



TU Dublin Students' Union
Student Council Officer Report 22/23
Tuarascáil Oifigeach Comhairle na Mac Léinn
Aontas na Mac Leinn, Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta,
Baile Átha Cliath 22/23



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Key Points Since Last Meeting

Príomhphointí ón gcruinniú deireanach

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had an amazing winter break and that your exams went well. We hope that you are excited for semester 2, we have loads of stuff planned for you all and we can't wait for you to see them!

Staffing Update:

I'm happy to announce that we have a new staff member working out in Tallaght as a Student Advisor, Conor O'Reilly. He will be helping me in terms of managing the case work, keeping the SU building open, keeping me relatively sane and loads more. If you get the chance, pop over and have a chat with him, he's eager to meet students! 😊

USI:

We have attended 2 National Councils since our last Student Council: 8th and 9th of December in TUS Athlone and 25th – 27th of January in MTU Kerry. Our SU is brought forward two motions in Athlone: Operation Transformation and Government Financial Aid for Students Who Do Not Qualify for the Free Fees Initiative, both of which were passed successfully! We also had another motion submitted to NC from one of our PTOs, Magdalena, on a Climate Campaign at the most recent NC, which was also successfully passed!

Myself and Brian also put ourselves forward for USI's Constitutional Review (you can tell we really love democracy). We will be working with USI's Coiste Gnó, alongside other SU Officers around the country about reshaping the organisation. My job specifically is to look at the Role Descriptions of the Coiste Gnó.

USI Comhdháil/Congress dates have been changed from the dates we were originally told. Once we have a date and location finalised, I'll be sure to update everyone! **Don't forget, you have to put yourselves forward for Comhdháil but we decide who to bring from the applications, so make sure to be engaged in our own SC to have a good chance of getting picked!**

Canteen Protest:

Grab the popcorn, this might be a long one.

Towards the end of last semester, I was given the task to organise the Canteen Protest across TU Dublin. I asked all of the officers to help me collect data and also other SU's on what their canteen prices are like, if they have microwaves, opening hours, food variety and available seating. I then had everything ready to go for the protest (even got t-shirts made). Last week, on Monday the 23rd of January, myself and the other officers were to get in contact with our local campus canteen managers (try say that 5 times fast) to make them aware of the upcoming protest. The manager in Tallaght asked that I send an email just to confirm what was going to happen. I then received an email from the Head of Campus Development asking to meet with us and come to an agreement that would cancel the protest.



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Myself, Brian, and Hazel met with the relevant University staff, and we were able to come to some amazing conclusions:

- The immediate procurement of (additional) microwaves across all major campuses, that will be placed within the canteen spaces and will be maintained by University staff.
- The immediate set-up of a Canteen Committee (which will include students) where discussions can be made around pricing, opening hours, available seating and more!

The protest has been **postponed for now**, but if the agreements above have not been met by a reasonable deadline, we will be going forward with the protest (we love a good old protest).

Campus Developments:

I finally got a tour of the Sports Science Building. Myself and Louise received a tour of the building the first week of exams; we got to see the amazing sports hall and classrooms that will be situated there. The Sports Science + Early Childhood courses will be going into this building for their lectures. The supposed date of open for the building is meant to be the middle of February. Make sure to keep an eye on our Instagram for more updates.

I have emailed Brian Gormley about the benches again, he directed me to another member of staff who I am still trying to get in contact with. Hopefully will have updates for next Council.

T-Fund:

I started working on the T-Fund at the start of this semester. I got research based off last year's team and other colleges (UG, NCAD, DCU, and TCD). Brian had a meeting with the Head of EDI and are open to the idea of doing a one time T-Fund to see how it goes. Hopefully I will have more updates for next Council.

Drug Harm Reduction Campaign:

I was given the DHR Campaign after Abbie and Adam had resigned. It was just an infographic campaign and a lot of the work had been done by the previous two officers, but I made sure that it was released across Instagram. The infographics are up on our Insta page so make sure to check it out!



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Meetings Attended (and Number) <i>Tinrimh Choistí agus Cruinnithe (agus Líon)</i>	Priorities for Next Period <i>Tosaíochtaí don chéad tréimhse eile</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• African Society Meeting x1• TAM x5• HR & Remuneration Committee x1• Sports Building Tour x1• FARC x1• Education Team Meeting x5• Tallaght CRM x1• Events + Engagement Planning x4• Student Council x1• Canteen Protest Meeting with University x1• National Council x2• ACCESS Office Meeting x1• SAF Panel x1• SAF Meeting x1• Mid-Year Review x1• Welfare Team Meeting x5• Student Advisor Interview Panel x1• Tallaght Fees Office Meeting x1• USI President Candidate Meeting x1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Campus Development Updates• National Council/USI Updates• Tallaght Doctor Charge• T-Fund• Class Rep Recruitment• Class Rep Issues



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Events/Activities Attended <i>Tinrimh Imeachtaí / Gníomhaíochtaí</i>	Mandates (Complete/In Progress/Uncompleted) <i>Sainorduithe (Déanta / Ar Siúl / Le Déanamh)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TUDSU CLG Christmas Dinner• Class Rep Christmas Party• TUDSU Staff Christmas Party• Minister Harris (Broombridge)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tallaght Doctor Charge• T-Fund• Seachtaín na Gaeilge
Gifts Received <i>Bronntanais a Fuarthas</i>	Personal Expenses <i>Costaisí phearsanta</i>



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- NC Welcome Pack x2

Any Other Matters

Aon nithe eile

Make sure to donate to our RAG Charity this year. I'll be performing in the Drag Race for SHAG Week if I reach €500 in donations (has to be in my name). Click the link below to donate and watch me nearly break my neck on stage in heels :D

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/tu-dublin-students-union-rag-charity-2223/donate>