



## **MINUTE FORM**

### **Blanchardstown – Class Rep Meeting**

DATE: 01<sup>st</sup> February 2022

TIME: 1pm

VENUE: E005

#### **PRESENT**

Sinead Lane/Chair  
Mark Dowling

VP for Welfare – Blanchardstown  
President – TU Dublin SU

**POTENTIAL CLASS REPS** **154**

**NUMBER OF CLASS REPS ELECTED TO DATE** **52**

**NUMBER OF CLASS REPS PRESENT** **5**

**In Attendance** Trish Cullen Student Advisor

<b>Welcomes &amp; Introductions</b>	<b>Action Box</b>
<b>Welcome</b> – Sinead welcomed Class reps to the meeting	

Minutes and Matters Arising:	Action Box
No Matters arising	
Correspondence:	Action Box
No Correspondence received	
Elections:	Action Box
<p><b>Student Councillors – 5 nominations received</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dennis Farrell - Speech sent in</li> <li>● Amen Enihore - No Show</li> <li>● Sorcha Kelly - Apol - Speech sent in</li> <li>● Rebecca O’Grady - Speech sent in</li> <li>● Kimberly Usog - Apol Speech sent in</li> <li>● Jake Pulkis - to Join in zoom</li> </ul> <p><b>School Rep</b> – No School rep elections</p> <p><b>An online ballot paper to be sent to class reps to cast vote, Online ballot papers will remain open for 24hrs from the time they are received.</b></p>	
TU Dublin Update	
<p><b><u>Covid Updates</u></b></p> <p><b>Face-Coverings</b> Staff and students must wear a face-covering in all indoor spaces on campus, including common student areas, lecture halls, libraries, labs, studios, kitchens, locker rooms, workshops, and gyms. 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.</p> <p><b>Antigen Tests</b> The University will shortly receive tests for students, and we will let you know how to access these in the coming weeks.</p> <p><b>Libraries</b> Libraries are open, with quick browsing slots and bookable study spaces and PCs to adhere to public health guidelines. You still must book the library; you cannot enter the library without a booking.</p> <p><b><u>Dining on Campus</u></b> Canteens, coffee shops and dining areas will be 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.</p> <p><b><u>Semester 1 exams</u></b> 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.</p>	

<p><b><u>Student Volunteering</u></b>  Class Reps are TU Dublin Student Volunteers too!  As a TU Dublin Class Rep, you are giving your time unpaid to help your own university community. As a valuable volunteer we are here to help you get the most from your volunteering experiences, whatever they are.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Register and log your volunteering hours as a class rep <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>- <a href="#">Demonstration Video</a> on using <a href="http://www.StudentVolunteer.ie/tudublin">www.StudentVolunteer.ie/tudublin</a></li> </ul> <p>Contact Claire, SV Co-ordinator with any queries: <a href="mailto:claire.flannery@tudublin.ie">claire.flannery@tudublin.ie</a>  Follow Student Volunteering on Instagram for inspiring stories and updates: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/tudublinvolunteering/">https://www.instagram.com/tudublinvolunteering/</a></p> <p><b><u>Developing the TU Dublin Education Model</u></b>  TU Dublin is evolving our approach to learning and teaching, and we seek students input in creating and shaping our 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. A very short explanation video is available <a href="#">here</a>.  <u>There are many ways TU Dublin students can contribute to, and shape, the new University Education Model. All the information you need for this is attached to these minutes.</u></p>	
<p><b>TU Dublin SU Issues</b></p>	<p><b>Action Box</b></p>
<p><b><u>Referendum</u></b>  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. This group has been preparing amendments to the TUDSU Constitution so that it can serve its purpose as best it can. 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 student to vote on adoption of the amended Constitution. It is a simple yes/no vote.</p> <p><b><u>Events</u></b>  <u>Refreshers Week</u> will be running 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 can be found on the bio of our Instagram to get your tickets. With the restrictions easing we are upgrading our current plans and making new ones to enjoy the freedom while we can. So, keep an eye on our socials for updates.</p> <p><u>RAG week</u> is set to run from the 21st of March and will run till the 25th. We will have a week of amazing fundraising events that will raise much needed funds for our amazing RAG partner Saoirse DVS. We are currently looking for students who are looking to get involved in the planning and running of our RAG events. Any students that want to be involved please contact Adam at <a href="mailto:events.cc@tudublinsu.ie">events.cc@tudublinsu.ie</a></p> <p><b><u>Semester 2 Campaigns</u></b>  <u>SHAG Week</u></p>	

