

Minutes: Class Rep Meeting Bolton Street
Date: 30th November 2009
Time: 1pm
Venue: Bolton Street
Room: 281

4th Meeting

Potential Class Reps: 185

Number of Class Reps Elected to Date: 101

Number of Class Reps Present: 31

In Attendance: Suzann Tutty . Class Rep Convenor
 Dawn O'Higgins . SSA/ Class Rep Clerk

Visitors: Claire Healy . Student Participation Co-Ordinator
 Jen Jordan . Vice President Student&Academic Affairs
 Sean Campbell . Vice President Services&Trading

Apologies: Sive Bolton . DT110/4
 Simon Donnelly . DT001/3
 Damien Keena . DT001/3

<p>Minutes:</p> <p>The minutes were deemed a true reflection of the meeting held on the 16th November. Minutes were proposed by Sean Campbell and seconded by Paul Gannon.</p>	
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<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	
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<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>There was no correspondence.</p>	
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<p>Elections:</p> <p>There was one nomination received for Governing Council and that was from Niall Croke. As there were two positions available for Governing Council, Niall was automatically deemed elected.</p>	

Please Talk Welfare Week Feedback . Suzann commented on the success that was the Welfare Power Day in Bolton Street. Suzann opened the floor to comments and feedback.

Sean Barrett DT105/2 agreed that the day was successful however he felt that a lot of people only cared about the free stuff and not the actual meaning behind the theme.

Reps agreed that the day was a success and that the fruit and free tea and coffee were very well received.

Christmas Week . Suzann explained that Christmas Week would be the 7. 11 December. Bolton Street Christmas Day will be the Wednesday the 8th this and the canteen will be serving Christmas dinner. LPIT will also be organising a number of on site events. Guitar Soc are coming on board and they are organising an Xmas Factor. Suzann encouraged Class Reps to look out for posters and to get involved.

Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner . The dinner is taking place on the 10th of December in Cathal Brugha Street. It's a great volunteering opportunity and a great way to get into the Christmas Spirit. Anyone who wants to get involved should call down to the office and leave their names.

Art and Design Week . The Art and Design Society run Art and Design week every year and this year they are really hoping to open it up to all sites. They are looking for at least one piece of work for the exhibition from each site, any registered student is welcome to enter a piece. The week is provisionally the 1st - 5th of March.

Quality Assurance . VP ASA Jen Jordan spoke about the Quality Assurance and the Q6 process. She explained the importance of the Q6 forms and the importance of getting as many people as possible to fill them out. If lecturers are not giving them out, Jen encouraged Class Reps to ask for them or come to the office and we can print them out for classes. There will be a Q6 poster campaign.

Jen explained the 'What If' Campaign and how it will be rolled out. She also mentioned a change in General Assessment Regulations. You can now get a remarking of your paper as well as a recheck and appeal. Length of process and cost have yet to be decided.

There will be a survey sent out to all Class Reps about Programme Committees and Programme documents and it's very important that we get feedback so Jen asked all Reps to look out for the survey and to fill it in.

Elected Officer Elections . Suzann informed Class Reps that nominations for Sabbatical positions and Class Rep Convenors will open on the 7th of December and close on the 5th of February. Any

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...ing Sean Campbell addressed the ... bargo. The situation is still the same.

Tom Boland from the HEA had said on the news over a month ago that the problem should be resolved in 2-3 weeks and this has not materialised. It may be time to reassess the situation and decide what action should be taken.

Jen asked Class Reps to keep the SU informed if there is any class issues or lecturer issues after Christmas as there may be more lecturer cutbacks if contracts end in December. The Union can't fight the issues unless they know what's happening on the ground.

Day of Action . A further day of action has been planned for Thursday December 3rd. This has not been confirmed as Unions are still in talks with the Government. As soon as we have any more info we will let Students know.

Ciarán Nevin DT022/4 asked if there would be Students' Union Services if the strike goes ahead?
The Offices will be closed on all sites. However Sabbatical Officers will be contactable by phone and email.

Kevin Kelly DT023/4 asked if there was any truth in the rumour that the library in Bolton Street will be closing on Saturdays?
This is the first that anyone has heard about it, however if something like this was to be happening, students would be informed straight away.

Kate Redmond DT028/2 commented that there is never any event promotion or posters in the E Block. This group's classes are solely located there so they don't get the information the other students do. Suzann assured Kate that this would change and that she would ensure all events and activities are promoted in the E Block as well as the rest of Bolton Street.
Kate also commented that there is no heat in the E Block and that this is a major problem.
Sean encouraged students to get in contact with him when there is facility issues. He asked for a detailed email of all the issues in E Block.

Adam McGuigan DT004/1 told the meeting that room 227 has a number of broken chairs and a broken table and it is becoming increasingly difficult to fit the whole class in the room.

Livia Whyte DT004/2 said that on Thursday 26th November she was in the bathroom at 259 at 7.30pm and someone came in and turned off the lights, she turned them back on and someone came back in to turn them off. Lights were also off on the corridor back to the classrooms.

Lynsey Graham DT105/2 said that a lecturer had arranged for her class to come into college on a Saturday to do some work. The lecturer had pre arranged with the Porters to ensure that the room they needed was open. However the door wasn't open and the Porter at the desk refused

<p>the door was eventually opened but a by this point. email him in detail as to what happened.</p> <p>what on Monday 27th of November he 7pm and at that time all the lights on the fourth floor were turned off.</p> <p>Elena Frangeli DT006/1 asked about the possibility of students qualified as lifeguards or gym instructors to volunteer to work in the gyms. She explained that each qualified lifeguard has their own insurance.</p> <p>Jen VP ASA explained that the Students' Union have looked at every possibility from Sabbaticals opening up the doors themselves to having Leisure Management students man the gyms themselves, but unfortunately DIT insurance can't let any of the above happen. In order for the gyms and pool to be insured the people running them must have a contract with DIT, however the HEA embargo stops DIT from giving out contracts.</p> <p>Sean Barrett DT105/1 . There is an issue with the Professional Development module for their class in that the lecturer does not allow students to enter into the class late and then no notes are put up on web courses.</p> <p>Elena Frangelli DT006/1 commented that her class have the same issue with a maths lecture.</p> <p>Jen VP ASA to follow up on these issues.</p> <p>Suzann explained about PC1 forms, their purpose and where to find them.</p> <p>Kate Redmond DT028/2 asked if you needed a doctor's note with every PC1 form, particularly if you have to visit the hospital regularly and if the situation has been explained to lecturers?</p>	
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<p>LPIT Report:</p> <p>No LPIT has sat since the last CRM. There is an LPIT meeting tomorrow Tuesday 1st of December. At this meeting the LPIT team will finalise plans for Christmas week and look at their plan of work for the year.</p>	
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<p>USI</p> <p>Suzann explained USI and it's functions to Class Reps. Suzann also explained National Congress and explained that there will be an opportunity for students to apply to go to National Congress and speak about motions on behalf of DIT.</p>	
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