



## **MINUTE FORM**

### **Tallaght – Class Rep Meeting**

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

TIME: 5pm

VENUE: 130

#### **PRESENT**

Mark Dowling	President – TU Dublin SU
Leslie Barrett	Deputy President – Tallaght
Seán Farrelly	VP for Education – Tallaght
Seán Delappe	VP for Welfare – Tallaght

**POTENTIAL CLASS REPS** **147**

**NUMBER OF CLASS REPS ELECTED TO DATE** **93**

**NUMBER OF CLASS REPS PRESENT** **11**

**In Attendance** Trish Cullen Student Advisor

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

<b>Minutes and Matters Arising:</b>	<b>Action Box</b>
No Matters arising	
<b>Correspondence:</b>	<b>Action Box</b>
No Correspondence received	
<b>Elections:</b>	<b>Action Box</b>
<p><u>Student Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laurence McLoughlin - Present and gave speech</li> <li>• Matthew Wilson - Sent in speech, Sean read this out</li> <li>• Wren O'Reilly - Present and gave speech</li> <li>• Elizabeth Corcoran - Present and gave speech</li> </ul> <p><u>School Rep</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Samantha Corcoran – School of Business &amp; Humanities - Present and gave speech</li> </ul> <p><b>Ballot paper will be sent out after the CRM and will remain open for 24hrs</b></p>	
<b>TU Dublin Update</b>	
<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</p>	

<p>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></p> <p>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>.</p> <p><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></p> <p>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></p> <p><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>Keep an eye on social media for all local events happening in Tallaght!</p> <p><b><u>Semester 2 Campaigns</u></b></p> <p><u>SHAG Week</u></p> <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</p>	

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 designs, Grey or Blue, available in sizes S-XXL and can be delivered to your campus also!

- Text +353860322577 Your name, the colour and size of the sweatshirt you want and what campus you want to collect from.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>Microwave - Student queried if there is a microwave, we are working on this, there have been microwaves on other campuses, but these were removed during covid. We advise that you email Leslie <a href="mailto:deputy.tc@tudublinsu.ie">deputy.tc@tudublinsu.ie</a> or Sean <a href="mailto:education.tc@tudublinsu.ie">education.tc@tudublinsu.ie</a> . They can bring this to the college, the more emails we get from students the better. Free hot water available to Student in the SU, Free Condoms and Free period products</p> <p>There are no seats in Prem yet, no seating area upstairs, they close at 2pm. Students have a 2hr break and have nowhere to sit during their break. We can push for the canteen to be opened longer but this would depend on timetables Vending Machine, Leslie to look into this, she will see who supplies products for this</p> <p>Printer Cannot print anything, Leslie to look into this, in premier</p> <p>Compulsory mindfulness classes are one module that students need to do 6 classes of. Students feel that this is not for everyone, it is an hour-long class. students must show up for the 6 weeks then they need to write about it at the end of the end of the 6 weeks Email head of department and CC the union Look at the course outline too, see if this was outlined in course content</p> <p>Erasmus, students do not know who to speak to with regards to who to get in touch with for information on Erasmus Deadline is coming - Trish to look into this and get back to student</p>	<p>Leslie</p> <p>Leslie</p> <p>Trish</p>
<b>Time Meeting Concluded</b>	
<b>Next Class Rep Meeting: TBC</b>	