



**TU Dublin Students' Union**  
**Student Council Officer Report 23/24**  
*Tuarascáil Oifigeach Comhairle na Mac Léinn*  
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**Key Points of work carried out since last meeting**

*Príomhphointí ón gcruinniú deireanach*

Welcome to the final Council before Springtime Elections well and truly take over (and we lose half of our political leadership); given the previous one was a mere two weeks ago, this report will be less comprehensive than usual. Furthermore, given the rapid turnaround time expected for Council documents, I have decided to report solely on President, Democracy, National Affairs, and Overall Union-related activities. For specific work areas (i.e. Academic Affairs, Welfare & Equality, Events & Fundraising, Communications & Media, and Campus & Facilities), please refer to the Officer reports provided by each relevant Officer. This has also been done in an attempt to encourage all Councillors & Part-Time Officers to read all documentation! Without further ado:

**Democracy / Representation**

Communications plan for the 'Nominations' aspect of elections complete and ready to launch (including dates + relevant candidate details). Full-Time (University-wide) and Part-Time (Council-wide) Officer elections will both take place in March. USI 'local hustings' in TUDSU (which decide the 'Block Vote' for TUDSU) will also take place in March, alongside PTO hustings.

Alongside Springtime elections, votes will take place on a Plebiscite (whether or not students have confidence in the Irish Government) and a Referendum (USI Affiliation). This has been a significant amount of work between Representation & the President to carry out, and special thanks must be given for their commitment. Election regulations expected to be finalised within the next few weeks (President sits on Electoral Commission *Ex Officio* unless participating actively in an election).

Additional Democracy/Council work [as promised at the most recent Council] includes circulating 'Canteen Policy' escalation plans (complete, feedback received & accepted), enhancing Officer Report / Accountability structures further (complete but not possible to implement before next Council), and sending formal correspondence to the Disabilities Service / Estates / Faculty of Engineering & Built Environment on the legal requirement & urgency of functioning lifts/elevators within BST (complete).



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Final area of additional Student Council work relates to improving PTO understanding / engagement within Council via additional pre-council PTO agenda preparation meetings (i.e. concerns were raised / multiple comments made after Council & within the Board that many were not reading documents, and that several of them did not understand Council structures, procedures, or the difference between ‘accountability’ versus unfounded ‘anti-SU’ rhetoric [despite themselves being the Elected Representatives of TU Dublin SU] and were simply engaging in Council ‘pageantry’.

**Executive/Presidential Mandates/Policies**

All Executive/President motions have been completed and archived, excluding ‘Functional & Accessible Seating Areas’ (tracking precisely as expected, likely ‘completion’ before end-of-term). All Policies tracking precisely as expected (opposition to fees, student levy, etc), and BDS/Palestine Policies progressing well i.e. joined open letter between TUDSU + TUI sent to President of TU Dublin, publicised, sent to media, and was reported on by RTÉ News. Furthermore, attendance at next protest planned (17<sup>th</sup> February, all three CVP’s) alongside an increase in social media posts across the next few weeks.

New policies (i.e. ‘Leave’ USI Stance) have all been actioned & operationalised, with oversight of President. Drafted + released several media statements regarding USI, Yes-Yes vote, Palestine, and other ‘Political’ items (significant work involved in each of these, with very short turnaround time).

Finally, all Council positions filled, despite the October RON campaign; excellent turnout at most recent Council (AST), due to the exceptional recruitment + communication by the CVP’s. This means more productive discussions amongst students across the University and better accountability structures.

**Miscellaneous Work Updates**

**Partnership Agreement** due to be finalised in late March with publication before end-of-term (4 year project), **T-Fund and Period Product** Initiatives awaiting discussion at Student Experience Committee, meeting set up between TU Dublin Medical Centres, President, and CVP for Blanch to implement **Trans Harm Reduction practices locally** (as USI would not engage with this), and **EUT+ meetings taking** place bi-weekly with the student board (nothing significant to report yet, expected to be a 15 year project).



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Other significant projects include the **U-Survey** (University-wide membership survey), **meeting the HEA** (to action a National Review of the Student Charge), leading a **media campaign against YUGO** (51-week tenancies), **University Sustainability Council** (formal letter drafted to VP for Sustainability on the BST bike facilities, or lack thereof), **Hiring of a Student Advisor for the Tallaght Campus**, and finally, set up a working group to review and provide feedback to **USI on their Constitutional Review**.

Many other tasks have been completed & work undertaken, but these fall within a variety of other work areas, so should be discussed within their reports. Workload imbalance continues to be a significant issue, so thank you to the Staff members within the Union for their incredible work over the last few weeks.

| <b>Meetings Attended (and Number)</b><br><i>Tinrimh Choistí agus Cruinnithe (agus Líon)</i>   | <b>Events/Activities Attended</b><br><i>Tinrimh Imeachtaí / Gníomhaíochtaí</i>                                     |
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| EUT+ [TUDSU] x 1<br>EUT+ [TU Dublin Staff] x 1<br>Campus + Facilities x 2<br><b>U-Survey [TUDSU Survey] x 6</b><br>Leadership Weekly x 2<br>ECWG [Events + Campaigns WG] x 1<br>WEM [Weekly Executive Meeting] x 2<br>Student Charter Review x 1<br>LCSP [Community Safety Partnership] x 1 | Phoenix FM Interview [On-Campus Events]<br><b>Student Council Training x 1</b><br><b>Student Council [AST] x 1</b> |



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| Operations + Finance Meeting x 1<br>Student Facilities WG x 1<br>Academic Affairs Weekly x 2<br>Welfare & Equality Weekly x 2<br>Democracy Weekly x 2<br>Student Council Agenda Preparation x 1<br>Class Representative Meeting [CQ, BST, AST] x 3<br><b>HEA [Higher Education Authority] Meeting x 1</b><br><b>Palestine Letter Review [TUI, TUDSU] x 2</b><br>Learner Assembly x 1<br><b>YUGO Letter to Government x 1</b><br>Health, Safety & Welfare [BST, TU Dublin] x 1<br><b>Student Advisor Shortlisting [Tallaght] x 1</b><br><b>University Sustainability Council x 1</b><br>Bolton Street Bike Facilities [Student] x 1<br><b>USI Constitutional Review x 1</b><br>TUDSU CLG HRR x 1<br>USI Nomination Confirmations x 1<br>Pre-Council Meeting [PTO's] x 1 |  |
| <b>Gifts Received</b><br><i>Bronntanais a Fuarthas</i>   | <b>Personal Expenses</b><br><i>Costaisí phearsanta</i> |
| N/A  | N/A  |



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**Additional notes**  
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