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Key Points Since Last Meeting
Príomhphointí ón gcruinniú deireanach

Welcome back to another episode of the Student Council Show! On today's episode, you'll be hearing about my favourite democratic event of the year – elections! We'll also be talking on all things SHAG, RAG, EDI, USI, Canteen Protests, Student Surveys, and finally, my favourite of all, the elusive Partnership and Funding Agreements! I also have some special updates regarding the set-up of a Student Facilities, Student Finance Committee, which means that future SU teams will have a greater level of influence within overarching University decisions. My goal before I finish this year is to ensure that the Union is funded, has a better relationship with the University, and ultimately, that students are at the centre of all decisions made regarding the future of TU Dublin. Tune in below for specifics:

Elections

By the time you read this, nominations for both full- and part-time positions will officially be open! Quick recap = We'll have 5 overall positions available (which means far more active campaigning across all major campuses), 3 local positions (campus representation!) and of course, 10 brand-new part-time officer positions. If you're interested in running for election, then please check out our beautiful elections page – it has all of the positions, dates and information you could possibly need! (<https://www.tudublinsu.ie/studentvoice/elections2023/>) Best of luck!

USI (Union of Students Ireland) / Congress Update

Some of your Full-Time Officers will have attended National Council in UG (University of Galway) on the 23-24th February. As well as holding USI Officers accountable to a variety of motions that we passed throughout the year, we'll also be receiving updates on Congress. What we know so far = 3-6th April 2023, Clayton Hotel, Sligo. Applications for Congress will open on the 3rd March 2023 and we will have our finalised list by the 24th March 2023! We wish all of you the absolute best of luck, and if you'd like to know more, please check out: <https://congress.usi.ie/>

Canteen Protest

On the 21st February, after requesting progress updates, I received correspondence from a senior university staff member with a proposal for microwave placement. There were several key deficits, including no mention of 'annex' sites (Premier House, LinenHall, BIMM), no mention of microwaves being placed within the canteens in Tallaght or Blanchardstown, and no mention of the User Group. I sent back a counter-proposal highlighting all of these issues and reminding them that a decision regarding a university-wide protest would be made by this Council on March 1st. Hopefully I'll have positive news by then, and we'll continue to apply pressure, but ultimately, the decision will lie with you on whether or not to proceed with a protest based on the most up-to-date correspondence I can provide for then.

Rally against Racism

On the 13th February, the Students' Union held a Rally against Racism. This event included a variety of speakers, including but not limited to: anti-racism youth activists, politicians, university staff, victims of the initial Grangegorman attacks, and your Students' Union. I'd like to thank everyone for sharing it so widely, for taking part, and for being what every student should aspire to be. I've also been working with the University to set up a committee between ourselves, the University, the local policing force, and other major stakeholders, so that we can make tangible improvements. By the day of Council, I hope to have further updates on this committee, and what the University is doing.



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Partnership Agreement & Funding Agreement

Exciting verbal updates to be provided at council – please ask!

Education Updates

I say Student, you say Survey! That's right, the Student Survey is now live! If you're a 1st, 4th, or postgraduate year student, then this survey is for you. It only takes a few minutes to fill out, and you can win some exceptional (and expensive) prizes. Why do we care? We can use the data as evidence of a variety of issues that affect students within TU Dublin firstly. But also – we're highly competitive and want to beat other universities. Let's put TUDSU on top! Other fun updates = Lobbied for the re-activation of the Academic Calendar working group, so that we can work on compiling better solutions to the academic calendar (including supplemental results coming out late, etc), so more updates on that soon. Much of our daily lives in the SU is spent on committees like these ensuring student rights are being upheld!

Events, Welfare & Fundraising

Last week was SHAG, where we had a multitude of pop-up stands, on-campus activities, and of course, some iconic overall night-time events. Hopefully you all got to witness the travesty that was me in Drag, and more importantly, I hope you donated to James' fundraiser for his winning performance! This week we have our EDI campaign (Equality, Diversity, Inclusion) which will include a number of events around LGBTQ+, neurodiversity and housing to name a few. As well, some of the Officers and I are taking part in a Body Acceptance programme. In terms of events, we have our annual RAG week next week – prepare for a whole host of fundraising and fun events across TU Dublin.

Housing Update

I got a room!



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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>
Events & Fundraising Weekly (x3) Campus Safety [Blanchardstown] (x1) Body Project (x1) Welfare Weekly (x3) NTUTORR Prep (x1) CRM [CQ, EQ] (x2) Electoral Commission (x2) Comms Resource Discussion (x1) Leadership Weekly (x3) TAM (x3) Election Planning Weekly (x3) Student Council 4 (x1) Board Meeting CLG (x1) Funding Agreement [Denis] (x1) Academic Council Prep (x1) Academic Council (x1) Student Council Agenda Meeting (x1)	Funding Agreement (Finalise, Sign) Partnership Agreement (Finalise, Sign) Student Charter (Draft following Partnership) Facility Improvements (Canteens) Elections (Full-Time, PTO, CLG Directors) Fundraising (Achieve 30,000) EDI / Welfare Mandates (Progress & Achieve) Formal Review Process (Internal, External)
Events/Activities Attended <i>Tinrimh Imeachtaí / Gníomhaíochtaí</i>	Mandates (Complete/In Progress/Uncompleted) <i>Sainorduithe (Déanta / Ar Siúl / Le Déanamh)</i>
Referendum Volunteer Party Rally against Racism 'Elephant in the SU'	Officer Archive (Nearing Completion!)



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Gifts Received <i>Bronntanais a Fuarthas</i>	Personal Expenses <i>Costaisí phearsanta</i>
Welcome Pack at NC (x1)	N/A
Any Other Matters <i>Aon nithe eile</i>	
N/A	