



TU Dublin Students' Union
Student Council Officer Report 23/24
Tuarascáil Oifigeach Comhairle na Mac Léinn
Aontas na Mac Leinn, Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta,
Baile Átha Cliath 23/24



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Key Points of work carried out since last meeting
Príomhphointí ón gcrúinniú deireanach

Hi All My time as your VP for Academic Affairs has come to an end.

I have to say I have done a lot of learning and growing this past year. I am so grateful to you all for electing me to be your VP for Academic Affairs it has truly been such a rewarding process. There have been times when I have wanted to give up (right now as I write this while off sick lol) but I'm so glad I stuck around.

There are some people I could not have done this past year without.

First and foremost Liam Cosgrove you were truly my saving grace time and time again I want you to know how much I appreciate every single thing you have done for me this past year. I also want to congratulate you on running your first set of elections in your new role (not so new now) I hope you are as proud of yourself as I am of you. Liam I truly have not got the words to express how grateful I am for you always being by my side.

Mr Ian Kelly, I would not be in this position without you dragging me kicking and screaming into elections on two occasions. Ian, you are a lifelong friend and confidant, and I will miss you incredibly as I move onto my biggest journey yet as president of TU Dublin Students' Union. I cannot wait to see all the great things you will achieve. I adore you so much Ian you are truly one of a kind.

To the CVPs my three children that I adore so much. Thank you for always bringing vibrancy and joy to every task we undertook as a team. I truly don't know what we would have done as a team without you all keeping your respective campuses running to the best of your ability. I wish you all the best in your future encounters.

To Brian Jordan, the big boss man thank you for being a fair and reasonable leader. We may have had our disagreements, but I have to say I could not have imagined doing this year with anyone else as my line manager. Brian I truly hope wherever you go next fills you with so much joy and you get to leave the weight of being president behind with me confident it's in good hands. I look forward to learning from you more closely in our crossover.

Finally, to the rest of the team and all the staff I have not mentioned thank you for being the best organization I have ever worked for. I am so grateful and honored I get to spend another year here and to those who are on to their next adventure, I wish you every possible success and happiness.

Now onto the work I have done this year....

Academic Calendar



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After lots of back and forth with the university, they have prepared a five-year plan on what the academic calendar will look like from the year 25/26. The TUI has agreed with us at last that having exams before Christmas break is a favourable idea and has been very open in talks about having repeat exams around June time to not impact the contracts of staff but still stop students sitting in classrooms unsure if they have progressed into the next year. All at the academic council agreed with myself and the team that this is not how a university should be doing things so I'm hopeful we will see improvements to the calendar structure very soon.

Student Charter

This has finally been approved to go to the last academic council of the year and I believe it will be passed without much pushback. This is great that TU Dublin Students will finally have a place to have in accessible language what the level of service they should be receiving. This was a lot of hard work that I could not have done without Brian, Mary, and Liam. So, thank you all so much for your work on this.

USI Congress

I recently attended my first congress in person(yay) It was great to debate and discuss a wide variety of issues on a national level with delegates from across the island. I truly was blown away by our delegates from TUDSU who showed up every morning with fabulous contributions and positive attitudes. I truly have big dreams and hope for the student movement with students like this to leave it to. I hope the next year with Usi now that we have decided to remain is one full of partnership and meaningful national actions.



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| Meetings Attended (and Number) <i>Tinrimh Choistí agus Cruinnithe (agus Líon)</i> | Events/Activities Attended <i>Tinrimh Imeachtaí / Gníomhaíochtaí</i> |
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| TU Dublin SU AGMx1 FARCx1 WEMx3 Academic Councilx1 SECx1 Meet with USIx1 Comms working groupx1. X1ARPOC | IFP presentation RAG Week USI Congress Daffodil Day Blessing of the Shamrocks |
| Gifts Received <i>Bronntanais a Fuarthas</i> | Personal Expenses <i>Costaisí phearsanta</i> |



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Additional notes
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