

Executive Motions & Policies

Student Council Motion (purple) / Policy (blue)	Falling	Accountability	Progress color code	Student Council 1 Update (October 2023)	Student Council 2 Update (November 2023)	Student Council 3 Update (December 2023)	Student Council 4 Update (February 2024)	Student Council 5 Update (February 2024)
<p>Motion: Increased Functional and Accessible seating areas</p> <p>Student Council notes: TU Dublin is the largest university in the country with nearly 30,000 students, most of whom are fulltime and therefore in classes or on campus 20+ hours a week.</p> <p>Student Council also notes: Even with this large student population, seating and recreational areas are limited across many of the campuses. The rest areas currently present also may not meet the needs of students in terms of accessibility, access to power outlets and the availability of lower density seating areas for students with sensory issues.</p> <p>Student Council Mandates: The executive to lobby TU Dublin to install more functional and accessible seating areas across all campuses. The exec must give updates on this by the last student council of the academic year.</p>	12/14/2024	The Executive		Additional seating implemented in AST, refurbished in BST, but only minor improvement in CQ + decrease in EQ. President to recommend direct action + public statement to escalate issue.	In-progress (BST seating continues to be refurbished, NTUTORR plans progressing re adding more furniture, and some additional seating added to CQ. However, it is still vastly insufficient, particularly in GG).	Please see February update for comprehensive overview of additional seating over last 3-4 months	Seating rearranged in CQ to lower floors (including ground floor), additional seating in BST (new pods), additional seating due to arrive via NTUTORR, additional seating (worth 25,000-30,000) ordered for Lower House + Bradoque, additional pods in AST, Blanchardstown promised additional seating via Disability Service (updates at next Council), Bike Racks removed in front of SU + potential for picnic benches / outdoor seating (but University slow to commit)	Final update (including social media, proposal for closure) expected by next Council; Disability Service promised even more seating in several campuses. Estates has indicated return of Tallaght seating from pre-covid. Complete credit to the CVP's for their tireless (and often unrecognised) work on this - they were the sole instigators of such a significant project. Of course, seating will remain a consistent general issue, but with the finalisation of the Academic Hub, and two new PPP buildings, it should be manageable within a University context.
<p>Policy: Opposition to Fees</p> <p>TU Dublin Students' Union will openly oppose the rise in the cost of the Student Contribution Charge and the introduction of an Income Contingent Loan scheme as a method of accessing third level education.</p> <p>TU DUBLIN SU believes that education is a fundamental right and serves a public good and that access to it should not be hindered.</p> <p>TU DUBLIN SU also calls for a reduction in the current Student Contribution Charge and for an increase in funding for student grants and other financial supports</p>	3/2/2025	President		Work ongoing to continuously criticise + protest fees at every available relevant fora (including recent protests with USI).	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing (President blocked the attempted increase in postgraduate course fees, and secured an increase in PhD stipend)	Ongoing; no major concerns in this area (one issue raised by specific PhD student, which has been delegated appropriately to VP for Academic Affairs with advice on escalation)
<p>Policy: Relationship with TU Dublin</p> <p>TU Dublin SU is committed to maintaining open and transparent dialogue with TU Dublin, and will act in the best interest of ensuring excellence in learning and a positive experience for students in TU Dublin.</p> <p>The President shall endeavour to achieve and maintain parity of esteem between TU Dublin SU and TU Dublin as per the funding agreement signed between the Students' Union and the University 2021. The President shall ensure that there is an established and maintained partnership agreement between the university and the Students' Union based on principles of cooperation, transparency, parity of esteem, respect and student participation in decision making.</p> <p>The Students' Union President shall request regular meetings with the University President, the Registrar and the Chief Operating Officer to ensure ongoing co-operation and communication.</p> <p>The Union recognises that funding is provided by way of the Student Contribution Charge through a funding agreement between TU Dublin and TU Dublin SU. If funding of the Union is ever reduced or lost, the President shall take any necessary action in order to secure a satisfactory funding agreement. As per the Funding Agreement, the President shall not allow TU Dublin Internal Audit to have any function in the oversight of TU Dublin SU and TU Dublin SU CLG.</p>	3/2/2025	President		President has attempted to improve the working relationship with the President, Registrar, and COO, with little success due to a culture of ignoring emails, passive aggression, and negative comments being made by the University. President has successfully ensured that Union funding to date has not decreased and is actively investigating potential underpayments by the University.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing (Regular meetings with several members of the University Executive Team + meet them regularly via formal fora)	Ongoing; improvement with several key stakeholders (Registrar, COO, Head of Student Services, Head of Sport, etc). Main risks include the ongoing BDS + Palestine campaigns, which may strain / cause tension amongst President of SU + University.
<p>Policy: TU Dublin Facilities</p> <p>TU DUBLIN SU Recognises the need for more student facilities across all campuses.</p> <p>If the facilities are deemed inadequate, the President, with consultation from the executive team, shall take appropriate action. Ongoing issues will be reported to student council and support will be sought from them.</p> <p>If current facilities deteriorate or if reported facilities issues are ignored, the President following consultation with the Executive shall take appropriate action.</p>	3/2/2025	President and Campus Vice Presidents		Facility issues are widespread within TU Dublin and work is ongoing via the President + CVP's to continuously rectify them. Improvements in multi-faith spaces, sensory rooms, and seating has all occurred over the last few months, and the Executive will continue to update Student Council + provide options for escalation if the University (without adequate reasoning) does not meet these demands for improved facilities.	Ongoing in conjunction with CVP's	Ongoing	President has secured a Student Facilities audit via the 'Student Facilities Working Group' within the University. Additionally, the President + VP Tallaght are working on the redevelopment of the 'Master Plans' for all campuses (which will look at long term facility improvements. Furthermore, one of the main roles of the CVP's is constant facility improvement / maintenance (e.g. improved seating, improved accessibility) which are continuously updated at every Council - they will	Ongoing; No progress since last Council, as SFWG only meets every 1.5-2 months (approximately).
<p>Policy: Student Levy</p> <p>Student levies are a common instrument used to raise capital for investment in student facilities across third level institutions in Ireland. Currently TU Dublin does not have the financial means to construct a student or sports centre on Grangegorman, while the government does not provide funding for non-academic facilities.</p> <p>Such levies apply in most other 3rd level Institutions in Ireland including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dublin City University Maynooth University National University of Ireland Galway Trinity College Dublin University College Cork University College Dublin University of Limerick </p> <p>With the move to Grangegorman there are a number of issues that the Students' Union, Societies and Sports now face with regards to the provision of student recreational services on the new campus in Grangegorman. There is also a lack of student facilities and space in Tallaght and Blanchardstown which needs to be resolved.</p> <p>There has been regular pressure from the University for the Students' Union to pass a levy to fund student facilities, without any clear information on how much such a levy should cost, what exact facilities it would build, where exactly those facilities shall be, what those facilities shall consist of, when those facilities shall be built, what students will receive on payment of such a levy, or any concrete information that students and the Students' Union would need to pass such a levy.</p> <p>That based on the investigation of the Student Levy around the country, TU Dublin SU therefore resolves that any such levy can only be introduced following approval in a referendum of all students and subject to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That agreement has been reached with the Students' Union and approved by the Student Council on the purpose, structure, legal status and management of any fund so established. That the University commits to developing purpose-built space for student activities; including space for societies, sports and Students' Union activities. That the student levy isn't the only source of funding for the proposed facilities. That no increase can be made in any such levy, without resource to a further referendum. </p>	5/5/2024	President		Currently no plans to consider any discussion on the topic of a 'Levy Introduction' given the significant deficit + poor financial reliability of TU Dublin, as indicated by various media sources.	Ongoing, mentioned at Student Facilities committee again by University staff	Ongoing	Ongoing; unlikely to be discussed with any real meaning until the completion of an audit of Facilities per campus, and a clear outline of how much would be needed, for what purpose, and all other details specified in the policy approved by Council.	Ongoing; no discussions since previous Council.

