



dit students' union

**Minutes:** DITSU *Rathmines* Class Rep Meeting  
**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> October 2009  
**Time:** 1pm  
**Venue:** Rathmines  
**Room:** 1.03

**Present:**

Lorna Geraghty Class Rep Convenor  
 Tracey Flinter President  
 Sean Campbell Vice President Services & Trading  
 Jen Jordan Vice President Academic and Student Affairs  
 Sharon Hughes Student Support Advisor/Class Rep Clerk  
 Class Reps Attendance sheet available

**In Attendance:**

Claire Healy Student Participation Co-Ordinator

**Apologies:**

Aine Donohoe DT501-1

**Welcome and Role of the Class Rep Meeting:** Before the meeting began, Lorna opened by introducing herself and her role as Convenor. She discussed the role of the Class Rep Meeting and its importance and encouraged all Reps to get involved and make sure their voices are heard. Lorna also introduced Sharon as the Clerk of the Class Rep Meeting and announced that she would be based in the Prefab in Rathmines every Thursday in order to answer any questions or queries in Rathmines

<b>Minutes:</b> <i>There are no Minutes to approve as its the first meeting</i>	
	<b>Action Box</b>
<b>Matters Arising:</b> <i>There are no matters arising at the first meeting</i>	
	<b>Action Box</b>
<b>Correspondence:</b> No correspondence was received	
	<b>Action Box</b>
<b>Elections:</b> Elections were held for the various democratic positions:  1. Governing Council: There were 5 nominations received, each nominee briefly introduced themselves to the group 2. Laura Pearse	

<p>3. Jennifer Hughes 4. Emma Maher 5. Gareth Walker 6. Raymond England</p> <p>As there were 5 nominees for 6 positions, all nominees were deemed elected automatically</p> <p>7. Academic &amp; Student Affairs sub committee: No nominations were received so Jen spoke on the committee and its functions and asked people to get involved</p> <p>8. Chief Operations &amp; Communications sub committee: No nominations were received so Tracey spoke on the committee and its functions and asked people to get involved</p> <p>9. Services &amp; Trading sub committee: No nominations were received so Sean spoke on the committee and its functions and asked people to get involved</p> <p>10. PTO's No nominations were received. It was agreed that the 4 'x' portfolios should be assigned at this meeting in order to ensure proper representation was given to Rathmines. After some discussion the following 'x' portfolios were agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Environment (Green Helper)</i></li> <li>2. <i>Communications</i></li> <li>3. <i>Music (with special responsibility for BmusEd)</i></li> <li>4. <i>Services and Facilities</i></li> </ol> <p>The 4 briefs were proposed by Jennifer and Seconded by Laura.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The standard Clubs and Societies Officer and Events Officer also remain</li> <li>● Nominations are now open for these positions and will close on <b>Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2009 at 5pm</b></li> </ul>	
	<b>Action Box</b>
<p><b>DITSU Issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Inductions:</b> W.O.W week had a great buzz around the college and a great buzz was on-site. The students agreed there was a great atmosphere on-site</li> <li>● <b>Governing Council:</b> The Clerk of Governing Council has sent out details on the meeting which will happen Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009 in Bolton Street, all newly elected Governing Councillor should attend and all students are welcome</li> <li>● <b>Protest March:</b> A demonstration was held yesterday the 7<sup>th</sup> of October 2009 outside the Department of Finance in relation to the hiring embargo that has been placed on the DIT. Last week there was a Silent Protest in Bolton Street when the Minister for Finance was there which was very successful</li> <li>● <b>Class Rep and Governing Councillor Training:</b> This is a really great opportunity for all Class Reps which gives great training both as a Class Rep and with Life skills. The training will leave on Friday morning from Bolton Street. A €10 deposit will be required but will be returned at the hotel. There are Ents organised for the</li> </ul>	

<p>Friday night and its sure to be a great event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Raising And Giving:</b> The first RAG event will happen with the Walk in the Park in Glendalough, the date has been moved to the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009. There is a €10 deposit required which will be donated to the RAG charity Our Lady's Hospital Crumlin</li> <li>● <b>Volunteer Sign Up:</b> Please remember to sign up if you are interested to ensure that you receive regular texts and up-dates</li> </ul>	
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<p><b>DIT Issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>HEA Funding:</b> There has been a general embargo put on all Third Level Institutions hiring Part time staff, unfortunately DIT has the highest proportion of Part Time staff and as such are being hit the hardest. There is already a shortage of teachers but this will grow to less contact hours, no heating, less labs etc. Its an on-going issue for the Students Union</li> <li>● <b>Canteen:</b> The comfy chairs in the Canteen are gone, this wasn't agreed and is being followed up</li> <li>● <b>Tutor Times:</b> Anyone who has experienced shortened tutor times should contact Lorna directly on <a href="mailto:convenor.rath@ditsu.ie">convenor.rath@ditsu.ie</a> in order to ensure all issues are being logged <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● B Mus Ed mentioned they have had an entire subject removed from their curriculum due to funding.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><i>Lorna and Seanie following up</i></p> <p><i>Lorna to deal directly with BmusEd Reps</i></p>
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<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There is a heater in the drama room hanging off</li> <li>● The computer in the canteen is broken</li> <li>● Water fountain in the Canteen needs fixing</li> <li>● Library: The librarians and students using the library are very loud, particularly the librarians. Seanie announced that the library in Rathmines may be closed by Christmas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tracey elaborated on the Capitation fee and what is was used for including the fact that a lot of it is paid back to the Government in tax</li> <li>● Seanie announced that they're currently monitoring customer library usage so try and use the library as much as possible over the next few weeks and make sure to let your class know also</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Claire Healy spoke on the positions available for Social and Cultural Reps locally. She explained how they represented Rathmines Clubs and Societies to DITSU and asked those interested to get involved and contact Sharon in the Students Union office</li> </ul>	
<p><b>The meeting concluded at 1pm</b></p>	
<p><b>Date of next meeting: 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009</b></p>	