

16.01.24 Weekly Sub Committee Memos

Week:

Academic Affairs

Item / Action / task	Description	Noting / Discussion / Approval
Class Rep Stats	AST-77% Blanch 92% BST-83% CQ-70% EQ-61% Tallaght-54%	Noting
Student Charter	Draft is ready to be submitted to student experience committee	Noting
Exams 101 Campaign	Campaign has come to a close thank you to all staff and officers for their help	Noting
Academic Calander	VP AA and GM drafted feedback for president to send to university registrar	Noting
Upcoming Referenda	Discussion on upcoming referenda	Discussion

Campaigns

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Academic Affairs	The AA team have come back and confirmed all of their dates now for semester 2	Noting
Culture Week	Promotion has begun via social media and officers have been assigned to put up posters on campus	Noting
Elections	Initial discussions have taken place in terms of content for promotion	Noting
Comms forms	Comms forms must take breaks (eg Christmas) into account and schedules must be adjust accordingly	Noting
RAG Week	Rescheduled shave or dye and sleepout will take place during this week	Noting

Campus & Facilities

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Blanchardstown: Lifts	Blanchardstown CVP followed up with Electrical Services Lead	Noting
Green Campus Meeting	All CVPs and Sustainability PTO attended the meeting to discuss bins on all campuses. Blanchardstown CVP highlighted issues with shuttle bus (Blanch) and parking (General)	Noting

Centralised Timetables Working Group	Blanchardstown and Tallaght CVPs attended	Noting
Furniture in Common Rooms	Blanchardstown CVP linked with Head of Sustainability regarding the installation timeline. Vaping posters printed and distributed	Noting
City: Gender Neutral signage	Created a document regarding the college wide gender neutral signage and what the SU are looking for	Noting
City: Disabled bathroom issues	Brought some of the issues in the disabled toilets to the BST S,H&W meeting to be fixed	Noting
City:Water Fountains	Brought forward the issues with the water fountains to S,H&W	Noting
City: Bike Locations BST	Got some clarity on the new bike locations and recorded a video for social media	Noting
Canteens	All CVPs had a meeting to discuss canteens and have reached out to other Students' Unions for collaboration	Noting

Communications and Media

Item / Action / task	Description	Noting / Discussion / Approval
Student Media Outlet	Meeting arranged with President to review plan of	Noting

	work with view to presenting to exec shortly afterwards	
	Meeting with KH Uni to discuss the structure of outlet and introductions to others in uni who can offer advice on where to source support on project. Follow up meeting with colleagues in media school scheduled for this week.	Noting
Electoral Commission Campaign	SU to collaborate with university and electoral commission for launch of info campaign re upcoming referenda.	Noting
Supporting Officers with Comms needs	Recorded, edited and posted videos from officers promoting upcoming campaigns. Supported with comms plan for academic campaign	Noting
Phd orientation talk	Delivered in AST with Nekesa	Noting
Upcoming Referenda Information gathering	Meeting with Shauna and LB from coalition group to discuss upcoming referenda and potential barriers.	Noting

Events and Engagement

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RAG Week	Working on finalising the week. Just waiting on a couple of activations to confirm exact dates. Red bull, fit foods etc.	Noting

National and USI Affairs

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National Council	25-26 th January Magee Derry. Agenda items to be sent to relevant work areas, and officer reports ready to view by close of business Friday 19 th Jan	Noting
SIPTU Training	Reflection of training, waiting on slides to share with team. Nekesa and Louise attended. Main takeaways around building successful campaigns along with negotiation skills. SIPTU and USI arrangement that all MO's can seek advice if encountering workplace difficulties.	Noting
Power of Disability	Conference USI X Ahead 7-8 th February Two-day online event will include discussions, presentations and feedback	Noting

	sessions encouraging students with disabilities to be leaders on their own campuses and will build practical skills on self-advocacy and constructive advocacy.	
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President

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Welfare & Equality

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Outhouse / TUDSU Partnership	Working with Outhouse Library on a campaign to help our student know and access Ireland's largest dedicated LGBTQ+ library. This will help students interested in the subject access information on LGBTQ+ history and culture among other topics ranging from gender studies to the visual arts.	Noting

