



**TU Dublin Students' Union**  
**Student Council Officer Report 22/23**  
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### Key Points Since Last Meeting

*Príomhphointí ón gcruinniú deireanach*

Welcome everyone to our third Student Council of the year! This is a very special council because of two reasons. Firstly, it's the festive season! If I see a single Councillor not wearing cringe Christmas jumpers I'll be furious. Secondly, I've likely reached my fundraising target (1000 moneys) which means I'm currently wearing a Koala onesie! The reason I bring this up is because, while the Students' Union can be intense, political, and chaotic – it's also meant to be fun. I'm therefore mandating all Councillors to remember that they won't be students forever, and to enjoy their time in TU Dublin! Anyways, without further ado, here's some of the main updates since a whole 2 weeks ago:

#### Referendum / Elections Update

It's finally over! Over the next few weeks, I'll now be developing the elections campaign, where we aim to encourage as many students as possible to run for our Springtime elections. My goal is to provide information and job descriptions for each of the positions (full-time and part-time), so that all students feel prepared if they choose to run for elections. This will most likely be rolled out in December / January, and I'm so excited! Let's make the new SU exceptional!

#### By-Elections / Part-Time Officers Update

We welcomed our new part-time officers last week during our semesterly 'full executive meeting'. We all introduced ourselves, gave them an update on some of the fast-approaching projects/events/campaigns, and I told them about their upcoming training on the 15<sup>th</sup> December (to include introductions into the SU, USI, Class Reps, Student Council, Events 101, etc). I'll be providing many of the sessions and I'm excited to see our new PTO's excel!

#### USI Updates

The next National Council is taking place on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of December in Athlone. TU Dublin SU, as usual, has several motions being proposed! The first is 'Operation Transformation' and the second is 'Government Financial Aid for Students who do not Qualify for the Free Fees Initiative'. We've also been informed that USI Congress will take place from the 27-30<sup>th</sup> March in the Clayton Whites Hotel (Wexford). As usual, we'll open application forms in the second semester, and we'll inform students of the allocated number of spaces provided to us once we know.

#### RAG / Fundraising Update

My newest obsession – fundraising! As of last Friday (2<sup>nd</sup> December), we officially launched our RAG fundraiser for the year. This year we're raising money for the IMNDA (Irish Motor Neuron Disease Association) and our goal is €30,000. This is because, if every student in TU Dublin donated €1 today, we'd reach our target. Throughout the year, we'll be fundraising in two forms. The first is general fundraising weeks: 'mini-RAG' (Semester 1) RAG week (Semester 2).

The second is 'Officer Specific' fundraisers. This is where each of the Officers carries out their own fundraiser or 'challenge' to encourage people to donate. I've asked all Officers to carry out a fundraiser in both Semesters, so expect to see us announcing them over the few days; and ask us at council if we don't! We've also decided to make our fundraisers into a fun competition amongst the team, and as of this moment, I'm happy to say I'm currently in 1<sup>st</sup> place! (I am presumably wearing a Koala onesie as a result).



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As well, we're actively encouraging all student councillors, class reps and students in general to participate! If you'd like to fundraise with us, please feel free to email either myself ([president@tudublinsu.ie](mailto:president@tudublinsu.ie)) or Ian ([events.cc@tudublinsu.ie](mailto:events.cc@tudublinsu.ie)).

**Campus Developments**

Following on from a preliminary meeting with the Head of Sport, I have some updates on all things gyms! Briefly, there is currently no gym available on Tallaght campus, there is one on city campus with various 'student rates' (€99 for a 12 month pass), and the gym facilities are available for free on Blanchardstown. In terms of gym classes/specialist sessions, there is none on Tallaght, there is many on city, and there's none in Blanchardstown. TU Dublin is therefore proposing a one-university model, similar to that of city campus.

Summary: You pay for the gym (identical to the prices currently listed for city i.e. maximum of €99 for 12 months), and it then gives you access to all gyms on all TU Dublin sites i.e. Tallaght, City, Blanchardstown. In this proposal, Blanchardstown will also now have gym classes/specialist sessions, meaning an enhanced service. The main concern with this proposal was that currently the services, while limited, are free in Blanchardstown. The proposal will therefore allow for students to access any of the gym sites for free during 'non-peak' times.

