of Students Ireland) Update**

Since our last Student Council, several of your elected officers (including meee) attended two National Councils. The first one was in Athlone (8-9 th December) which I attended online and the second was in Tralee (26-27th January).

Over those two events, TUDSU passed three motions:

- 1) 'Operation Transformation',
- 2) 'Government Financial Aid for Students who do not Qualify for the Free Fees Initiative'
- 3) 'Climate Campaign'

Its great to get involved and pass motions which will affect students nationally and also it was my great honour to contribute to the drafting of 2 of these motions.

#### **Canteen Protest**

Back in semester 1, Student Council mandated us to hold a TU Dublin wide protest against the canteens across the university. The proposed date for this protest was the 1st February 2023; however, following 2 meetings attended my myself, the President and the Deputy President Tallaght a postponement of the protest was agreed.

Several of the initial agreements were:

- 1) The immediate procurement and installation of microwaves across all campuses with the canteen spaces
- 2) The immediate set-up of a Canteen Committee to discuss pricing, opening hours, and availability of seating as well as other canteen related topics. I am very happy to be leading this project from the union side and look forward to updating you all on the progress at next council.

#### Campaigns



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February is super busy for campaigns with SHAG launching next week (13<sup>th</sup> FEB) and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion week the following week From 20<sup>th</sup> Feb) Theres Loads of stuff happening both on and off campus so keep an eye out. There are still tickets available and the schedules are online so do check out our Instagram and eventbrite for details.

## **The Body Project**

I'm super happy to be working with the counselling service on the roll out of the body project across TUDublin. The Body project is an evidence based intervention programme to help promote body-acceptance and encourage participants to resist cultural pressures to conform to the appearance ideal and reduce their pursuit of unrealistic bodies. This is a project we are so passionate about within the union, a number of your elected officers have been trained up now to facilitate these groups and we cant wait to get started. Keep an eye out on our insta in you'd like to participate, all are welcome and the groups will take place online.



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Meetings Attended (and Number) Tinrimh Choistí agus Cruinnithe (agus Líon)	Priorities for Next Period Tosaíochtaí don chéad tréimhse eile
Executive Meeting (x4) Welfare Weekly (x5) Student Council (x1)) Spill Da T Review (x1 Mid-Year Review (1) Sai Gujulla Meeting [USI Candidate] (x1) Access Office Meeting (x1) Canteen Protest Negotiation (x2) Dublin Region working Group (x2) Welfare working group x 2 Equality & Citizenship working group x2 Events Working Group x1 Grangegorman Campus Safety, Health and Welfare Committee. X1 Class rep meetings x3 (hosted) Aungier st Health and Safety Team Meeting x2 LGBT Soc Meeting x 1 Body Project Facilitator Training x 2 Chaplaincy Meetings x 3 HSE Roadshow Meeting x 2 Period Poverty Meeting x 2 Student Media Outlet meeting (with Trinity News) x1 Neuro Pride Ireland Meeting x 1 Green Week Meeting With Magdalena ande chair of green campus committee x 1 Race Equality Working Group x 1 WTF Stand x 3	SHAG WEEK EDI week Roll out of the Body Project Green week Planning Mental Health Wk 2 planning Working on Mandates



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Events/Activities Attended Tinrimh Imeachtaí / Gníomhaíochtaí	Mandates (Complete/In Progress/Uncompleted) Sainorduithe (Déanta / Ar Siúl / Le Déanamh)
Class Rep Christmas Party Apprentice Orientations (x1) Erasmus Orientations (x1) National Council x 2 (1 online/ 1 in person) EDI Coffee Morning x 1	Period Poverty- In Progress, several meetings have happened since last council on this and hope to have meaningful update by next council
Gifts Received Bronntanais a Fuarthas	Personal Expenses Costaisí phearsanta
Lunch & Coffee from Chaplaincy x1 USI welcome pack x 1	n/a

### **Any Other Matters**

Aon nithe eile

### Officer Resignations.

Unfortunately, in the time since last council our VP for Welfare in Blanchardstown has left us. I'm very sorry to see Kayla go and do wish her all the best going forward.