

TU Dublin Parking

Student Council Notes:

The parking arrangements at TU Dublin are characterized by a lack of a universal scheme applicable across all campuses. Presently, TU Dublin does not employ any specific selection criteria for parking allocation. Notably, paid parking is in effect at the Blanchardstown campus, offering both permit-based and pay-as-you-go options. Additionally, Grangegorman utilizes a lottery system for parking allocation (for staff only) while parking at the Tallaght campus is currently offered free of charge.

Student Council further Notes:

The results of a recent FOI (Freedom of Information) Request from the SU President have revealed that TU Dublin plans to propose a university-wide parking scheme, which will include the addition of parking fees to the Tallaght Campus and prevent students from parking in any City Campus. Furthermore, the FOI Request revealed that TU Dublin profits from the clamping of cars (which was a significant issue in Blanchardstown campus last year), and there is currently no committee in place (with student representation) to review those who appeal such clamping cases.

Student Council further Notes:

A considerable number of students at TU Dublin face extended commute times, often lacking viable alternative transportation options (particularly in the Blanchardstown Campus). This challenge is particularly pronounced for students with disabilities who encounter obstacles associated with costs and a shortage of available parking spaces. Notably, the parking infrastructure at the Grangegorman campus appears to be predominantly oriented towards meeting the needs of staff rather than adequately addressing the parking requirements of students.

Student Council Believes:

Implementing a staff-student parking space allocation system could prove beneficial in enhancing the availability of parking spaces for students. The introduction of a student share option, coupled with clear selection criteria for parking assignments, would contribute to a more equitable distribution of parking resources. Furthermore, while a dual permit- and pay-as-you-go option are beneficial, the charge to students (during a Cost-of-Living Crisis) is unfair, particularly as it punishes students when there are few other transport options available. Finally, the University needs to establish a committee to review all clamping associated cases in a transparent manner.

Student Council Therefore Mandates:

The President and Campus Vice Presidents to lobby TU Dublin for the following:

- A pan-university student-staff parking space allocation system
- The introduction of a student-share option
- Establish clear selection criteria for parking assignments
- Prevent a charge being associated with a parking permit
- Establish a committee to review all clamping cases

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