

MINUTE FORM

Aungier Street- Class Rep Meeting

Date: 31st January 2022
Time: 1pm
Room: AST2-020

PRESENT Jakub Polanowski

Jakub Polanowski College Officer & Chair
Aoife Meagher VP for Welfare & Equality

Hamza Jamaa VP for Education

POTENTIAL CLASS REPS 125

NUMBER OF CLASS REPS ELECTED TO DATE 90

NUMBER OF CLASS REPS PRESENT 25

IN ATTENDANCE Lucy Malone Student Advisor

Welcomes & Introductions	Action Box
Welcome – Jakub welcomed Class Reps to the Meeting.	
Health and Safety – Jakub reminded Class Reps that masks must be worn at all times.	

Minutes and Matters Arising:	Action Box
Jakub asked if the minutes were received from the last CRM and if they were a true reflection of the meeting held. The minutes were accepted and seconded.	
Correspondence:	Action Box
No Correspondence received.	
Elections:	Action Box
Student Councillors – 2 nominations received 1. Nesrin Othman – Was not present at meeting	
2. Harvard Mbam – Was unable to attend but sent speech for Jakub to read out	
School Reps – 6 nominations received	
 Aysha Ahmed for Accounting & Finance School Rep – Was unable to attend but sent speech for Jakub to read out Anurag Dasandhi for Graduate Business School Rep – Was present via Zoom 	
 and gave speech Margarita Filatova for Management School Rep – Was present and gave speech Tobias Mbanusi for Management School Rep – Was present and gave speech Maria Chamney for Marketing School Rep – Was present and gave speech Ethan Robinson for Retail and Services Mgmt School Rep – Was present and gave speech 	
An online ballot paper has been sent to Class Reps to cast vote. Online ballot papers will remain open for 24hrs from the time they are received.	
TU Dublin Updates Semester 1 Exams	
After extensive lobbying by our president, Mark O'Donnell and the officers, TU Dublin finally moved the semester 1 exams online. This began at Academic Council in early December when the officers presented the findings of the short Student Survey where over 93% of the 6,000 responses were clearly in favour of moving the exams online. This was primarily due to the growing incidence of COVID-19 infections and associated health and safety issues, fears about self-isolation / illness etc. It's a shame that the university took such a long time to make this decision when we had clearly demonstrated at a much earlier stage what our students were concerned about.	
COVID-19 Updates Face-Coverings Staff and students must wear a face-covering in all indoor spaces on campus, the only time you are permitted to remove your mask is to eat and drink. If any student refuses to wear a face-covering and cannot produce a medical exemption letter, disciplinary procedures will be invoked.	
Antigen Tests The University will shortly receive tests for students, and we will let you know how to access these in the coming weeks.	
<u>Libraries</u> Libraries are open, with quick browsing slots and bookable study spaces and PCs to	

adhere to public health guidelines. Jakub will continue lobbying the university to ger rid of the hour cleaning slots which have been heavily criticized by students.

Dining on Campus

Canteens, coffee shops and dining areas are fully operational. Eating or drinking is not permitted outside designated dining spaces on campus, and disciplinary procedures for those that do not comply will be invoked.

Student Volunteering

As a TU Dublin Class Rep, you are giving your time unpaid to help your own university community. This is also true if you are volunteering as a committee member with your student society or sports club, through your TU Dublin course or even online through micro-volunteering.

The TU Dublin Societies Office's Student Volunteering programme provides students with the necessary advice, training, and support so that they can safely engage in a wide range of opportunities on campus and off campus.

Through training and workshops during the year they will encourage and facilitate you to reflect on your learning through volunteering and help you to communicate your experiences to future employers and demonstrate your skills effectively.

The Pillar of the Community Award medal is awarded at the end of the year for the following achievements:

- Bronze for 20 hours logged
- Silver for 40 hours logged
- Gold for 60 hours logged.

To avail of these development opportunities as a volunteer students must register and log their hours <u>here</u>.

If you have any queries at all, please contact Claire Flannery at claire.flannery@tudublin.ie.

Developing the TU Dublin Education Model

TU Dublin is evolving their approach to learning and teaching and are seeking students input in creating and shaping their new University Education Model. The University Education Model is a framework of experiences from which learners attending TU Dublin can learn and grow, offering them the skills, knowledge, experience, and qualifications they require

The University Education Model Team seeks students' opinion, views, and vision now as they start the design process, and over time as we evolve the Model together.

To develop the University Education Model, they will use a partnership approach, one with co-creation with students at the core. There are many ways TU Dublin students can contribute to, and shape, the new University Education Model:

A) University Education Model Online Workshops

This week there are a number of student-dedicated sessions to learn more about the University Education Model, what it means for you and how you can shape it. These sessions will take place between Monday, January 31st and Thursday, February 3rd,

with one online session in the morning (10am) and one online session in the afternoon (2pm) on each of those days. Each online session will last no more than one hour. Places are restricted to the first 25 registrations, as the online sessions are both interactive and discussion based. You can reserve your place using the links below for the rest of this week.