<p>Policy: Black History Month</p> <p>There is a significant lack of participation within student politics for black students. There are currently less than 10 full-time Officers across the island of Ireland who are people of colour, and the Union believes representation matters when it comes to participation.</p> <p>Black History Month began as a way of remembering important people and events in the history of the African and Caribbean diaspora, and is now globally celebrating Black excellence, the importance of remembering, uplifting and empowering an entire group of young activists.</p> <p>The celebration of black excellence, black history, and empowering people of colour should not be limited to tokenistic representation or events, and that events ran under Black History Month should be led by Black voices, with the goal of staying true to the ideals and goals of Black History Month.</p> <p>TU Dublin SU Executive (or the appropriate officer) is therefore mandated to run an extensive Black History Month campaign which will include speakers, events, data, and showcase Black excellence throughout the month of October and/or February, and for this campaign to be conducted annually. TU Dublin Students' Union Executive is further mandated to include the voices of Black students when organizing and brainstorming the event to ensure that students are at the forefront of leading this campaign; intersectionality must therefore form a key focus throughout.</p> <p>Black History Month, finally, must not be the only time of the year that Black voices are platformed, and that the work on decolonising the curriculum, inclusion of Traveller and Roma students in education and community outreach, must continue to be done throughout the year.</p>	11/16/2026	President assigned to VP for Welfare & Equality for 23/24						
<p>Motion: Pronoun Use in email Signatures</p> <p>Student Council Notes</p> <p>TU Dublin SU acknowledges and celebrates a diverse range of voices across TU Dublin; this includes, in particular, LGBTQ+ students.</p> <p>Student Council further Notes</p> <p>The normalisation of pronoun use in email signatures (and more generally) are a simple example of how the University (and Union) can improve the experience of LGBTQ+ students, by creating an environment where they feel more comfortable.</p> <p>Student Council believes</p> <p>Pronouns can be extremely important to some students (particularly in relation to their gender identity), and incorrect use can be highly distressing. As well, if pronouns are only used by these select few students, they can feel 'singled out'. By including pronouns in email signatures and in other relevant media (e.g. introducing the new Full-Time and Part-Time Officers after elections), the Union and University can actually begin to deliver on their Gender Identity and Gender Expression Policy.</p> <p>Student Council therefore Mandates</p> <p>The VP for Welfare & Equality to draft an annual email (at the start of each academic year) that must be sent to all-staff within the University, on behalf of the entire Union, explaining the importance of pronouns and requesting that they add pronouns to their signature.</p> <p>Student Council further Mandates</p> <p>The VP for Communications & Media, VP for Welfare & Equality, and Part-Time Officer for LGBTQ+ Rights, to ensure that the Union regularly includes pronouns in relevant media, including email signatures, introductory 'Officer' graphics, and more.</p>	11/16/2025	VP for Communications & Media, VP for Welfare & Equality, and Part-Time Officer for LGBTQ+ Rights		Completed for this academic year	Completed for this academic year	Completed for this academic year	This motion will be replaced with a more substantive motion in the Next Council (assuming Council approval) which will encompass this mandate	This motion has now been repealed and should be placed in Archive by relevant TU Dublin SU Staff
<p>Motion: Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) Introduction & Definition</p> <p>Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) is an inclusive, non-violent, Palestinian-led movement; it is inspired by the South African anti-apartheid movement. BDS works to end international support for Israel's oppression of Palestinians, as well as pressure Israel to comply with international law. The movement is notably anti-racist, and is inherently opposed to all forms of discrimination (including antisemitism and Islamophobia).</p> <p>Why the Movement Exists</p> <p>Israel maintains a brutal regime against Palestinian people, made possible due to ongoing international support; Governments fail to hold Israel to account, while corporations and institutions across the world help Israel to oppress Palestinians. Due to the failure of those in power to take non-violent action against Israel, the movement has called for a global citizens' response of solidarity in the form of Boycotts, Divestment, and Sanctions.</p> <p>Boycott</p> <p>Boycotts involve withdrawing support from Israel's apartheid regime, complicit Israeli sporting, cultural and academic institutions, and from all Israeli and international companies engaged in violations of Palestinian human rights.</p> <p>Divestment</p> <p>Divestment campaigns urge banks, local councils, churches, pension funds and universities to withdraw investments from the State of Israel and all Israeli and international companies that sustain Israeli apartheid.</p> <p>Sanctions</p> <p>Sanctions campaigns pressure governments to fulfil their legal obligations to end Israeli apartheid, and not aid or assist its maintenance, by banning business with illegal Israeli settlements, ending military trade and free-trade agreements, as well as suspending Israel's membership in international forums such as UN bodies and FIFA.</p> <p>Mandates</p> <p>TU Dublin Students' Union commits to both supporting and endorsing the Global BDS Movement wherever possible.</p>	11/16/2025	The Executive		N/A (Wasn't in existence yet)	Passed / enacted at this Council	Union has investigated all of its own activities in order to ensure it is compliant (e.g. ending partnership with Dominos, not proceeding with certain projects that are owned by Coca-Cola, etc)	BDS list established, verified by Trinity BDS, USI Campaigns, several Councillors + PTO's, and is due for publication before the next Council (it will include a list of brands to boycott, alternatives, a list of partnerships the SU cut ties with, and a list of escalation actions it plans to undertake in the coming weeks (President can update at Council).	Ongoing; Escalation plan continued, with TU Dublin SU + TUI compiling and publicising joint open letter to President of TU Dublin demanding they take a stance, adopt a BDS policy, end ties with Israel (in various forms), and other actions - please view full press release on social media / website). SU has also advertised (as usual) most relevant/recent upcoming march/protest regarding Palestine, which takes place Saturday 17th February (TUDSU shall be present).
<p>Motion: USI Affiliation</p> <p>Student Council Notes:</p> <p>USI (Union of Students in Ireland) is the national representative body for approximately 374,000 students in higher education on the Island of Ireland; TU Dublin SU is currently a member organisation within USI, alongside the majority of other HEI's.</p> <p>Student Council further Notes:</p> <p>The majority of other MO's (member organisations) within USI hold standard 'Affiliation Referenda' every three academic years; this is to ensure USI continues to represent the needs of local students within these MO's effectively, given the significant amount paid by each MO annually (e.g. TU Dublin SU pays approximately 120,000 euro per year).</p> <p>Student Council believes That:</p> <p>Holding referenda on topical areas such as USI will cultivate widespread interest amongst students, and serve as an excellent exposure exercise for both TU Dublin SU, as well as USI.</p> <p>Student Council further believes That:</p> <p>Holding an Affiliation Referendum on USI (i.e. a referendum on whether to remain in USI or leave) will allow the general student population to feel more directly involved in the actions of the Union, and give them a greater desire to engage (or disengage) from future USI actions (i.e. increase the currently low turnout at USI protests).</p> <p>Student Council therefore Mandates:</p> <p>TU Dublin Students' Union to trigger a referendum on its membership status within USI (i.e. students will vote to 'remain' in USI or 'leave').</p> <p>Student Council further Mandates:</p> <p>The following areas of the Constitution will (if a majority of students vote to 'leave' USI) be removed in their entirety (i.e. the removal of USI from all Articles & Schedules):</p>	12/12/2025	The Executive		N/A (Wasn't in existence yet)	N/A (Wasn't in existence yet)	Approved at this Council	All planning required is on track + due to take place alongside Springtime Elections.	Ongoing; Planning has continued and operational continues to track well; EC expected to finalise relevant regulations within the next two weeks.

