

TU Dublin Students' Union

***Officer Structure Consultation Session
February 2021***



Background

- **The existing officer structure needs a shake-up!**
- Changes are needed to make it better
- We need your feedback

Principles:

- Campus representation
- Streamline the work and ensure collaboration
- Keep Students Involved



Overview of the Process

Task	Completion Time
Draft structure is created	January 2021
Consultation sessions with the Student Body <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Council• Class rep meetings• Open sessions for students• Part-time officers• Full-time officers	February 2021
Structure is finalised and checked for errors	March 2021
Motion for an all-student vote (Referendum) is brought to Student Council	October 2021
All-student vote (Referendum) is held for students to approve or reject the new proposed structure	Semester 1 2021/2022 Academic Year
Elections for the Officer Positions	March 2022
New Officer Structure is in place	July 1st 2022



We Want Your Feedback!

- Draft roles and descriptions are here.
- Please provide your thoughts on it.

Remember:

- What are the most important things to you for your SU structure?
- How do we ensure we are influential in the decisions TU Dublin makes on the behalf of students?
- How do we bring value to our members?



The **Mission** of the Union is to be the independent representative organisation for students of the Technological University Dublin, to act in the best interests of its members, to advance and defend their rights, primarily in relation to their education and welfare as TU Dublin students, and as citizens.

The **Vision** is that each TU Dublin student will have a positive and transformative experience to assist them in reaching their full potential academically, socially and professionally, and to develop as ethical and informed individuals.

The **Values** of the Union are that it will be student-led, democratic, inclusive, transparent, accountable, ethical, respectful, empowering and professional.



		Officer Base		
Position	Full Time/ Part Time	Blanchardstown	City	Tallaght
President	Full-Time		✓	
VP Campus Life	Full-Time	✓		
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VP Student Development	Full-Time	✓*		
VP Wellbeing + Sustainability	Full-Time		✓*	
VP Academic Affairs	Full-Time			✓*
Postgraduate Officer	Part-Time			
Discipline Reps	Part-time	✓	✓	✓

* The locations of these VP's is decided by the President. At least 1 is on each campus.



President

Full-time

Based in the City Campus

- Chief spokesperson of the Union
- Drives Union political strategy
- Leads the SU Executive
- Member of TU Dublin Governing Body and Academic Council.
- **Champions the student voice in TU Dublin**



VP for Campus Life

Full-Time

1 each based in Blanch, City and Tallaght Campuses

- Works on the campus with students
- Attends local meetings, e.g. health and safety
- Runs events and campaigns activities on the campus
- Strengthens communications and engagement with students on the campus.
- Elects and supports class reps
- Works to resolve class issues and improve the campus



VP for Student Development

Full-time

Based in either Blanch, City or Tallaght

- Works to improve the services of the Union for students.
- Develop training and activities to strengthen the student experience.
- Create new initiatives in the Union to respond to the needs of our members
- Provides events, workshops etc. to students
- Improve our representation structures for our members
- Promotes the work of the Union.
- Regularly gathers feedback from our members.



VP Academic Affairs

Full-time

Based in Blanchardstown or City or Tallaght

- Represents students in academic committees in TU Dublin e.g. Academic Council.
- Promotes student representation and partnership with TU Dublin in academic systems, e.g. quality assurance.
- Organises training and skill sessions for class reps and discipline representatives.
- Deliver campaigns on academic topics, e.g. assessments.
- Lobbys for additional supports and improving the academic experience for students.



VP for Wellbeing and Sustainability

Full-time

Based in Blanchardstown or City or Tallaght

- Lobbies for equality, diversity and inclusion policies in TU Dublin.
- Creates campaigns on student wellbeing, e.g. sexual health, consent.
- Works with the SU advice service.
- Provide accurate information on student wellbeing to the student body.
- Campaign for student supports and rights in TU Dublin, e.g. accommodation, grants.
- Lobby for Institutional change in addressing the climate crisis and equipping students with skills to address it.



Postgraduate Officer

Part-time Paid

Elected from anywhere in TU Dublin

- Represents Postgraduate students at TU Dublin's Governing Body and Academic Council.
- Gathers feedback from Postgraduates and feeds it into TU Dublin SU Policy.
- Attends committees and working groups as appropriate.
- Ensures the SU is accessible to Postgraduates and provides the activities they require.



School/Discipline Representatives

Part-time

30 approx. positions across TU Dublin

- We are reimagining this role for our new structure - you will be trained, supported and engaged with by your officers
- Provide leadership and support for class representatives within your School/Discipline.
- Represent the student voice within your School/Discipline at the appropriate level.
- Promote and communicate your role within TU Dublin SU and the University to all students within your School/Department.
- Support the Officers in delivering activities and organising meetings of the Student Body.

