

MINUTE FORM

BLANCHARDSTOWN CLASS REP MEETING

DATE: 01st December 2020

TIME: 1pm

VENUE: Meeting Via Zoom

PRESENT Ellen McLoughlin Chair

Luke Daly Deputy President – Blanchardstown

Padraig Keane VP Education

POTENTIAL CLASS REPS 148

NUMBER OF CLASS REPS ELECTED TO DATE 58

NUMBER OF CLASS REPS PRESENT 28

IN ATTENDANCE Trish Cullen Student Advisor

Claire Flannery TU Dublin Student Volunteering

Welcome	Action Box
Welcome – Ellen welcomed Class reps to the 2 nd class rep.	
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Class Rep Facebook Page Here!	
And check out our December Students Union Newsletter	
December Students Union Newsletter	

Minutes and Matters Arising:	Action Box
All matter arising, actions and outcomes can be found in document below	
Class issues from 1st Class Rep Meeting	
Correspondence:	Action Box
No Correspondence received	
Elections:	Action Box
Two students ran for the position of student council: Student Council Shalini Kuruguntla Lukasz Bik	
The following Nominees were deemed elected to the student council. Congratulations to both! Shalini Kuruguntla Lukasz Bik	
Nominations for school rep and student council are now open and will remain open until 3 days before our next class rep meeting, which is yet to be confirmed.	
Link to Student Council Nomination Form Link to School Rep Nomination Form	
Nominations are now open for Deputy Chairperson for CRM, Nominations close 3 days before the next Class Rep Meeting which has yet to be confirmed.	

TU Dublin SU Issues

Link to Deputy Chair Nomination Form

Student Volunteering

Moya introduced Claire Flannery who spoke about Student volunteering to the Class Reps, she explained how Class Reps can be student volunteers. She told Class Rep not to undervalue the hard work they commit to by been a Class Rep. Class reps were advised to sign up to student volunteering now and to think about logging the hours they commit to being a Class Rep so that you can be recognised for this.

You can always contact Claire for more information or if you come across any problems whilst logging in. They have fortnightly meetings. Where they brainstorm around different issues. Any suggestions you can let Claire know. Send any questions or suggestions that you might have regarding volunteering to Claire.flannery@tudublin.ie

Find out what opportunities are out there for you on our Student Volunteering website: www.studentvolunteer.ie/TUDublin

Twitter: @TUDublin_Vol

Instagram: @tudublinvolunteering

Facebook: @TUDublinStudentVolunteering

Programme Chair Meetings and NStEP training

Program Committee Meetings – Some have already sat on the programme Committee meetings, so ask how they got on and ask if there are any class reps who haven't had their programme Chair meeting yet. Moya explained what

happens at the programme committee meetings. Things that you could bring up are like getting to many CAs. Sarah had here and they went through all issues that their peers are going through. All issues you want to bring forward, it was very casual and helpful. If you haven't had your programme committee meeting contact course coordinator

NStEP- The National Student Engagement Programme, known as NStEP, will be running its Introductory Class Rep Training for reps at TU Dublin SU! This training is designed to introduce key concepts and practical skills to help you succeed in the role. Over 1000 reps have already participated in this training across Ireland so far this year, and 99% say they would recommend it to other reps!

Training covers four key areas:

- 1. Student engagement and partnership in the context of the class rep role
- 2. The Student Learning Experience tool, and how it can be used to gather and evaluate feedback from your class
- 3. The class rep feedback cycle
- 4. Strategies for communicating feedback effectively

There are limited slots so get your Eventbrite before all the spots are taken. Happening this Thursday and Friday with 3 sessions each day but all sessions are the same so you'll have to attend one. Trish will send out links to Eventrite tickets as soon as the meeting has concluded.

National Forums for Teaching and Learning Teaching Heroes Awards

The Teaching Hero Awards are Ireland's only national, student-led awards for all those who teach in higher education.