<p>Policy: Gym Services in TU Dublin Gym Situation in Semester One 23/24 With the opening of the new Sports Building in Tallaght campus, there are now gym facilities on three major TU Dublin sites (Blanchardstown, Grangegorman, Tallaght). Prior to the building opening, the University (specifically Head of Sports) met with the Students' Union (specifically President) to agree on a 'university-wide' membership process. The agreement (confirmed via writing) specified that all students, on all campuses, would have access to 'free gym hours', each day (Monday-Friday) during non-peak times. Since then, there were reports that the 'free gym slots' were restricted only to Monday and Thursday; this was confirmed across all three sites in November. Also, a fee was introduced to use the sports halls in the Blanchardstown and Tallaght campuses.</p> <p>Work Done by the Union in Semester Two 23/24 Recent meetings with the Head of Sports were very positive, and they have since committed to meeting our requests (i.e. free gym slots daily, Monday-Friday). However, it is important for the Union to have a permanent stance and to consistently maintain these services, due to the dynamic nature of TU Dublin since its inception.</p> <p>Current Stance of the Union Students are already suffering from the cost-of-living crisis in several ways. This includes the rising price of canteen food across all sites, the ongoing cost of supplemental exams, the potential increases in Postgraduate fees, the current lack of commitment by TU Dublin to increase PhD stipends, and unpaid placements. The lack of free access to gym facilities only serves to worsen the student experience further and lessen overall student satisfaction with TU Dublin, which according to respondents in ISSE 2022, was 10% worse compared to traditional Universities. The Campus Vice Presidents, with oversight by the President, must therefore: 1) Continuously lobby the University for 'free gym hours' on each weekday (Monday-friday) on any given campus with gym facilities. 2) Continuously lobby the University to remove the fee required for students to use the sports hall in Blanchardstown and Tallaght campus. The Campus Vice Presidents must also present updates to Student Council whenever gym hours are reduced/rescinded by the University, as well as a clear action plan on how they intend to revert such decisions</p>	2/13/2027	The Executive						
<p>Policy: Holistic Support of Transgender Students in TU Dublin</p> <p>Introduction There are a number of surveys that have been carried out over the past decade on the topic of Trans Mental Health and Wellbeing. These include the 'UK Trans Mental Health Study 2012' (the largest survey of its kind in Europe at the time), 'Speaking from the Margins' (the largest study of its kind in Ireland at the time), and the 'LGBT Ireland Report' (where over 278 of its respondents identified as transgender).</p> <p>Summary These actions must be championed by the VP for Welfare & Equality, with oversight by the President, and questioned regularly at Council by the Part-Time Officer for LGBTQ+ Rights.</p>	2/13/2027	The Executive						
<p>Schedule Amendment Student Council Notes: TU Dublin SU operations are run by a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG), which is owned by the Students of TU Dublin by virtue of their membership of the Union. The company does not involve itself with the Politics of the elected representatives of the Students' Union and instead is tasked with the operational functions of the Union (such as Financial Management and Human Resources). All of these functions are provided in order to support the work of the elected officer team of the Students' Union.</p> <p>Student Council further Notes: The Company is student-controlled i.e. the voting majority of Directors are 'Student Directors' (composed of 'Full-Time Officers' and Current Students elected via Council annually) meaning students are always in control. The Chairperson of the board is 'External', and selected for a three year term in accordance with the Constitution.</p> <p>Student Council Acknowledges: The Board believes that in the case that the Chairperson is unable to fulfil their role (for any number of reasons), that the 'Deputy Chairperson' of the board should automatically be the President of the Union. This was discussed, approved, and is currently reflected in the Constitution of TU Dublin SU CLG (approved unanimously by the Student Directors), but must now also be reflected in the Constitution of the Students' Union itself.</p> <p>Student Council therefore Amends Schedule I – The Members of TU Dublin SU CLG and Membership of the Board of Directors of TU Dublin SU CLG In the absence of that Chairperson one of the other external directors shall perform the function of chairperson for the Board of Directors. - To the Following - Schedule I – The Members of TU Dublin SU CLG and Membership of the Board of Directors of TU Dublin SU CLG In the absence of that Chairperson the President shall perform the function of Chairperson for the Board of Directors</p>	2/13/2026	The Executive		N/A (Wasn't in existence yet)	N/A (Wasn't in existence yet)			
<p>Motion: Vote Leave (USI Affiliation Referendum) Student Council Notes On the 12th December 2023, Student Council voted in favour of holding an Affiliation Referendum for USI (Union of Students in Ireland).</p> <p>Student Council further Notes TU Dublin SU pays significant annual affiliation fees to USI, amounting to 140,000 euro in the academic year 22/23. This excludes the cost of travel and accommodation for the Full-Time Officers to various parts of the country (on a near-monthly basis), the cost of Congress Fees (over 9000 euro), and the salary cost associated with engaging in USI 'National Council'.</p> <p>Student Council Notes with Concern TU Dublin SU pays a significant amount of student money on an organisation that does not provide tangible results to its student population, nor does it represent students effectively on a national level. This is partly due to the 'anti-staff' rhetoric of many member organisations (which prevents any level of consistency year on year), a 'toxic culture' amongst many member organisations and an ineffective policy system (virtually no mandates from Congress 21-23 have been progressed, rendering Congress pointless).</p> <p>Student Council Regrets Despite significant work being put in by the TU Dublin SU Executive over the past two years (as well as many previous teams), virtually no improvements have taken place i.e. the Constitution is often broken, mandates are ignored, and 'populist' culture often guides decision making more than actual content. This is evidenced for example in the lack of a cohesive improvement in Transgender Healthcare despite multiple mandates and hundreds of thousands of student money being funnelled into USI Officers.</p> <p>Student Council Applauds Non-affiliated Universities (such as UCD and UL) receive significantly more media attention, receive invites to National Events, and are more effective at lobbying, due to not outsourcing national lobbying efforts to an organisation that inherently cannot succeed at it.</p> <p>Student Council Believes</p>	2/13/2026	The Executive						

<p>Motion: Vote YES-YES</p> <p>Student Council Notes On the 8th of March, the nation will vote on the amendment of Constitutional provisions related to family and family care. The Government last month approved the publication of the Thirty-ninth Amendment of the Constitution (The Family) Bill 2023 and the Fortieth Amendment of the Constitution (Care) Bill 2023.</p> <p>The public will be asked to agree to: amend Article 41 of the Constitution to provide for a wider concept of Family; and delete Article 41.2 of the Constitution to remove text on the role of women in the home and insert a new Article 42B to recognise family care.</p> <p>Student Council Applauds TU Dublin SU has a proud history of engaging in and supporting important referenda, such as the Same Sex Marriage (34th Amendment) and Repeal of the 8th Amendment (36th Amendment) referenda. Similarly, March 8th holds great significance for the advancement of equality, particularly for individuals who identify as women and all families who should have the same rights and benefits, regardless of their marital status.</p> <p>Student council Acknowledges TU Dublin SU holds a responsibility to encourage and empower students to participate in all elections and referenda, recognizing that the outcomes will have lasting impacts on the young people of Ireland. Despite some dissatisfaction amongst various advocacy groups, the Union believes that the overall changes that would be introduced through these referenda (if passed) still represent a step in the right direction.</p> <p>Student council further Acknowledges Multiple Non- Government Organisations (NGO's) including The National Women's Council and One Family are running a "YES-YES" campaign to support the Referenda.</p> <p>Student council therefore Mandates</p> <p>TU Dublin SU takes a clear and unequivocal stance in support of a YES-YES vote in the upcoming referenda on March 8th, 2024, and to engage with external bodies to offer accurate information to students in support of this campaign.</p>	2/13/2026	The Executive						
<p>Policy: Stance on 'Confession Pages'</p> <p>Anonymous 'Confession Pages' are online platforms or spaces where individuals can share their thoughts, feelings, secrets, or experiences without revealing their identity. These pages typically allow for people to submit content anonymously, and are subsequently posted onto the platform for anyone to read. Confessions pages are becoming increasingly popular amongst University communities, with Instagram often being the platform of choice for Irish HEIs (Higher Education Institutions). TU Dublin, in particular, has seen multiple iterations in the last 3-4 years. They are often popularised by fellow students who share what they perceive to be 'interesting' content; this inherently creates a space where 'shock value' confessions are preferred.</p> <p>Major Concerns These pages typically begin with relative 'innocence' but quickly become vectors for racism, xenophobia, classism, sexism, harassment, and bullying. There have already been several iterations of 'TU Dublin' related pages because previous versions have been shut down for 'confessions' that were deemed highly offensive to a significant number of people. These pages are often used to target specific people (using names, job titles, and other clearly defining criteria), can be easily used to spread false information (given there is no way to verify the accuracy of the information shared), can have a negative impact on an individual's mental health (people can often fear being targeted, or be upset by the extremist views / racist content portrayed on a platform which allegedly represents their University population), and reinforces a lack of accountability amongst students.</p> <p>Stance of TU Dublin SU These pages will continue to operate, and future iterations will likely flourish on different and new platforms. While the Union cannot 'prevent' this, it can at least mandate its representatives to not platform or engage with them, given the innumerable complaints received by the Union from students about such pages over the past few years. Full- and Part-Time Officers therefore will not platform (i.e. post, share, follow, or otherwise promote) any 'Confessions Pages' associated in any way with TU Dublin or TU Dublin SU. Full- and Part-Time Officers will also discourage other Union representatives (i.e. Student Councillors, Class Representatives, etc) from platforming these pages, given their tendency towards far-right rhetoric, extremism, racism, sexism, classism and xenophobia.</p>	2/13/2027	The Executive						
<p>Motion: TU Dublin Parking</p> <p>Student Council Notes: The parking arrangements at TU Dublin are characterized by a lack of a universal scheme applicable across all campuses. Presently, TU Dublin does not employ any specific selection criteria for parking allocation. Notably, paid parking is in effect at the Blanchardstown campus, offering both permit-based and pay-as-you-go options. Additionally, Grangegorman utilizes a lottery system for parking allocation (for staff only) while parking at the Tallaght campus is currently offered free of charge.</p> <p>Student Council further Notes: The results of a recent FOI (Freedom of Information) Request from the SU President have revealed that TU Dublin plans to propose a university-wide parking scheme, which will include the addition of parking fees to the Tallaght Campus and prevent students from parking in any City Campus. Furthermore, the FOI Request revealed that TU Dublin profits from the clamping of cars (which was a significant issue in Blanchardstown campus last year), and there is currently no committee in place (with student representation) to review those who appeal such clamping cases.</p> <p>Student Council further Notes: A considerable number of students at TU Dublin face extended commute times, often lacking viable alternative transportation options (particularly in the Blanchardstown Campus). This challenge is particularly pronounced for students with disabilities who encounter obstacles associated with costs and a shortage of available parking spaces. Notably, the parking infrastructure at the Grangegorman campus appears to be predominantly oriented towards meeting the needs of staff rather than adequately addressing the parking requirements of students.</p> <p>Student Council Believes: Implementing a staff-student parking space allocation system could prove beneficial in enhancing the availability of parking spaces for students. The introduction of a student share option, coupled with clear selection criteria for parking assignments, would contribute to a more equitable distribution of parking resources. Furthermore, while a dual permit- and pay-as-you-go option are beneficial, the charge to students (during a Cost-of-Living Crisis) is unfair, particularly as it punishes students when there are few other transport options available. Finally, the University needs to establish a committee to review all clamping associated cases in a transparent manner.</p> <p>Student Council Therefore Mandates: The President and Campus Vice Presidents to lobby TU Dublin for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A pan-university student-staff parking space allocation system -The introduction of a student-share option -Establish clear selection criteria for parking assignments -Prevent a charge being associated with a parking permit 	2/13/2026	President and all 3 CVP's						