The season of love AKA Valentine's Day is coming up, so you know what that means, IT'S SHAG WEEK! Running from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> of February we have events on every single campus throughout the week 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**, 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** 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!

### Green Week

Exactly what it says on the tin! Taking place from the 14th-18th of March, Green Week is a campaign where we aim to promote sustainability among students and empower them to make choices that are more eco-friendly while also acknowledging the tight budget that most students are on! The campaign will be run online and centre around the five core pillars of economic living which are reduce, reuse, recycle, repair, and replace!

### Diversity Week & RAG Week

Starting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March Diversity and RAG are joining together for a mega week. We are currently looking for students who are looking to get involved in the planning and running of our Diversity and RAG events. Any students that want to be involved please contact our Events Officer, Adam Clarke, at [events.cc@tudublinsu.ie](mailto:events.cc@tudublinsu.ie) or our VP for Welfare and Equality on the Tallaght campus, Sean Delappe, at [welfare.tc@tudublinsu.ie](mailto:welfare.tc@tudublinsu.ie).

### Trans Day of Visibility

Trans Day of Visibility is coming up on the 31st of March, so we are going to be celebrating our Trans students with some events and awareness campaigns!

### Disability Awareness Week

Disability Awareness Week will begin on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April this year with some fantastic workshops about self-advocating, information on internships for graduates/placement and much more!

### Common Rooms

The Common room in Blanchardstown is open this Thursday and to celebrate this we are inviting you to come down for some free pizza, games, music, and chats!! We look forward to seeing you there!

### Student Leap Card

Need to get yourself a Student Leap Card? Or maybe you just need to renew your old one?

The Hub, Grangegorman can help.

- Text your Leap Card order code to +353860322577
- Mention your name, your 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, Grangegorman. They come in two

<p>designs, Grey or Blue, available in sizes S-XXL and can be delivered to your campus also!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Text +353860322577 Your name, the colour and size of the sweatshirt you want and what campus you want to collect from.</li> <li>•Once confirmed we will send you a secure payment link and that's that! All that for only €20!</li> </ul>	
<b>AOB</b>	
<p>Lunchroom has a lot of students congregating and there are a lot of seats missing in the C Block. There are no rules around congregating due to government guidelines. If there are seats missing, we can raise this with Sinead, you can also log this with Estates.</p> <p>In 1st semester, Class Rep was approached with regards to the cold in F205, also block A, with covid restrictions rooms had to be at a certain temperature but now the restrictions are lifted do the rooms still need to be a certain temperature? Sinead will bring this up with Estates.</p> <p>Birth control contraception - Students feel they don't know of all the options available to them. Sinead to bring this up with the nurse</p> <p>Free condoms are available in the SU, there are also condom dispenser machines available in the common room.</p> <p>If you are prescribed any form of contraception and cannot make it back to your doctor to renew your prescription you can see the nurse who will make an appointment with the doctor for you.</p> <p>Are we going to have microwaves? Mark brought this up at the weekly covid meeting yesterday, they said they would investigate this. Mark will chase this up until he gets an answer from them. This is a TU wide issue, send an email to facilities with regards to this also</p> <p>Some students have classes on Monday 10 to 4 with no break and Thursday 11 to 4, Is it possible to get classes changed? Course Board meeting is where you can bring this up. Contact Course Coordinator and ask to be put on the course board meeting. If you need any help with this VP Welfare can help with this.</p>	<p>Sinead</p> <p>Sinead</p> <p>Mark</p>
<b>Time Meeting Concluded</b>	<b>2pm</b>
<b>Next Class Rep Meeting: TBC</b>	