# Shauna O'Toole Manifesto for VP of Academic Affairs

"Fixing you a better campus"

## Who Am I?

Hey! My name is Shauna and I'm running to be your VP for Academic Affairs. I'm a final year Film & Broadcasting student who is specializing in Radio Broadcasting. I have been actively involved in a number of extra curricular activities while also attending to my studies. I have a wide range of experience in various leadership roles and I am extremely passionate about equal opportunity in education. I truly believe there is a huge amount of strength in the student voice and I want to be one of the officers you elect to help you, as a student, use that voice to make real change to your own college experience.

# What Experience Do I Have?

- Access Student leader
- Access Student leader Co-Ordinator (2years)
- Student Councillor (4 years)
- School Rep for school of media
- Class Rep
- Delegate at USI Congress
- Access and Comedy society PRO
- Sat on NStEP workshop
- Sat on Education Quality Assurance Panel
- Student Rep for Career guidance event
- Access Rep at Career guidance conference
- Awarded Student Council Chairperson Award
- Awarded SU President's Award by Mark O' Donnell

# **Campaign Priorities**

### **Class Reps**

Class reps are the foundation to ensuring the union works at its best to ensure all students are receiving the best education experience while in college. Due to this I want to continue on the work from the previous education officers and ensure that every class group elects a class rep so that we in the union can know what support students need.

#### **Apprentices**

Apprentices are a group of students that I feel aren't discussed enough yet the support they require is no different. If elected, I would like to work with the apprentices and find out what they think the union can do for them so that their educational experience is as enjoyable as the rest of the student body

#### Access

With the access service finally amalgamated as one body over Tallaght, Blanchardstown and City I would like to aid the access service in providing the Tallaght and Blanch campuses with the same experiences that city have received over the years. I make it no secret that access to education is important to me. If elected I want to ensure that every student across the three campuses has a college experience of quality no matter where they have come from to get here.

#### **Mature Students**

Mature students are a group of students that may have come to college with a strong academic background, some may have not been in academia in some time and others may have no experience with higher education at all. Due to this I believe it is vital that they are aware of all the resources that TU Dublin provides to students to make the transition into third level as smooth as possible. If elected I would like to work with mature students to ensure they are getting the most from their college experience.

### **Quality of Education**

When a student begins their journey into third level they trust that the college has structured their chosen course to make them as knowledgeable and as employable in their respective disciplines as possible. I want to ensure that that trust is not in vain. If elected I would like to work with the quality assurance staff and make sure that students are getting the best education possible for their fees.

### **Manage Stress and Burnout**

College isn't without its struggles and I know from experience that stress and burnout come with the territory of pursuing a degree. To help combat this if elected I would like to work with the Welfare and Equality Officer to run workshops/campaigns to help students navigate the healthiest ways to deal with stress and burnout.

So Vote For Shauna O' Toole as your VP for Academic Affairs this March on the 28th to the 30th