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### Electoral Commision

Dear Glenn and the Electoral Commision,

Thank you for your letter on the 5th of August. Unfortunately, with the failure of the referendum last academic year, we are now in an unfortunate situation where the constitution does not match the organisational layout of the University.

Ireland does not have a *force majeure* doctrine unfortunately, but I think it is important to weigh the aims of the constitution alongside the text, and how reasonable following the letter of the schedules is.

The school reps were conceived when the University had a concept of locating schools in distinct campuses, and were a way to ensure more balanced representation from all sites and to help mitigate a single site having an overwhelming majority.

If we were to follow the letter of Schedule A, it would be likely that a large proportion of the school reps would be from city campus and we could have a situation where a single campus could vote to change schedules or initiate referena on its own.

In light of this, I feel the most democratic way forward is to have these school reps as pseudo campus reps, and added to each as extra student councillors for the respective campus allocations.

As such, the school reps will be allocated as follows:

- Blanchardstown - 3
- City - 24
- Tallaght - 3

This will bring the total student councillors per site to:

- Blanchardstown - 15
- City - 47
- Tallaght - 18

This is a 1 year derogation, due to the change of schools over the summer period, and will not be granted again in the future. I would refer the commission to Schedule A, Article 7 of the Constitution, and encourage the commission to have new structures in place by the last council of academic year 2022/2023

Sincerely,

Your Name