The Awards are organised by the National Forum in collaboration with the Union of Students in Ireland and other students' unions nationwide. They provide an opportunity for students across the country to recognise and celebrate outstanding teaching in our higher education institutions. Teaching Heroes are nominated by individual students, who submit a short personal piece (a maximum of 150 words) that explains why the person is their 'Teaching Hero'. Based on student nominations, all Teaching Heroes identified, with their agreement, will receive national recognition. - Links will be attached to the minutes.

- https://www.research.net/r/3CZZTDD
- https://www.teachingandlearning.ie/2020/11/17/national-student-led-teaching-hero-awards-launched/

Opuates	ACTION BOX
Laptop Loan Scheme Laptop Loan Scheme has now reopened. For more information please email laptoploan@tudublin.ie	
Student hoodies	

Action Box

We have launched our merchandise, check out our Website for further Information and the catalogue is available through the following on our website. https://www.tudublinsu.ie/events/clothing/ and keep an eye out for updates on our social media platforms.

Any questions go to hoodies@tudublinsu.ie

Events for classes

Undates

Feedback from students is that students are not getting to know each other

because of all classes been online. If your class would like help in organising an event for the class to get to know each other and have some interaction, then the class rep can fill out the event form on behalf of your class. Make sure to consult your class on a few times and dates that work for the class, and go through the event options in the form, see what the class likes best.

Once you fill out the form, you will be emailed with the details and links for your class event. Mark explained how the form should be filled out. There are a list of suggested events on the form. It you would like to suggest an event that is cool too. We will run the event for you!! Events for Class Form

Fighting Cancer Championship:

The Fighting Cancer Championship is a 6 month long fundraising campaign running from November 2020 to May 2021. Moya is wearing a moustache for the month of November!

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: Fighting for Cancer Championship sign up form

Christmas Quiz

Christmas is coming early! Grab your tickets for Slay Ride, our Christmas Quiz with Victoria Secret and Davina Devine! Join us for a gas night of drag, fun and a chance to win some gorgeous prizes! Tickets are free but limited numbers, Tickets are available from Eventbrite Slay Ride Christmas Quiz - Eventbrite tickets here!

AOB

Whole year is having difficult with 1 lecturer, they are struggling with one topic in particular, they have only been given 5 days to complete assignment. Luke advised he has academic board on Friday where this is going to be raised at the broad and he will also be sending emails to head of departments to let them know that this will be brought up at academic board that students feel they are being overworked.

Email responses from lecturers, a lot of students in CDM are not receiving enough emails from lecturers, Students are very confused. It is an individual issue amongst the whole class. Lectures are telling students to email them with issues but are not responding.

Luke with regards to brief email on behalf of class explained that the class are unsure on the brief and ask if it can be issued earlier that a week before the due. Contact course coordinator with regards to lecturers not responding to emails.

Clodagh – 2nd year Class Rep – Clodagh wrote out all CAs that are due, she brought it to the tutor and Course Coordinator, she brought this to their attention so that they could see how many assignments etc that students have, show lectures CA, ask lecturers to break down the CA

Clodagh, put herself forward for student council, she filled out nomination form, Clodagh said there was a discrepancy with regards to the nomination forms submitted. Trish and Luke looking into this.

Class having issues with plagiarism software, Kelly has spoken with lecturer about this, she was told this one was chosen because of costs. The % coming back is very high, apparently there is some technical issue, you need to email your lecturer to check this. They are looking into this at the moment, also email course coordinator, flag it as course board meeting too. They would be able to bring it up with IT

They are aware, and they need to look individually at certain essays. The lectures feel the same about TurnItIn being better, they said it in our course board they were annoyed

Is there any policy that indicates for a timeline of returning grades to students once an assignment if submitted? students have no concept of how they are doing as we have only received 3/4 grades back once across all modules For instance, a lot of students were submitting declaration forms at the start of each assignment and this also pushes up the plagiarism level. Lecturers are aware of this.

If anyone has further issues please contact <u>deputy.BC@TUDublinSU.ie</u>, <u>advice@tudublinsu.ie</u> or <u>trish.cullen@tudublinsu.ie</u>

Time Meeting Concluded	2:05pm
Next Class Rep Meeting: TBC	-