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<p>Motion: Reinforce module coordinators to update module syllabus on the virtual learning platform.</p> <p>Student council notes: A SYLLABUS is a necessary document for teaching, in that it serves to establish the fundamental components of a course, such as the topics that will be taught, a weekly calendar, and a list of assignments, and their respective weightings. In order to assist students in their learning, syllabi may define linkages between learning outcomes, assessments, material, and labs.</p> <p>Student council also notes: DIT, ITB and ITT had their own syllabi, this was replaced by the new syllabus of TU Dublin. Syllabi in campuses were not fully updated following the merger, leading to inconsistencies in the syllabi on the VLE. Currently, there are gaps and inconsistencies in the syllabi in TU Dublin. A syllabus is needed for transparency between students and the content they are meant to learn.</p> <p>Student Council mandates: VPs for Education to lobby to ensure that the next term's syllabi are up to date, accurate, and explicit by the end of the Academic year 2022-2023.</p>	11/30/2024	Vice President for Education / Academic Affairs						
<p>Motion: TU Dublin's Students' Union to Support the Access Service.</p> <p>Student Council Notes: TU Dublin's Access Service is a critical service in TU Dublin that supports groups that are underrepresented in higher education. These supports include but are not limited to academic support, social and personal support, and financial assistance.</p> <p>Student Council Further Notes: The importance of TU Dublin's Students' Union assisting TU Dublin's Access Service in any way that could enhance this service, in line with TU Dublin's Students' Union's aim of fostering diversity and equality throughout TU Dublin.</p> <p>Student Council Therefore Mandates: The VP of Education for the city campus, the Deputy President of Blanchardstown, and the Deputy President of Tallaght to contact the Access Service respective to their campus at a minimum of twice per term, offering support if needed. Student Council Further Mandates: The President of TU Dublin's Students' Union to ensure that there is always an officer liaising with the Access Service at least twice per term.</p> <p>Student Council Further Mandates: The executive ensures that at least one officer is present at important Access Service events unless there is an extenuating circumstance, including but not limited to events such as Access Orientations and the Access Christmas Meet-up.</p> <p>With this motion, Student Council repeals the motion entitled 'ACCESS Student information campaign'</p>	11/30/2024	Vice President for Academic Affairs and Campus Vice Presidents		VP AA intends to bring an updated motion to Decembers Student Council as she is on leave for the November council				
<p>Motion: The Right to Lecture Materials for Students During Class Time and After.</p> <p>Student Council Notes: Many lecturers do not allow access to lecture slides and materials outside of lecture times giving excuses such as attendance; some may not even provide the lecture materials for students to view on their own devices during the lecture.</p> <p>Student Council Also Notes That: While it is understandable that lecturers may be trying to encourage attendance in their lectures by only showing the notes in class, it is unreasonable to punish those who are in fact attending by denying them access to material they could use in the classroom to aid their learning. The slides and materials used in lectures are only the bare bones of what a student is required to know, and denying access to those bare bones does not allow students to build their knowledge while revising or even just note-taking in class. While this issue affects all students, it may have a greater impact on Disabled Students. Many Disabled Students rely on access to the notes in order to learn through their own methods, but many are also uncomfortable disclosing that they are in fact disabled to their lecturers. This causes an issue where students feel unable to approach their lecturers for help when an issue such as this arises. It is unreasonable to deny the students the materials necessary to learn effectively. Only allowing students access to lecture notes and materials in some modules produces inconsistency in study methods and will cause students to lose motivation in the modules that don't provide them.</p> <p>Student Council Mandates: The VP's for Education to lobby TU Dublin to establish a comprehensive approach to rules around access to Lecture Notes across all campuses and courses. This should also include a poll on a sample of students from various courses of study with regards to their opinion on the availability of lecture notes and their impact on their learning experience.</p>	11/30/2024	Vice President for Academic Affairs / Education		VP AA will bring this up again with heads of faculty and see if more progress is being made on this				VP AA will draft a plan of where to bring this with AA and Reg Lead
<p>Policy: Fair pay for Work</p> <p>TU Dublin Students' Union values the role work placement has on a student's educational journey. Work placement provides opportunity to gain practical experience, increasing their employability and broadening their understanding of their field.</p> <p>The Union also values the work done by students in their workplace environment and recognise that value is added to the workplace, with students bringing fresh ideas and perspectives, increasing the overall work capacity, and enriching the workplace environment. Often work placement helps employers recruit those that are a particularly good fit.</p> <p>Work placement is aligned with the vision of the students' union as it plays an important role in students reaching their potential academically, socially and professionally. The students' union also has a responsibility to advance and defend the rights of students. While students are on placement, their voices can be difficult to capture, and when they return, it is too late to improve conditions for them specifically, but it is important to progress toward improving conditions overall going forward.</p> <p>Full time education comes with financial challenges, with reduced capacity to work due to time spent engaging with learning, as well as specific costs incurred in pursuing education. The ongoing housing and cost of living crises exacerbate the financial pressure put on students. In some cases the period of placement is one of increased financial stability, but in others it is one of serious financial strain, with further reduced capacity to take on part time work and extra costs such as transport or accommodation closer to placement. Unfortunately, this causes this to be when some students are forced to drop out or defer to earn the money to undertake placement.</p> <p>TU Dublin Students' Union will advance the cause of seeking fair pay for work done by all students. All financial barriers including but not limited to travel costs, the need to secure additional accommodation and general expenses expected to be incurred by students must be flagged with students with sufficient notice. Wherever possible, placements with payment should be preferred by the university and the Union shall advocate to this effect. The Union will ensure that every opportunity to promote better practices in this area by the college is taken, and that all officers are cognisant of this pressing issue for students.</p>	4/18/2026	Vice President for Academic Affairs		VP AA will meet with placement officer (once elected) and see what they think the best course for action is on this.				VP AA is arranging a meeting with placement PTO to discuss this
<p>Policy: Quality Assurance</p> <p>It shall be the policy of TU Dublin Students' Union to hold a position as dictated by the below principles in relation to quality assurance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That a periodic review of the academic calendar be carried out by TU Dublin that includes student representation • That any proposed changes made to the academic calendar be brought to TU Dublin SU Student Council for discussion and feedback in a timely manner. • The Student Handbook is an essential requirement of Quality Assurance, and an updated version must be circulated to students at the beginning of the academic year. • That the student voice is represented at all levels with TU Dublin decision making: Class representatives should be invited to attend meetings such as program review committees (or equivalent), and other applicable boards, committees and groups throughout the academic year • That students are given the opportunity to present module feedback to the lecturer at the end of each module • That there should be an overall TU Dublin Student charter which is established in conjunction with TU Dublin Students' Union. 	3/2/2025	Vice President for Academic Affairs						VP AA and president has submitted feedback to Registrar regarding Academic Calendar

