



dit students' union

Minutes: DITSU Bolton Class Rep Meeting
Date: 05/10/09
Time: 1pm
Venue: Bolton Street
Room: 281

1st Meeting

Potential Class Reps: 185

Number of Class Reps Elected to Date: 80

Number of Class Reps Present: 47

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 Academic and Student Affairs
Sean Campbell – Vice President Services and Trading

Apologies: Jay Murray DT007/3
Rachel O'Connor DT001/1

<p>Minutes:</p> <p>Suzanne welcomed everyone and congratulated them on being elected Class Reps.</p> <p>There were no minutes presented as it was the first meeting of the year.</p> <p>Suzann explained the role of Class Rep and the Class Rep Meeting.</p>	
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<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>There were no matters arising as it was the first meeting of the year.</p>	
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<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>There was no correspondence.</p>	
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<p>Elections:</p> <p>Governing Council – There are 16 positions available for Governing Council. As eleven nominations were received, these students were deemed elected. They are Aidan Caffrey, Paul Gannon, Patrick Kerley, James McNally, Jason Murray, Ciarán Nevin, Fearghal Nolan, Paul O'Brien, Luke Power, Sean Preston and Lorraine Walsh.</p> <p>There were no nominations received for Academic and Student Affairs, Chief Operations and Communications or Services and Trading sub committees. Claire explained what a sub committee was and the role members of the committee played.</p> <p>There was a nomination for Clubs and Socs Officer by Aidan Caffrey and a nomination for Ents Officer by Fearghal Nolan. Ciarán Nevin spoke on behalf of Aidan Caffrey and Fearghal said a few words and took questions and answers. A vote was taken and both Aidan and Fearghal were deemed elected.</p> <p>There were no nominations for the other four part time positions.</p>	
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<p>DITSU Issues:</p> <p>Governing Council – Suzann told Reps that there is still 5 positions open for Governing Council. Suzann explained what Governing Council was about and what is expected of a Governing Councillor. The first Governing Council will take place on the 14th of October. Suzann advised anyone who might be interested to go along as a visitor.</p> <p>National Condom Week. - VP Jen Jordan spoke about the campaign. Jen explained that we are raising awareness of safe sexual practice. SHAG week will take place in the second semester and this raises awareness of everything to do with sexual health. Jen told the group that free condoms are available in the SU.</p> <p>Class Rep Recruitment/Training – There are 80 Class Reps elected so far. Recruitment will be ongoing until all Class Reps are elected. Suzann explained when and where Class Rep training will be taking place. There will be a €10 refundable deposit required. An email will be sent out when forms are in the office for signing. Jeff el Damasi DT004/1 asked about lectures and what time we return on Saturday. Sean explained that Class Reps can get a letter for classes they miss. He also mentioned that Professor Norton fully endorses the Class Rep system, therefore there should not be a problem with missing classes for training. Craig Keogh DT005/1 asked what Class Rep Training involves? Suzann explained that training consists of workshops, interactive tasks, training on Student Charter and more. There will also be entertainment on Friday night. Ronan Guthrie DT111/1 asked how many people can go?</p>	

<p>Suzann explained that there are 200 places, each site will have an allotted amount and it is a first come, first served basis.</p> <p>Walk in the Park – Sean explained about the event happening on Thursday 8th of October and encouraged all Reps and their classes to get involved.</p> <p>Embargo Campaign – Sean explained what exactly the embargo is and how it is directly effecting the students. The silent protest was effective however we are still not getting answers therefore there is more action planned for this week. Sean encouraged everyone to text the textlink number and said that they would receive all the information they needed via text, so encouraged everyone to go back to their classes and get them to do the same.</p> <p>Jen explained to the Class Reps that they needed to bring this information back to their classes and get them involved. Are DIT putting enough pressure on the HEA? Jen needs all students effected by cutback issues to email her and have their classes email her so she can got to the departments and show them just how many people are effected.</p> <p>A student asked how they complain? Jen told them to email their tutors heads of department, head of school and to cc her in on the emails.</p>	
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<p>DIT Issues:</p> <p>Linenhall – has been given over to Architecture students as studio space. Sports have been looking into alternative venues for clubs.</p> <p>WIFI – there have been printers installed in locations around the college so that students can print from the WIFI network. They will be up and running in the next few weeks. Printer cards can be topped up by text and phone. Just to note, DIT web may be replaced with DIT LAN in the coming months.</p> <p>John O'Donnell DT022/4 asked if there was a possibility of getting a microwave facility somewhere in the college as some students do work quite late. It was explained that this would not be possible as it would cause a health and safety issue.</p> <p>Ciarán Nevin DT022/4 commented on an ongoing problem with doors and rooms being locked early in the evening. 2 students were working in lab 390 and they were locked in. Suzann said this would be looked into.</p> <p>Students commented that the fourth floor WIFI printer had not been connected and the WIFI on the fourth floor is not adequate, it sometimes doesn't work and when it does it can drop suddenly. Suzann mentioned the 3123 IT number and told students to contact this.</p>	

Conor Shaw DT105/3 said that students had been told that the technology printers are not being connected at all this year. All IT issues will be passed on to Vice President for Services and Trading and will be looked into.	
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<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>A number of students asked about the gyms. Suzanne explained about the embargo and how this affects sports.</p> <p>Lorna Maher DT106/1 – the door to room 236 does not close properly, therefore students find it very hard to hear what's happening during the lecture.</p> <p>Darragh Murphy DT022/2 – there is also a lack of air conditioning in room 236. Suzann said that both of these issues would be looked into.</p> <p>Matt Moore DT007/1 – all of the hand sanitisers are empty. Suzann said that we would get on to Occupation Health about this.</p> <p>Robert White DT022/2 – Lab 380 does not have enough Autocad or Maths Cad licenses. Sean and Jen are to look at this issue.</p> <p>Jen Jordan commented on the flooding in the ladies third floor toilet and the broken lock in the ladies second floor toilet.</p> <p>Darragh Murphy DT022/2 – some official results for repeats aren't out yet, therefore there are some people who still have no been able to register. Jen advised students to talk to tutors and Head's of Departments to find out why the results weren't up yet.</p>	
The meeting concluded at: 2pm	
Date of next meeting: tbc	