



MINUTE FORM

MINUTES: Class Rep Meeting

CAMPUS: Tallaght

DATE: 26th January 2021

TIME: 5pm

Platform: Zoom

PRESENT

Lee Barrett	Tallaght Campus Deputy President
Sean Farrelly	Tallaght Campus Vice President for Education.
Lesley Barrett	Tallaght Campus Vice President for Welfare
Aine Kane	Tallaght Campus Comms Officer
Sophie Dolan	Tallaght Campus Clubs Officer
Eoin Carey	Tallaght Campus Events Officer

POTENTIAL CLASS REPS

Full time and part time

138

NUMBER OF CLASS REPS ELECTED TO DATE

101

NUMBER OF CLASS REPS PRESENT

20

IN ATTENDANCE

Saoirse McLave	Office Administrator
Aisling O' Brien	Counselor, Student Services
Marie Kealty	Career Coach, Career Development Center
Sister Bernadette Purcell	Chaplain, Chaplaincy Office

Minutes	Action Box
The minutes were accepted.	
Matters Arising	Action Box
No matters arising.	
Correspondence	Action Box
Tim O' Connor, Clubs and Recreations Officer for Student Services wrote to advise student that Clubs and Societies are still available to join online.	
Elections	Action Box
<i>No elections were held.</i>	
Guest Speakers	Action Box
<p>Marie Kealty from the Career Development Centre spoke to the reps. She explained the centre gives advice on jobs and reviews CVs. She advertised the centre's website and social media platforms, which will advise of any upcoming events.</p> <p>Sister Bernadette, a chaplain, advised that the chaplaincy is still running and appointments are available online.</p> <p>Aisling O'Brien from Student Service spoke and let students know that the counselling service is still open, and appointments are available online.</p>	
TU Dublin SU Issues	Action Box
<p><u>Academic Calendar:</u></p> <p>Sean Farrelly asked for feedback on whether students would prefer exams before or after Christmas. It was advised this was not for immediate effect or a promise, but to establish the opinions of students on the timing of examinations and assessments in the Christmas period.</p> <p>Five students spoke, and three of them indicated they would prefer for exams and assessments to take place before Christmas, with two against.</p>	

Discussion Items	Action Box
<p><u>Fees:</u> Sean queried if there have been any questions around fees from students, in particular international students, but so far there has not.</p> <p><u>Access to Teams:</u> It was queried whether a standard format and use of teams could be set for lecturers to adhere to, in order to establish a universal approach as some students feel their lecturers are not equipped to teach online without a standard being set.</p> <p><u>Issues with CA:</u> Students unhappy with delay in receiving feedback, particularly in courses where assessment is 100% CA. Feedback either is not given, or is not constructive, and many of them have no idea of their grades.</p>	
Questions from Class Reps	Action Box
<p>One student queried if there are standard communication guidelines around the support tutors give their class, as classes are finding discrepancies in how tutors are communicating with groups.</p> <p>There were no further questions.</p>	
Updates	Action Box
<p>Lee gave an update on the I Hate Mondays event, an online event with quizzes and chances to socialize with other campuses. He also gave an update on RAG, that money will be raised for the Irish Cancer Society, and that information is online at the website and TUDSU social media.</p> <p>Sean is working on rectifying the lecture recording situation; he stated they had met with Registrar Mary Meaney and discussion was underway to establish principles around lecture recording in order for lecture recording to be brought in, as it has been a concern for many people. He also updated them on Upskill Week in March, in conjunction with the careers office.</p> <p>Lesley gave an update on Disability Week and events taking place during SHAG week, as well as Spring into Spring (mental health campaign), and Come Dine With Me (promoting healthy eating and nutrition). and</p>	
A.O.B	Action Box
<p>Class Rep Refresher training will take place soon, and emails will be sent out with dates and information. Empty seats on Student Council were also advertised.</p>	
<p>Time meeting concluded: 6.00pm</p>	
<p>Date of next meeting: TBC</p>	