



TU Dublin Students' Union
Student Council Officer Report 22/23
Tuarascáil Oifigeach Comhairle na Mac Léinn
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Key Points Since Last Meeting

Príomhphointí ón gcruinniú deireanach

The final Student Council report! It feels so weird to be near the end, but I'll try not to make it too emotional. It feels like it's been so long since I've written a report so this might be big one to end my term. Enjoy 😊

USI:

So a whole lot to do with USI has happened since last Student Council so I'll try break this down as best as I can:

- We attended NC in Galway from the 23rd and 24th of February. The main agenda for that NC was to have motions ready to be sent for Comhdháil (which I will get to later).
- USI had a lobby day on the 2nd of March in the Buswells Hotel, Co. Dublin. about the cost of college. Myself and Louise attended the day and were met with many TDs in opposition and highlighted the many issues that students are currently facing in third level education.
- In between the lead up to Comhdháil was the USI Elections. While I was a candidate in the race, myself and the team had spoke with some other candidates for USI and questioned them on their manifesto points and what they wished to bring to the national level. TUDSU had their hustings for USI on the 22nd of March in Grangegorman where all the candidates presented themselves and all of you voted for who we wished to elect for the incoming year (also thank you to everyone who voted for me <3)
- Comhdháil took place from the 3rd – 6th of April in the Clayton Hotel, Co. Sligo. TUDSU brought 30 people to represent our students. The amount of motions that we proposed and spoke for and against on are endless so I won't go through all of it in this report but everyone who went to Comhdháil spoke incredibly well and leaves me with high hopes that students will stay involved in the student movement on national level.
- The next NC will be 11th and 12th of May in DCU. Any motions that got 9D'd from Comhdháil will be brought up during the working groups where they will be able to amend the motions to be brought to the next, and final, NC which will be in UCC (which will include the incoming teams from all of the other MOs and me stepping into USI).
- USI Coiste Gnó 23/24:

President - Chris Clifford (MTU Kerry)

VP for Academic Affairs - Bryan O'Mahony (SETU Waterford)

VP for Welfare – Colette Murphy (DCU)



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VP for Campaigns – Zaid Albarghouthi (TCD)
 VP for Equality & Citizenship – James Curry (TU Dublin)
 VP for Dublin Region – Nathan Murphy (DCU)
 VP for Postgraduate Affairs – Muhammad Mubashar Saeed (DCU)
 Leas-Uachtarán don Gaeilge (VP for the Irish Language) – Bye-Election (will be voted at DCU NC)

TUDSU Elections:

The TUDSU Election season is finally over. It was an exciting 3 weeks of seeing the candidate's campaign for themselves and hearing all their plans at the Leadership Debate. During the election period I was acting President of the Union (I don't make it sound as glam as Brian does. Luckily, I had a lot of assistance thanks to the work Brian had done before going on AL and the staff) and on the Electoral Commission for the elections. It was an exciting election this year, everyone around TU Dublin and even other colleges had been talking about it, which I was happy to hear as it got people to be more aware of what the SU is and to be involved in democracy and deciding who the right person to vote was. I want to personally congratulate all the candidates for running amazing campaigns and the very best of luck to the incoming team next year. I think students will have an exciting year next year with such amazing officers!

****Side note: We do have the bye-election for the City Campus VP which closes the 12th of April. As of writing this report I don't know who will get the role, but I wish anyone who is running for the position the very best of luck! I'll make sure to congratulate you in person if you get elected! 😊***

Seachtain na Gaeilge:

Seachtain na Gaeilge (no í in Seachtain, I've learned from my mistakes I'm sorry) took place from the 6th – 10th of March. The campaign was more focused on the Cúpla Focal graphics that were posted on Instagram since the Irish language is something that a lot of students in TU Dublin unfortunately aren't very passionate about, so I wanted to make it very simple. The 7th of March we promoted the Piper Seisún that was happening in the Cobblestone, the 8th of March we had the movie night in Grá bar where we screened An Cailín Ciúin, and on the 9th of March was to be the Irish Bingo that was happening in the Woolshed. Unfortunately, the interest in these events were very low, with the movie night only having 3 people and the bingo having to be cancelled due to low numbers. A lot of the reasons why people weren't interest was due to the time of the year (a lot of assignments before the week off) and the events being on in the evening instead of during the day. I'm glad we did make an attempt at running SnaG this year, and I'm very thankful to the team, the students and USI Leas-Uachtarán don Gaeilge for helping me giving me ideas and putting together the campaign. I think the ideas were solid, but we know for next year we need to execute it differently. I hope our new PTO for Gaeilge will be able to keep the passion there and to hold the incoming team to speak more Irish and incorporate it more into everything that we do.

Campus Developments:

It feels like I'm bashing my head against the wall when it comes to the Sports Science Building. Still not being told anything but I'm hoping that my successor will be able to have a better chance than I did this year to have better



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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">• Welfare & Equality Weekly Meeting x4• Education Weekly Meeting x3• HR Subcommittee x1• NC x1• Body Project x4• SnaG Planning x3• USI Lobby Day x1• TAM x2• Elections Planning x3• Electoral Commission x4• Elections Information Session x2• FARC x1• Comhdháil x1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crossover for incoming team
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">• Campus Tour (24th of March)• SnaG (6th – 10th of March)• NC (23rd and 24th of February)• Comhdháil (3rd – 6th of April)• Leadership Debate (22nd of March)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tallaght Doctor Charge (In Progress)



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Gifts Received <i>Bronntanais a Fuarthas</i>	Personal Expenses <i>Costaisí phearsanta</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NC Welcome Pack x1• Comhdháil Welcome Pack x1	

Any Other Matters
Aon nithe eile

It feels so weird that I'm the end of my term. It only feels like yesterday that I was only starting back in July still unaware of what I could do and how I would be as an officer. This year has had it's challenges but I am extremely grateful to everyone for being so involved, kind and passionate about the student movement. I really hope people do stay involved with the SU and to encourage other people to get involved because we've seen what changes can be done when people stand up and be loud, and I'm proud to be leaving TUDSU with such amazing students who I know will be able to make a difference.

I am sad to leave TUDSU, but I know the team next year are going to do amazing things, and I'll always be around within USI to help them out when I can. This isn't a goodbye from me, this is a see you soon, I'm not done just yet in the student movement 😊

An grá ar fad,
James <3 😊