<p>Motion: ACCESS Student Council Notes: Many Students and Staff do not know what an Access Student is or how to appropriately engage with them. An Access Student is a Student that has come into university by HEAR, DAIR, and TU Dublin's Access Foundation Programmes among other programs. Access students often feel disoriented by an already elitist nature perpetuated by many third-level institutes. Student Council further Notes: That despite many Access voices coming into the mainstream and the Minister for Further Education making attempts to close the divide access students often still feel stigmatised and othered. This feeling of being othered, shamed and stigma could be the turning point for some students dropping out in the earliest part of their college experience due to not feeling included in university life. Many Access Students will never engage with the Access Service and will often hide that they are Access Students due to the stigma. Many Access Students that are open about it are often met with negative, uninformed comments and this can be debilitating to their mental wellbeing. Student Council further Notes: Although much work is being done locally in TU Dublin by the TU Dublin Access Service this needs to be something the TU Dublin community come together on. Much like what we do with other marginalised groups. Student Council Mandates: That an awareness campaign be ran about Access Students dispel myths about access students and to help them feel seen and represented by their union and the TU Dublin community. This is to be done as a collaboration between the VP for Academic Affairs and the VP for Welfare and Equality. This motion will take effect in semester 2 of this academic year and remain in place in till the end of 24/25 academic year.</p>	12/12/2025	The Executive, VP for Academic Affairs						VP AA is in planning stage for this campaign
<p>Policy: Academic Affairs In line with the role description of the Vice President for Academic Affairs this policy further expands on the Academic Affairs remit in TU Dublin Students' Union. - Representation & Advocacy: Lobbying for students on issues related to their education in TU Dublin and ensuring that the student voice is heard in all University academic decision-making structures, policy areas and processes. - Class Representative Oversight: Coordinating the development and promotion of Class Rep elections on all campuses to increase active participation and engagement in the Class Rep system. Ensuring sufficient training and other events for Class Reps to improve their ability to advocate for student groups and improve the academic experience at TU Dublin. - Monitoring Academic Affairs Casework: Work with the Student Advice & Advocacy Service to identify key trends in Academic Affairs related casework and work to address them within the University. - Event & Campaign Planning: Organising and delivering information and awareness events and campaigns including but not limited to information on students' rights and university regulations, feedback opportunities, and other areas in line with their agreed political platform. - Policy Development: Developing and implementing Union policy positions on academic matters for consideration and approval of Student Council and reporting on this work to Council. - Meeting Preparation: preparing representatives for meetings in all forms from Class Rep Meetings to University Meetings – agreeing agendas, positions, speakers and any other relevant information ahead of time to ensure the best use of our seat at the table. This policy repeals the previous 'Education' Policy.</p>	12/12/2026	The Executive, VP for Academic Affairs						
<p>Motion: Decolonized Curriculum Student Council Notes: The goal of Decolonizing the Curriculum (DCC) is to recognise, address, and question the ways that colonialism has influenced how people see knowledge and education. It is about accepting knowledge systems that are outside of the conventional western thinking and have previously been disregarded, not about erasing past events or information. A curriculum that is inclusive must incorporate decolonization, which aims to acknowledge and confront the historical oppression of "the west" and its legacy of racism, inequality, and poverty. Student council further notes: That the current curricula are west-centric and ignorant of other cultures. An example of colonized curriculum is the origins of calculus; One of the first people in Europe to use zero and the negatives methodically was Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz, who developed calculus in the late 17th century. Calculus is essential to practically every field of research and is used to assess rates of change. It is particularly vital for many major discoveries in modern physics. However, many of Leibniz's concepts had previously been established more than 500 years earlier by the Indian mathematician Bhāskara. Such west-centric approach to education is not an outlier and it is unfortunate that it still happens to this day. Student Council Recognises: That TU Dublin has not yet performed investigation on its curriculum to determine how to decolonize the curriculum. The Keele University of the United Kingdom produced a guide on decolonizing the curriculum. Student Council Mandates: The VP of Academic Affairs to lobby the university to review the curriculum with emphasis on decolonization and removing ignorance and to reinforce ethnic diversity. This could be performed through discussions of the matter in all of faculty boards. The President of Student union is also mandated to ensure that the decolonizing efforts follow the DTC guide of by Keele University, and that the investigation and the decolonization efforts conclude before the end of school year 2023-2024</p>	12/12/2025	The Executive, VP for Academic Affairs						VP AA will organise a meeting with Ethnic and diversity PTO and AA and Rep Lead to decide best course of action
<p>Motion: Lobby earlier release of Supplemental Exam Results Student Council Notes: Supplemental Exams are an important part of the Academic Calendar and allow students a second chance to progress through to the next year of their degree. However, this year the release date was well into the new academic year leaving many students in classes they are unsure they have progressed into. This means many students were distressed, unmotivated and unsure of their position. It was seen to have taken a negative toll on their mental well-being. This was especially prevalent for Blanchardstown campus as supplemental results were released 2 weeks after the commencement of classes Student council further notes: I attended the faculty meeting for engineering and built environment as a student representative. The reasoning for these delays were said to have been staffing issue and insurance issues. This motion calls for preventive measures for such issues to not happen for any following academic years. Student Council Recognises: The Supplemental results date directly correlates to the academic calendar structure and solving this issue will require restructuring of dates given. Student council also recognises the need for the Blanchardstown campus to adopt the same exam result system as city campus, as this seems more effective than current. Student Council Believes: The academic calendar as it stands does not operate in a student friendly manner and the supplemental exams' release date for 2023 has proven this. Student Council Mandates: The VP for Academic Affairs lobby the university to review the academic calendar with emphasis on supplemental exam release dates and reinforce measures that prompt the university to enforce deadlines as per academic calendar. It is crucial to academic success that repeat results be released prior to the start of classes. Also, to ensure that repeat results be released BEFORE the commencement of classes by having the Blanchardstown campus to adopt the same supplemental results system as other campuses. All of this to be concluded before the end of school year 2023-2024. Progress shall be overseen by the student union's president and provide updates every council meeting</p>	12/12/2025	The Executive, VP for Academic Affairs						VP AA mentioned this in her feedback on academic calendar
<p>Motion: Repeat Fees Student Council Notes TU Dublin students currently must pay a set fee of €100 to sit supplemental examinations, commonly referred to as 'repeat exams'. Student Council further Notes During an ongoing Cost-of-Living Crisis, coupled with the increasing unaffordability of third-level education, students are already met with countless financial barriers. These include the cost of rent, transport, groceries, medical costs, and college fees, to name just a few. These barriers disproportionately affect less affluent students. Student Council Notes with Concern Socioeconomically disadvantaged students are more likely to be working part-time jobs, working longer hours within these jobs, commuting longer distances, not have access to rented accommodation, and have less access to additional supports (such as private tutoring), in comparison to their wealthier classmates. These same students are therefore at a disadvantage when it comes to attending lectures, completing assignments, and preparing for examinations. Lower attendance and decreased time spent preparing for examinations are, unsurprisingly, correlated with higher failure rates. Student Council therefore Believes Supplemental fees disproportionately affect students from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds, and only serve to exacerbate existing inequalities amongst students in TU Dublin. Student Council Appeals Other major Dublin Universities do not currently charge repeat fees. This year, UCD joined TCD in abolishing its repeat fees entirely. Considering TU Dublin wishes to increase its student numbers and 'widen participation' in third level education, the removal of repeat fees would be a welcome step towards achieving these goals. Furthermore, TU Dublin previously waived its repeat fees during the Covid Pandemic, indicating its potential to do so. Student Council Mandates The Vice President for Academic Affairs, with support from the President, to lobby for the abolishment of Repeat Fees, by the end of the Academic Year 2023/2024, and failing this, 2024/2025. Student Council further Mandates The Vice President of Academic Affairs to ensure the University completes a 'feasibility study' (to establish the costs associated with such an action), to bring a proposal to the Student Experience Committee requesting the abolishment, and to then provide an update to Student Council. Failing this initial route, the VP for Academic Affairs is mandated to prepare an action plan for escalating this issue within the University over 6 months (encompassing all relevant committees, media, and other actions), for discussion and approval at the next Student Council. Student Council further Mandates The VP for Academic Affairs to utilize the 'higher costs' associated with abolishing fees in TU Dublin (compared to UCD) as a mechanism to illustrate the level of overassessment in TU Dublin.</p>	2/12/2026	The Executive, VP for Academic Affairs						VP AA mentioned this in her feedback on academic calendar

<p>Policy: Student Survey</p> <p>Introduction</p> <p>StudentSurvey.ie (formerly known as ISSE, the Irish Survey of Student Engagement) is a collaborative partnership between the HEA (Higher Education Authority), IJA (Irish Universities Association), THEA (Technological Higher Education Association), and USI (Union of Students in Ireland).</p> <p>Since its inception in 2013, its main purpose (according to THEA) was to help each institution and its students by collating feedback and developing appropriate follow-up actions; objectives included improving transparency in relation to the student experience, enabling direct student input, and helping institutions identify areas requiring further development.</p> <p>Stance taken by TU Dublin SU</p> <p>TU Dublin SU accepts the value that a well-run, relevant, nationwide survey could have for its students. For this reason, the Union will seek to work with StudentSurvey.ie in order to ensure that all of the complaints listed previously (including but not limited to: survey length, questions themselves, length of time taken for results, lack of resulting action plans) are amended before the next iteration of Student Survey. The Union will also seek to work with StudentSurvey.ie to reimagine the survey in its entirety.</p> <p>However, prior to the next rollout (expected in the academic year 25/26), should StudentSurvey.ie not be deemed 'fit-for-purpose', TU Dublin SU will then seek to boycott it. This decision will be based on the recommendation of the Executive (championed by the VP for Academic Affairs), which will ultimately be voted on by Student Council.</p>	2/13/2027	The Executive, VP for Academic Affairs						
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Welfare & Equality Motions & Policies