This means that students will essentially be able to use the gym on any campus for free at most times, will only need to pay (a reduced rate compared to the cheapest 'public' gym alternative) if they wish to avail of peak times and classes, and it will be equitable across all campuses. Finally, any future price increases will have to be discussed with the Students' Union. On a final note, while the gym is 'free' in some universities, this only occurs when those Universities have a student levy (typically several hundred euro and mandatory), which we aim to avoid.

**Staff Recruitment**

Exciting news for our students in Blanchardstown and Tallaght! We're currently recruiting for two student advisor positions (like we have in some of the city campus locations). Desk interviews will take place shortly, followed by panel interviews for initially successful candidates. This will allow us to improve our service provision in both campuses, particularly given the resignations in Tallaght and level of sick leave amongst the team; it also means we'll be able to ensure that those offices/locations remain open at all times, particularly when Officers are at National Council, etc. Finally, it means we can address student casework / queries in those campuses far more efficiently – all good news!

**Academic Council**

Shocker, we sit on many committees! The most recent Academic council took place on the 7<sup>th</sup> December in Aungier Street. The Students' Union provided input on various topics, including the length of academic misconduct records and proposals for the Academic calendar (e.g. when review weeks, exams, etc, take place). These discussions are ongoing and I'll provide further updates when they occur!

**Class Reps**

The stats are ever-increasing thanks to the hard-work of many of the Officers! Keep in mind it's only been 2 weeks since the previous council so if they haven't jumped by 40%, that's why. We also have a class rep Christmas Party coming up very shortly, and tickets to attend are now live! As well, we're also considering a campaign in the Second Semester to assist class reps in 'social duties' i.e. ordering hoodies, organising a class night out, etc! This will take place alongside many of our other planned educational campaigns.



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**Events / Welfare:**

This week we had the launch of our Christmas events (in tandem with mini-RAG). This included on-site events (DJing in Blanchardstown, candy canes across each campus) and overall events (drink and draw, Jingle ball, other iconic Christmas-themed puns!) We also had our Social Justice Week and Abolishment of Violence mini-campaign, both of which were very successful (evidenced on the ol' Instagram). We also commemorated World Aids Day. That's all for now, and prepare yourselves for an absolutely exceptional second semester of events and campaigns!

**Final Notes:**

Can I just extend a huge thank you to all of the Officers on the team. It's been a difficult few months, and busier than we ever could've expected, but I'm so proud of everything that you've all done, and hopefully that comes across!



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<b>Meetings Attended (and Number)</b> <i>Tinrimh Choistí agus Cruinnithe (agus Líon)</i>	<b>Priorities for Next Period</b> <i>Tosaíochtaí don chéad tréimhse eile</i>
Weekly Executive Meeting [TAM] (x2) TUDSU CLG FARC (x1) TUDSU CLG HR + Remuneration (x1) Student Council (x1) Student Council Preparation (x2) Fundraising Set-Up Meetings (x2) Events + Fundraising Weekly (x1) Meeting with Chair of Council (x1) Meeting with City Campus Societies Office (x1) Finance Executive Meeting (x3) Board CLG Agenda Meeting (x1) Finance Information Session (x1) Sports Facilities Meeting (x1) Risk Assessment for Remote Working (x1) Paul Horan Meeting (x1) [Campus Planning] Academic Council Preparation Meeting (x1) Academic Council (x1)	Fundraising Facility Improvements Partnership Agreement Student Charter New Constitution Preparation Elections Campaign Class Rep Recruitment
<b>Events/Activities Attended</b> <i>Tinrimh Imeachtaí / Gníomhaíochtaí</i>	<b>Mandates (Complete/In Progress/Uncompleted)</b> <i>Sainorduithe (Déanta / Ar Siúl / Le Déanamh)</i>
St. Lawrence's Lighting-Up Ceremony Drink & Draw	Officer Archive (In Progress)
<b>Gifts Received</b> <i>Bronntanais a Fuarthas</i>	<b>Personal Expenses</b> <i>Costaisí phearsanta</i>



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Prosecco (Referendum Success Party)	N/A
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**Any Other Matters**  
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