



MINUTE FORM

BLANCHARDSTOWN CLASS REP MEETING

DATE: 03rd November 2020

TIME: 1pm

VENUE: Meeting Via Zoom

PRESENT	Eoin Dowling Rebecca Gorman Luke Daly Moya Browne Padraig Keane	Chair President Deputy President – Blanchardstown Deputy President – City Campus VP Education
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POTENTIAL CLASS REPS 148

NUMBER OF CLASS REPS ELECTED TO DATE 52

NUMBER OF CLASS REPS PRESENT 34

IN ATTENDANCE Trish Cullen Student Advisor

Welcomes & Introductions	Action Box
<p>Welcome – Eoin welcomed Class reps to the 1st class rep.</p> <p>Class Rep Facebook Page Here!</p> <p>Introductions: Chair & Clerk – Eoin and Trish – Eoin introduced himself as Chair of the meeting and spoke a little about himself and his role within the union. He then introduced Trish who is the Student Advisor within the Students Union and who is Clerk to the Class Rep Meetings.</p> <p>Role of the Class Rep Meetings – Eoin explained why we have class rep meetings and the purpose of them. He explained how class reps can bring up items where there are concerns from their class. From here we take on board all concerns and make action points for these concerns or queries to be dealt with.</p>	

Minutes and Matters Arising:	Action Box
No Minutes or Matters Arising as this was the first meeting held	
Correspondence:	Action Box
No Correspondence received	
Elections:	Action Box
<p>There are 12 positions available for student council and we have received 6 nominations.</p> <p>Student Councillors – 12 positions available. 6 nominations received so far</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angel Nadine Arrogante • Conor Kelly • Sophie Keenan • Rory O'Shea • Martina Czerwinska • Emmanuel Zion <p>School Reps - 1 nomination received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conor Kelly <p>The following Nominees were deemed elected to the student council. Congratulations to: Angel Nadine Arrogante Conor Kelly Rory O'Shea Martina Czerwinska</p> <p>The following nominee was deemed elected as School Rep. Congratulations to: Conor Kelly</p> <p><u>Nominations for school rep and student council are now open and will remain open until 18th November as our next class rep meeting is been held on Tuesday 24th November at 1pm</u></p> <p>Link to Student Council Nomination Form Link to School Rep Nomination Form</p>	
TU Dublin SU Issues	
<p>Nominations are now open for Deputy Chairperson for CRM (nominations close 18th November as our next class rep meeting is been held on Tuesday 24th November at 1pm – Link to Deputy Chair Nomination Form</p> <p>Class Rep Training – Will take place on 17th and 18th November between 13:00-14:00pm and also 17:00-18:30pm, we hope to see you there. – Save the date!</p> <p>Student Councillor Training – To take place 9th and 10th November between 17:30-19:00pm– Save the date!</p>	
Questions from the Class Reps	Action Box
There has been more than 1 class rep elected in some programmes. A few	

<p>people wanting to run for class rep, Confusion around class reps, who has been elected. To get resolved it was advised that students email the advice email. We are experiencing a few glitches and are currently working to resolve this.</p>	<p>Email Advice</p>
<p>Exams at the end of semester 1, It was students understanding that there would be formal in person exams in January but the way the lecturers are speaking nothing has been confirmed yet.</p>	<p>This will be discussed at student council</p>
<p>Communication issues, has communication improved with the college? TU Dublin have not been very communitive with the union. They have been making decisions based on things like fees deadline been delayed, but they did not relate this information to us till 3 days after it was finalised.</p>	
<p>Student in sports course, student would normally coach – If year tutor does not communicate with you it was advise that you contact course co Ordinator, if they don't get back to you should contact Luke so that he can look into this further</p>	<p>Luke to investigate further if needed</p>
<p>Will there be an option for students to attend classes online when students are due back to college, some students are living with vulnerable situations and may not want to come back into college. Luke more than happy to write a mandate on this</p>	
<p>Question on behalf of class, they have a lecture, but his internet and laptop keep turning off during lecture, Students feel they are missing a lot of lectures because of this. They have asked lecture to prerecord lecture so that students are not losing out. Luke advises that class rep bring this to QA meeting, this is where this would be first flagged. It was also advised that class rep go directly to lecturer on behalf of the class. The union can help generate an email to send to lecturer.</p>	
<p>Rebecca asked if students thought that if there was an option for lectures to be recorded would they benefit from this? Some lecturers are been recorded. Some lectures are been recorded and uploading to Moodle, sometimes recorded lecturers does not work on teams. Some lectures are living outside Dublin and have very bad Wi-fi. Lectures having poor connection, one class has a lecturer who leaves up power points with notes. Teacher union are against the idea of this, but we are fighting for this.</p>	
<p>Some students are having issues with the hand sanitisers on campus as a few have eczema and other skin conditions, they are finding the hand sanitiser very harsh and some are breaking out in a rash, is there anything that can be done about this? The hand sanitiser on campus has not been recalled.</p>	<p>Luke to send email to Staff Nurse (Ash)to discuss further. Luke to report back at next CRM</p>
<p>Has there been a discussion regarding refunding or cancelling contribution fees for this year? We the union believe that education should be free, even without a pandemic. We pay the highest fees in Europe. It's not going to be TU Dublin who decide this, it is the government who decides this. This is a long-term issue. Education for All is a Country wide campaign on access to education run by the Union of Students in Ireland alongside colleges across the country. TU Dublin SU are taking part in the lobbying efforts and emailing and tweeting all of our local TDs. We are asking them to sign the pledge which agrees to support a long term and sustainable plan for publicly funded higher education. Actions for you to take: Sign the Petition: https://my.uplift.ie/petitions/education-for-all-8 Share this campaign on social media with the #EducationForAll and tag your TD's</p>	

<p>Contact your TD's - whoismytd.com Ask them to sign the pledge for "Education for All". A template email is here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/12n92Y5iGZECv748NYYwdQ0J5cdKzydp1czlfur0kFgE/edit?usp=sharing</p> <p>Issue with students receiving College IDs, half students have them others do not. please contact SID sid@tudublin.ie or aileen.carr@tudublin.ie</p> <p>Difficultly with lecturer, What is the best way going forward to deal with this lecturer. Luke advised that class rep email lecturer on behalf of class. During class rep training we will cover how to deal with such matters when dealing with lecturers</p>	
TU SU Updates	
<p>Mental Health Week events: Please click here for all upcoming events</p> <p>RAG Crew: Would you like to help us raise money and awareness for the Irish Cancer Society, brainstorm new fundraising ideas and run events with us? Then join the RAG Crew via this link: Join the RAG crew today!</p> <p>Fighting Cancer Championship: The Fighting Cancer Championship is a 6 month long fundraising campaign running from November 2020 to May 2021. Over the course of the campaign, students are challenged to raise as much money as they can for the Irish Cancer Society. Students can do sponsored challenges i.e. walk 100km in a month, dry January, sponsored silence etc. or host an online raffle, quiz, bingo, or whatever ideas you have! Over the course of the year, the SU will also organise events/challenges that you can take part in to boost your fundraising tally. Our fundraising target this year for the Students' Union is €20,000, and we'd love your support and enthusiasm from taking part in the Fighting Cancer Championship and raising what you can to help us achieve that goal! To register for the challenge and to receive your fundraising pack, sign up here: https://forms.gle/JfQ8dd5Ta9rGQCnG6</p>	
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Time Meeting Concluded	2:15pm
Next Class Rep Meeting: 24th November 2020 via Zoom – Link to follow	1pm