Student Council Motion (purple) / Policy (blue)	Falling	Accountability	Progress color code	Explanation on work done and to be done (June 2023)	Student Council Update 1 (October 2023)	Student Council 2 Update (November 2023)	Student Council 3 Update (December 2023)	Student Council 4 Update (February 2024)	Student Council 5 Update (February 2024)
<p>Motion: Climate Emergency Campaign</p> <p>Student Council notes: The impacts of climate change might be the biggest threat to a stable present and future for humanity today. To avoid global warming carbon emissions must be stopped. A working group of students and SU members should be set up to carry out a climate emergency campaign. We ask TU Dublin to make the necessary changes quickly and become carbon neutral. The group could lobby the government to phase out Fossil Fuels until 2030, to support the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty* on an EU level, and to set all new policies in line with the 1.5 degree limit (outlined in the Paris Agreement).</p> <p>Student Council further notes: In the second quarter of 2022 Ireland had the highest EU greenhouse gas emissions per capita in Europe (independent, Jan 2023). Wealthy countries as well as educational institutions have the responsibility to take leadership in avoiding climate change. The campaign could be an opportunity to pressurize the government to take consequent climate action. *About 91% of global CO2 Emissions originate from the burning of fossil fuels. The Fossil Fuel Non Proliferation Treaty, signed by the WHO, Dalai Lama and more than 3000 scientists, calls for an end to the expansion of new fossil fuel infrastructure and production, to phase out existing production and use, and to fast-track solutions and ensure a just transition.</p> <p>Student Council Mandates: The executive and the VPs for welfare to form a working group consisting of students to lobby the government and to hold a climate emergency campaign</p>	2/8/2025	Vice President for Welfare & Equality and the Executive		No work done yet					
<p>Motion: Sensory Spaces on Campus</p> <p>Student Council Notes: That there are currently no sensory rooms across TU Dublin for neurodivergent students.</p> <p>Student Council Further Notes: The Athena Swan Action Plan points out in 3.2.15 to have accessible quiet rooms in each campus by the end of 2025 but it has no mention of sensory spaces.</p> <p>Student Councils Regrets: While there are quiet spaces on each campus, the spaces are not necessarily suitable for students who are neurodivergent.</p> <p>Student Council Mandates: The VPs for Welfare & Equality and the Deputy Presidents (to be moved to the VP for Welfare & Equality and the Campus VPs when the new Constitution is in act) to lobby the University to work on sensory spaces across each campus, with support from EDI.</p>	12/14/2024	Vice President for Welfare and Equality and Campus Vice Presidents		Made contact with Deirdre Staunton, currently AST and 2 spaces in CG are under construction. James and Louise have been working on getting the spaces in Talaght and Blanch.				President + CVPs stepped in to assist in this project due to its importance for students.	
<p>Motion: Operation Transformation</p> <p>Student Council Notes: Operation Transformation is a weight loss TV show aired by RTE and sponsored by the Department of Health under the 'Healthy Ireland' Campaign. It has been estimated that RTE received over €500,000 over a two-year period. Operation Transformation say that their aim is to promote a healthy lifestyle for participants and viewers but, is an entertainment show that promotes unsustainable weight loss, encourages disordered eating behaviours and cultivates weight stigma.</p> <p>Student Council Further Notes: National eating disorder organisation 'Bodywhys' noted in their statement regarding Operation Transformation that fact that hospital admissions for young people with eating disorders have risen by 66% and that shows like Operation Transformation can have a detrimental effect on mental and physical health. It is also well known that many students are young people who may be vulnerable to the messages that are promoted by these weight loss tv shows. The emphasis on dieting, body weight and shape does little to long lasting weight loss and health goals.</p> <p>Student Council Recognises: Bodywhys and grassroots activists like intuitive.eating.ireland and binge.eating.dietitian have campaigned and petitioned RTE and the Department of Health in recent times to decommission the show or offer a more inclusive approach to the show, changing the focus from weight loss to a more holistic view to lifestyle changes.</p> <p>Student Council Regrets: RTE, the producers of Operation Transformation and the Department of Health have done little to engage with the campaign. RTE has effectively ignored the experiences of previous participants who shared stories of the lack of support during the airing of episodes and aftercare. Research shows that dieting does not result in long term weight loss for the vast majority of people. Operation Transformation does not provide follow-up studies to monitor long term success in its participants.</p> <p>Student Council Mandates: The Executive Team to discourage the University and external organisations from promoting Operation Transformation across TU Dublin.</p> <p>Student Council Further Mandates: The VPs for Welfare to work with the VP for Welfare in LISI on providing information about the effects of disordered eating to students by the end of semester 2</p>	12/14/2024	Vice President for Welfare and Equality	Completed for 2023-2024	Instagram video done by Louise					
<p>Motion: Disordered Eating Awareness</p> <p>Student Council Notes: There are no current campaigns by the Student Union to address and raise awareness of disordered eating.</p> <p>Student Council also Notes: While there have been awareness campaigns about other mental health issues, there has not been any campaigns in recent times to raise awareness of disordered eating and what supports are available to students around this issue. Anorexia – a restrictive eating disorder – has the highest fatality rate of any mental illness. A main characteristic that frequently accompanies this disorder is perfectionism or high expectations of self. Many college students feel the pressure to get good grades, and this can further exacerbate restrictive eating patterns. Bulimia, binge eating disorder and emotional eating patterns can also contribute significantly to both mental and physical health problems. These symptoms will again be exacerbated by the extrapolating pressures brought on by being a student and dealing with the cost-of-living crisis. Many people with some type of disordered eating behaviour are less likely to receive help from a doctor as the doctor will put it all down to their weight, this can lead to the non or misdiagnose of other ailments. All types of disordered eating patterns are vulnerable to be exacerbated by internal and external pressures.</p> <p>Student Council Believes: As the cost of living crisis continues to grow, more and more students will have to make decisions between buying food and paying rent. This is not only dangerous to those with an existing eating disorder or difficulty, but also creates a ripe environment for an eating disorder</p> <p>Student Council Therefore Mandates: The VPs of Welfare run a campaign to raise awareness of what disordered eating is, and what supports are available to students.</p>	12/14/2024	Vice President for Welfare and Equality		in progress					
<p>Motion: T Fund</p> <p>Student Council notes: That according to TENI, 78% of trans people in the UK and Ireland have thought about ending their lives and 40% have attempted suicide. For many people, beginning and continuing social transition brings significant relief. College is filled with financial stresses and for many transgender students, name changes and other transition expenses are not an option, even though they are life-saving. Social transitioning is the social portion of a transition, in which a transgender person makes others aware of their gender identity. Some parts of social transition can include: Telling people about your gender identity, changing name/gender (if applicable), getting clothes that allow them to express themselves etc.</p> <p>Student Council commends: The work of other Students' Unions such as NUIGSU and DCJUSU for the introduction of the 'T fund' for social transition, aiding students financially with elements of social transition which may include gender affirming items, such as makeup, and dysphoria relieving items like chest binders.</p> <p>Student Council mandates: The VP for Welfare to look into the feasibility of creating a fund in conjunction with the Equality and Diversity and Inclusion office within TU Dublin, for Trans*, Non-Binary and Gender Non-Conforming students</p>	12/14/2024	Vice President for Welfare and Equality		Currently waiting for Brian to meet with Yvonne Galligan. EDI are willing to trial the T-Fund for one year with collaborations from the SU and LGBT Society				President stepped in to progress this project due to its importance to students (proposal developed + submitted by President to Student Experience Committee)	