- Learners Three (2nd Feb 2022, 10am)
- Learners Four (2nd Feb 2022, 2pm)
- Learners Five (3rd Feb 2022, 10am)
- Learners Six (3rd Feb 2022, 2pm)

B) Learners as Partners in the University Education Model

All students are invited, and encouraged, to become Learner Partners in the design and development of the University Education Model. No experience is necessary as support will be provided to empower those interested. All students who contribute to the Learner as University Education Model Partners will be recognised for their efforts. Please use this form to express your interest and a member of the University Education Model Team will follow-up with you.

C) Digital Ideas Submission

If you would like to contribute your ideas in written format, you can use this form in the minutes or get in contact on Education.Model@TUDublin.ie.

There will be many more opportunities to engage over this semester and subsequent academic years in the co-creation of our University Education Model.

TU Dublin SU Issues Action Box

Referendum

TU Dublin SU has a constitution that defines how the SU operates. The TU Dublin SU Constitutional Working Group have been reviewing this Constitution and the Officer Structures and preparing amendments to the TU Dublin SU Constitution so that it can best serve its purpose. On the 8th of February 2022, the Constitutional Review conducted by the Working Group will be presented to Student Council for a vote on its adoption. If Student Council accepts the results of the review, a motion will be put to hold a referendum to change the constitution.

The referendum would take place in March, and it would be for every TU Dublin student to vote on adoption of the amended Constitution in a simple yes/no vote.

Common Rooms

Common Rooms are back open across all campuses. It is important that Students follow the code of conduct which is displayed on the walls of the Common Room. If there are breaches of the code of conduct, we are at risk of having the Common Room closed by the building management. We are in the process of having the pool tables serviced and they will be back up and running in the coming weeks.

Semester 2 Campaigns

February

Refreshers Week- 31st Jan- 4th Feb

Running this week from the 31st of January to the 4th of February. Restrictions are almost gone but Covid isn't so we took a blended approach to cater to students who may be a little nervous to socialise just yet. We have events happening on every campus and tickets are linked on our Instagram bio.

SHAG Week- 14th - 18th Feb

The season of love AKA Valentine's Day is coming up, so you know what that means, IT'S SHAG WEEK! We have events on every campus where you could win some fabulous prizes, pick up some free condoms, or at least play a beloved carnival game with dildos? We have the return of our Big Sexy Quiz where we test your knowledge on all things, sex, sexuality, and STI's, you could win anything from vibrators to handcuffs to penis pasta. The best thing of all, it's only €2 to attend and all proceeds raised from the quiz will go to our RAG charity Saoirse!

We are also teaming up with the LGBTQ society to put on not one, but two events; queer sex ed and our annual TUDSU Drag Race! TUDSU Drag Race which sold out in just two hours has an amazing line-up of performers and our judges for the evening include the iconic Annie Queeries and Viola Gayvis, and our host is the baking sensation, Dona Tarte!

We are also doing a make your own boobie bowl workshop where you will learn how to make a boob bowl, planter, mug, whatever your calling! And you can bring them home! It is €5 to attend, and these workshops are running on every campus so make sure you get your tickets now.

We have so many more surprises and freebies in store so make sure you check out our social media to learn more!

March/April

- Green Week 14th-18th March
- Diversity Week & RAG Week 21st-25th March
- Trans Day of Visibility 31st March
- Disability Awareness Week 25th- 29th April

Student Leap Card

Student Leap Cards are available to collect from The Hub in Lower House on the Grangegorman campus. Additionally, you can have your Leap Card delivered to your local Students' Union Office just follow these steps:

- Text your Leap Card order code to +353860322577
- Mention your name and campus
- The Hub will text you when its ready for collection from the SU office on the campus of your choice.

TUD SU Sweaters

New TU Dublin SU sweaters are available in The Hub in Lower House on the Grangegorman campus. They come in two <u>designs</u>, Grey or Blue, available in sizes S-XXL and can be delivered to your campus also!

- Text +353860322577 with your name, the colour and size of the sweatshirt you want and what campus you want to collect from.
- Once confirmed we will send you a secure payment link and that's that! All that for only €20!

AOB

A Class Rep queried the next step in raising a communication issue with a lecturer. Hamza advised to firstly address the situation with the lecturer, then the course tutor and finally if the course is still unsatisfied to go to their course co-ordinator.

Lucy to send Course Co-Ordinator details to the Class Rep.

Next Class Rep Meeting: TBC	
Time Meeting Concluded	1.50pm
Please be sure to join our TUD SU Class Rep Facebook group here .	shops.
A Class Rep questioned whether the coffee shops on campus will be extending their opening hours in the evening to facilitate part time students. Aoife will follow up and update in the next CRM.	extended opening times for PT students with on campus coffee
There are currently no course hoodies available. Hamza will ask The Hub if they have any plans to sell them and update in the next CRM.	Hamza to follow up with The Hub. Aoife to query