<p>Motion: Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Training on Orientation Week for incoming first years.</p> <p>Student Council notes: For most people going into first year, attending University will mean a completely new experience i.e. new community, new faces, and new atmosphere. While students who have lived in a more diverse community will be able to adjust relatively well, those who have not, will unfortunately find it more difficult and these difficulties could cause conflicts (racism, homophobia, discrimination, etc.) in the future. However, proper orientation for first years with the addition of EDI training would hopefully sustain and enrich the inclusivity of TU Dublin while minimising any possibilities of conflicts from happening. TU Dublin is one of most diverse universities in Ireland. It is the university's responsibility to ensure that all students and staff members exist in an inclusive environment where all are treated respectfully and fairly. However, while there is a team in the university specifically working for EDI, the training they provide is not enough for the scale of the student population.</p> <p>Student Council also notes: EDI training usually focuses and emphasises the difference among the people on the community, while potentially informative, this unfortunately creates a problem and causes further division. This EDI training, upon consultation with a professional, will strive to normalise the difference amongst cultures and identities and how these differences contribute and improve our community.</p> <p>Student Council Mandates: The VP's for Welfare and equality to lobby the EDI department in the university to provide the equality, diversity and inclusion training for incoming first years in the 2023 autumn term.</p>	11/30/2024	Vice President for Welfare & Equality		Brian met with Yvonne Galligan in semester 2					
<p>Motion: International Student Rights</p> <p>Student Council Notes: That TU Dublin is very diverse with over 2854 international students across 105 countries. International Students pay a large number in fees and face other difficulties such as needing to get medical insurance, getting a visa, getting accommodation, and general student life.</p> <p>Student Council Understands that: International students have the right to use the facilities and services just like non-international students, but a lot of international students are disconnected from college life.</p> <p>Student Council Believes: That a large cohort of international students aren't aware of the services and facilities and miss out on essential services such as eg. Counselling, medical centre, PC1 forms etc.</p> <p>Student Council Therefore Mandates: The VP's for Welfare and Equality and VP's for Education to work closely with the international office to run an information campaign on rights, accommodation, facilities and services for all international students.</p> <p>Student Council Further Mandates: The VP's for Welfare and Equality lobby TU Dublin for extra training in the Student Services office about issues regarding International Students, eg. Visa issues, fees, etc.</p> <p>Student Council Mandates: The VP's for Welfare and Equality to lobby TU Dublin for a more comprehensive and extended Orientation for international students, and defined support throughout the year from the International Office after the students commence on their programme.</p>	4/6/2024	Vice Presidents for Welfare & Equality and Academic Affairs / Education		Progress has been slower than expected. Hazel has repeatedly followed up with the International Office but has not received a response. Yvonne Galligan suggested contacting Susan O'Shaughnessy, who chairs the Governing Body EDI committee and coordinates Erasmus and International students. Contact has not yet been made.					
<p>Policy: Drug Harm Reduction</p> <p>TU Dublin Students' Union is the largest students' union in Ireland with approximately 29,000 members.</p> <p>As outlined in Article 2 of our Constitution (2019) we act in the best interests of our members and per Article 3 (v) we work to 'promote the welfare and well-being of members'.</p> <p>One area of concern for us relates to addressing the issue of drug use which is becoming more widespread in the general population according to data from the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, as follows:</p> <p>"Available data suggest that drug use has become more common among the adult general population aged 15-64 years in Ireland over recent years. Fewer than 2 in 10 adults reported use of any illicit drug during their lifetime in 2002-03, but this figure increased to approximately 3 in 10 in 2014-15"</p> <p>Trends would assume that since this, numbers may have further increased. There is currently a lack of understanding in Irish culture regarding harm reduction and due to this there is no effective response to drugs in Irish society. Drug harm reduction aims to reduce harm associated with the use of drugs, and do not fall based on abstinence.</p> <p>The Union recognises that drugs are illegal but believe that harm reduction should be viewed as a middle ground where people with widely differing views on drug policy can agree with one another regarding practical immediate ways to reduce drug-related harm among users.</p> <p>The Students' Union wishes to promote the safety of students by providing accurate and relevant drug harm reduction information.</p> <p>To act upon this the Union will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lobby TU Dublin to work towards having a policy on drug harm reduction Collaborate with organisations which already run drug harm reduction initiatives Provide drug harm reduction information in all campaigns related to drugs 	12/14/2024	Vice President for Welfare & Equality		DIH Campaign took place in semester 2 which involved information graphics on Instagram. Also working with USI and their mandates					
<p>Policy: Mental Health</p> <p>Part Time Officer Well-being TU DUBLIN SU shall run a well-being and stress management workshop for part time officers as part of their induction training and provide an Employee Assistance Program information to each officer, with continued encouragement to part-time officers to avail of the services provided if needed.</p> <p>Access to Student Counselling All students in TU Dublin should be able to readily access and avail of the TU Dublin student counselling services, within their own campus, in no more than two weeks. The relevant officer(s) shall lobby the university for adequate / increased spending in this area if there are issues arising wherein students are unable to access counselling services in this time frame.</p> <p>Mental Health Campaign The Vice President(s) for Welfare and Equality will run mental health campaigns throughout the year, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive mental health and methods to maintain such a mind-set Mental health difficulties and how they can be treated Stigma reduction around Mental Health difficulties Suicide awareness Encourage students to seek help, both on and off campus Highlight the importance of talking and support one another Support services available both on and off campus 	3/2/2025	Vice President for Welfare & Equality							
<p>Policy: Sexual Health</p> <p>Sanitary Products All TU Dublin SU offices / bathrooms will have emergency supplies of period products.</p> <p>Consent TU Dublin SU will include a section on consent in all induction presentations. Officers will also promote active consent to all students throughout the year through various campaigns and events.</p> <p>Condom Distribution TU DUBLIN SU will provide condoms to its' members throughout the academic year free. In tandem with distribution, TU DUBLIN SU will endeavour to provide information outlining but not limited to the risks associated with sexual activity and instructions on the use of condoms.</p>	3/2/2025	Vice President for Welfare & Equality		65000 condoms distributed in 22/23					

<p>Policy: Intersectional Work</p> <p>Intersectionality is the acknowledgement that most people have their own unique experiences of discrimination, micro-aggressions, and oppression, and we must consider all areas when dealing with marginalised groups, particularly when campaign planning or lobbying. Intersectionality further acknowledges that one person is not limited to one barrier or oppression, but can be affected on multiple areas, for example, an LGBTQ+ member of the traveling community may experience both homophobia and racism simultaneously. It is important for social justice, but also for the work we do to adopt an intersectional approach to the work in which TU Dublin SU does.</p> <p>Therefore, this policy believes that all lobbying and campaign work done through TU Dublin SU, should adopt the consideration for intersectional approaches, for example including diverse speakers on multiple platforms.</p> <p>The spirit of this policy will ensure TU Dublin SU adopts an intersectional approach to work</p>	2/3/2024	Vice President for Welfare & Equality							
<p>Motion: Group Insurance Scheme for International Students</p> <p>Student Council Notes: The Student Council acknowledges the mandatory requirement for international students to have medical insurance, as stipulated by the Immigration Service Delivery (ISD).</p> <p>Student Council Also Notes: The Student Council further notes that ISD provides two options for obtaining insurance in Ireland: a Group Insurance Scheme offered by the college or private insurance. It is observed that other institutions like TCD and UCD have already successfully implemented Group Insurance Schemes for their international students, providing them with accessible and recognized insurance solutions.</p> <p>Student Council Further Notes: There are a bunch of caveats when looking for private insurance options, such as pricing, not being sure if it's enough to be allowed to get a visa, and it has to be bought in Ireland, which might not be possible if you're not there physically.</p> <p>Student Council Mandates: The Student Council mandates the VP For Welfare & Equality and the International Student Officer to advocate for the establishment of a Group Insurance Scheme for international students.</p> <p>The Student Council further mandates the need to issue official letters to enrolled international students confirming their participation in the Group Insurance Scheme. This documentation should be accepted as sufficient proof for immigration authorities.</p>	11/16/2025	Vice President for Welfare & Equality							
<p>Motion: Period Poverty</p> <p>Student Council Notes Given the current Cost-of-Living crisis within Ireland (and abroad), attending a HEI (Higher Education Institution) is becoming increasingly unaffordable; the cost of accommodation, transport and fees is pushing education back towards being a 'privilege' that only the affluent can afford. Additional 'hidden costs' within TU Dublin, such as a lack of access to free period products, further alienate the most disadvantaged students across all sites.</p> <p>Student Council Further Notes Student numbers in TU Dublin have dropped significantly in the past academic year (22/23), which the Union believes can be attributed to a poor student experience and consequently poor retention rate. The Union therefore believes that initiatives such as free period products across TU Dublin will help improve how view students view TU Dublin (i.e. improve its damaged reputation).</p> <p>Student Council Understands Other HEI's across Ireland have achieved success in this area to varying degrees i.e. some HEI's have fully funded access to period products, others have agreed to 'collaborations' with their Students' Unions, and some have received sponsorships</p> <p>Student Council therefore Mandates The VP for Welfare & Equality (in conjunction with the Part-Time Officer for Gender Equality) to lobby the University to achieve the goal of Free Period Products across all bathrooms in TU Dublin (not just bathrooms deemed 'female'). These lobbying efforts must include: Present a research document to Council outlining how other HEI's have achieved success, to what degree, and subsequent recommendations for TU Dublin SU. Bring a proposal for free period products to the Student Experience Committee, the EDI sub-committee of Governing Body, and to the Director of EDI in TU Dublin. Draft an open letter to the University (should the previous two steps fail) expressing the importance of free period products and comparisons to other HEI's.</p> <p>Student Council further Mandates The VP for Welfare & Equality (in conjunction with the Part-Time Officer for Gender Equality) to implement additional actions (whether generated by themselves or Council), should the above lobbying methods fail, in order to achieve free period products across TU Dublin.</p>	11/16/2025	Vice President for Welfare & Equality					Project taken over by President due to its importance (proposal developed + submitted to Student Experience Committee)		

Events & Engagement Motions & Policies

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<p>Policy: TU Dublin SU RAG Charity</p> <p>TU Dublin Students' Union recognises the benefits of raising money for charity, both in terms of fundraising for worthy causes and in raising the profile of the Students' Union and the services it provides. RAG stands for Raising and Giving.</p> <p>In order to further raise the profile of this concept, the TU Dublin Students' Union Student Council shall vote on and determine one charity, by the last Council meeting of the academic year to be the official charity for the following year. A percentage contribution of all profitable events run by the TU Dublin Students' Union throughout the year, shall be set aside and added to the proceeds generated from the designated RAG charity events.</p> <p>This policy should be advertised to all students in the lead up to the election of the charity. Nominations for the RAG Charity shall open during the second semester. Two registered students shall be required to nominate a charity. Following the close of nominations, the charity nominated shall be contacted and required to submit a proposal detailing who they are, what they do and how any money raised for them will benefit the charity.</p> <p>Student Councillors will be given the opportunity to review the proposals and decide on which charity they would like to support. The charity who receives the greatest support, from Student Council will become the chosen charity for the following academic year and will be announced at the Student Recognition Ceremony. The Student Council will only select ONE chosen charity, to which all RAG proceeds for the following academic year will be donated.</p> <p>A presentation of the funds raised for the designated RAG charity by the Union shall be made at the Recognition Ceremony held at the end of the academic year, on the total funds raised throughout the year. The chosen charity to receive RAG funds may not be nominated as a RAG charity for the following two years.</p>	3/1/2026	Vice President for Events & Engagement						

Communications & Media Motions & Policies								
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Blanchardstown Motions & Policies

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<p>Motion: Improvement of the Identity & Culture of Blanchardstown Campus.</p> <p>Student Council notes: That the culture and identity of the Blanchardstown campus should be improved by cleaning of grime off exterior walls and by adding modern design through artwork (e.g. murals).</p> <p>Student Council also notes: The Blanchardstown Campus has been neglected over the last few years. When one enters Blanchardstown Campus they will be met with white walls covered in grime and filth. Studies have shown that good exterior and interior design improves mental health of workers and hence increases productivity (The built environment and mental health; Evans, 2003).</p> <p>Student Council Mandates: The Deputy President of Blanchardstown and VP for Welfare & Equality of Blanchardstown Campus to lobby in favour of removal of grime covered walls by the end of the Academic year 2022-2023 by the latest.</p> <p>Student Council further Mandates: The Deputy President of Blanchardstown and VP for Welfare & Equality of Blanchardstown Campus to work with estates in making developments around the campus through various forums to create a better culture and identity for Blanchardstown students – by start of next academic year.</p>	11/30/2024	Blanchardstown Campus Vice President		Reached out to several relevant University staff (David Gavin, Paul Horan, etc) and the student who proposed this motion.	University staff have not responded despite follow up with the exception of David Gavin (although not strictly within his remit) who promised to follow up on the ideal avenue for this project. In the meantime, did brief survey on social media asking membership about what they would like to see, which was again sent to the relevant University staff.	Still no follow up despite intervention by the President.	Contacted other Universities (e.g. NCAD) about them assisting with it directly due to University apathy. President has followed up by escalation to higher-status University staff.	No update since last Council: University Staff continue to refuse to engage, and other SU's have been similarly unhelpful (partly due to 52 being quite busy = election season). Difficult to escalate as their line managers are equally unresponsive, and ultimately the President of TU Dublin (their final line manager) does not engage with the Union. As well, 'direct action' on this, at present, would seem inappropriate / not likely to work, given the much more significant issues facing students.
<p>Motion: Blanchardstown Transport</p> <p>Student Council Notes: While public and private bus services are available in the broader Blanchardstown area, students face difficulties commuting to the TU Dublin Blanchardstown campus due to inadequate connectivity between the Blanchardstown campus and the public transport routes serving key student catchment areas. The results of the 2022 TU Dublin Smarter Travel Staff and Student Survey, published in May 2023, highlight that 68% of students use public transport to travel to the Blanchardstown campus. Statistics show that 6% of students travel distances of less than 3km, 30% travel distances of between 3km and 10km, 36% of students travel distances ranging between 10 – 30km, and 28% travel distances greater than 30km. This illustrates the large number of students who require the regular use of public transport.</p> <p>Student Council Also Notes: The combination of escalating inflation, the ongoing housing crisis, and the lack of on-campus accommodation has forced numerous students to travel extensive distances to reach campus. Some students are required to take up to three buses each way in their pursuit of education. This has created a two-tiered system in TU Dublin, between those who can afford private rented accommodation nearby, versus those who spend hours commuting daily, and are removed from the so-called 'college experience'.</p> <p>Student Council believes: Students and Staff at TU Dublin require reliable public transport to the Blanchardstown Campus. Accessibility to the Blanchardstown campus is a right for students and staff. Furthermore, it would assist TU Dublin in achieving its Sustainability Goals, and improve the overall student satisfaction rate (recorded most recently in ISSE).</p> <p>Student Council Therefore Mandates: The Campus VP for Blanchardstown to lobby the NTA, BusConnects and the Irish Government to increase bus service reliability, including more frequent and transparent updates on bus schedules and routes (38, 38a, 139, N4), to expedite the 'BusConnects' Network Redesign for 2025, and to redesign the bus routes so that at least one bus enters the actual campus.</p> <p>Student Council further Mandates: The Campus VP for Blanchardstown to lobby TU Dublin for an improved shuttle bus service (in the interim) alongside reduced pricing for students (currently more expensive than TfL Buses).</p> <p>Student Council further Mandates:</p>	2/13/2027	Blanchardstown Campus Vice President						
<p>Motion: TU Dublin Parking</p> <p>Student Council Notes: The parking arrangements at TU Dublin are characterised by a lack of a universal scheme applicable across all campuses. Presently, TU Dublin does not employ any specific selection criteria for parking allocation. Notably, paid parking is in effect at the Blanchardstown campus, offering both permit-based and pay-as-you-go options. Additionally, Grangegorman utilizes a lottery system for parking allocation (for staff only) while parking at the Tallaght campus is currently offered free of charge.</p> <p>Student Council further Notes: The results of a recent FOI (Freedom of Information) Request from the SU President have revealed that TU Dublin plans to propose a university-wide parking scheme, which will include the addition of parking fees to the Tallaght Campus and prevent students from parking in any City Campus. Furthermore, the FOI Request revealed that TU Dublin profits from the clamping of cars (which was a significant issue in Blanchardstown campus last year), and there is currently no committee in place (with student representation) to review those who appeal such clamping cases.</p> <p>Student Council further Notes: A considerable number of students at TU Dublin face extended commute times, often lacking viable alternative transportation options (particularly in the Blanchardstown Campus). This challenge is particularly pronounced for students with disabilities who encounter obstacles associated with costs and a shortage of available parking spaces. Notably, the parking infrastructure at the Grangegorman campus appears to be predominantly oriented towards meeting the needs of staff rather than adequately addressing the parking requirements of students.</p> <p>Student Council Believes: Implementing a staff-student parking space allocation system could prove beneficial in enhancing the availability of parking spaces for students. The introduction of a student share option, coupled with clear selection criteria for parking assignments, would contribute to a more equitable distribution of parking resources. Furthermore, while a dual permit- and pay-as-you-go option are beneficial, the charge to students (during a Cost-of-Living Crisis) is unfair, particularly as it punishes students when there are few other transport options available. Finally, the University needs to establish a committee to review all clamping associated cases in a transparent manner.</p> <p>Student Council Therefore Mandates: The President and Campus Vice Presidents to lobby TU Dublin for the following: -A pan-university student-staff parking space allocation system -The introduction of a student-share option -Establish clear selection criteria for parking assignments -Prevent a charge being associated with a parking permit -Establish a committee to review all clamping cases</p>	2/13/2026	President and all 3 CVP's						

City Motions & Policies									
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<p>Motion: Improved infrastructure support and funding on Bolton Street and Linnhall Campuses</p> <p>Student council notes: Bolton Street and Linnhall are part of TU Dublin and are home to over 8,000 students. However, with the proposal of the campus moving to Grangegorman in at least the next eight years, the campus has been left without proper maintenance. The student's health and well-being are endangered, with noted infrastructure hazards such as poor ventilation and mold. This is unacceptable and needs to be addressed and fixed as soon as possible.</p> <p>Student council also notes: By law, the campus must be kept up to standard and maintained to prevent any potential injuries or health problems. With the current state of these buildings being extremely poor, it is leading to current and future students being exposed to issues such as water leaks damaging exposed live electrical wires and outlets, damaged windows, lack of student spaces and seating spaces. We need the college to put funding into improving these issues on campus, to not just protect students' safety but improve attendance and participation. Every single TU Dublin student here deserves a good quality experience during their time in college, which should not be limited due to issues that could be easily fixed.</p> <p>Mandate The SU to help support the demand of these issues being raised and help secure the needed funding to improve the quality of life on campus.</p>	4/18/2025	City Campus Vice President, The Executive		comprehensive updates given by Vice President of City Campus at Council	comprehensive updates given by Vice President of City Campus at Council	comprehensive updates given by Vice President of City Campus at Council	Comprehensive update given by Vice President of City Campus at Council	Comprehensive update given by Vice President of City Campus at Council	Comprehensive update given by Vice President of City Campus at Council (as usual within Campus Updated + Officer reports - if any doubts, please submit queries beforehand)
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Tallaght Motions & Policies

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Motions for Closure								
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<p>Motion: Accountability Enhancement</p> <p>Student Council notes That: At the most recent Student Council (16th November 2023), correspondence entitled 'Accountability Updates' (drafted by the President, 23/24) was approved both unanimously and formally by all Councillors present. Student Council further notes That: The approved correspondence included the following action: "The President, in order to empower Councillors, will seek to amend Schedule F ('standing orders'), to make Officer reports 'for approval' i.e. students must either approve or reject an Officer report. If the report is rejected on two occasions, then this will automatically trigger the impeachment process i.e. the release of a petition as per article 17." Student Council therefore Mandates: That: Schedule F, 6.8. Each Full-Time or Postgraduate Officer must be available for questions on their written Officer Report. They can make verbal additions to their Report at the discretion of the Chairperson. Be Amended To: Schedule F, 6.8. Each Full-Time Officer and Part-Time Officer must be available for questions on their written Officer Report. They can make verbal additions to their Report at the discretion of the Chairperson. Each Officer report must either be 'approved' or 'rejected' by Student Council via a simple majority Council vote. If the report is rejected on two occasions (during their term-of-office), this will automatically trigger the impeachment process (i.e. the release of a petition as per article 17), which will be publicised by the Chair of Council, with the assistance of TU Dublin SU CLG, in a manner deemed most appropriate by the Chair.</p>	12/12/2025	The Executive		NA (Wasn't in existence yet)	NA (Wasn't in existence yet)	Approved at this Council	Completed (Proposed for Closure)	Closed + to be moved by relevant TU Dublin SU Staff