Training	Attended an internal executive training facilitated by an external trainer on building resilience	Noting
Training	Attended a SIPTU training on Negotiation, Lobbying, Organization & Campaigning. How to deal with student issues surrounding student workers' rights will also be involved.	Noting
Orientation	Delivered for SU orientation for Postgraduate Researchers	Noting
Culture Week	Recorded a video to promote the event on our various social media handles	Noting
Body Acceptance	Blanchardstown CVP attended meeting with Counsellor to discuss dates and availability for Body Acceptance Group	Noting

Executive Meeting Minutes

16th January 2024

Time: 4pm

Via: Teams

Present:

Brian Jordan	President (Chair)
Louise Kavanagh	Deputy President & Vice President for Communications & Media
Shauna O Toole	Vice President for Academic Affairs
Peter McCann	City Campus Vice President
Sheran Bahadir	Tallaght Campus Vice President
Jeremy Lawler	Blanchardstown Campus Vice President
Nekesa Khisa Nancy	Vice President for Welfare & Equality
Ian Kelly	Vice President for Events & Engagement

In attendance: Caoimhín Kelly (Clerk)

Note	Action Point
<u>Academic Affairs</u>	
Class Rep Statistics AST-77% Blanch 92% BST-83% CQ-70% EQ-61% Tallaght-54%	
Student Charter Draft Charter is completed and is ready to be submitted.	
Exams Campaign The Exams Campaign has been completed and gave thanks to Executive. The VP for Academic Affairs will be doing feedback and evaluation	

<p>with the Academic Affairs and Representation Lead.</p> <p>Upcoming Referenda</p> <p>Women in the home provision seems to be fine, the family provision and definition of care and family is contentious noted the VP for Academic Affairs.</p> <p>It will be difficult to campaign one amendment of the referendum over another (i.e the woman's place in the home provision vs. the definition of family provision) due to the fact both are being voted on on the same day. The VP for Comms and Media shared that stakeholders have contacted the Minister Roderic O'Gorman re amending some of the proposed amendments.</p> <p>A working group may be established to formulate the Executive's stance on the upcoming referenda.</p>	
<p><u>Campaigns</u></p> <p><u>Comms Forms</u></p> <p>It was noted that absences and normal breaks throughout the year incur in relation to the time efficiency with Comms Forms. This has been noted to the Executive to solidify this understanding.</p>	
<p><u>Campus and Facilities</u></p> <p>Blanch All CVPs had a meeting to discuss canteens and have reached out to other Students' Unions for collaboration. The CVP's deliberated many</p>	<p>Jeremy to contact Jason to enquire as to whether TUDSU is still on TUD Supplier's List.</p>

alternative suppliers in the Dublin Region and will be progressing this matter further.

It was noted Trinity is supplied by Aramark and communication with take place with TCDSU on this supplier.

City

The bike shed location has been moved to beside the car park in Bolton Street. Peter has made a video for the social media outlets outlining directions and it will go live today.

Gender Neutral Signage: a report was conducted by the CVP under the commission of the President on the inappropriate signage and the appropriate gender signage on TU bathrooms. Examples of inappropriate include 'half-and-half male and female' stick people.

Tallaght, in particular, has a mixture of both, and the President Brian added issue to EDI agenda.

Tallaght

Bike Rack outside

The VP for Tallaght has contacted John Heaney about inserting plug sockets in the lecture halls and examination halls.

All

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<p><u>Comms and Media</u></p> <p>Student Media Outlet</p> <p>The VP for Comms and Media has arranged a Meeting with the President to review a plan of work for the outlet going forward with the view of presenting progress to the Executive shortly afterwards.</p> <p>The VP for Comms and Media is meeting with KH University to discuss the structure of outlet and introductions to others in the University who can offer advice on where to source support on project.</p> <p>There has been a follow up meeting with colleagues in media school scheduled for this week.</p> <p>Electoral Commission of Ireland collaboration</p> <p>The SU has partnered up with the University and the Electoral Commission to launch the March 8th Referendum on the Grangegorman Campus.</p> <p>Upcoming Referenda</p> <p>The VP is meeting with the VP for AA and LB from the Coalition Group to discuss the upcoming referenda and the potential barriers involved.</p>	
<p><u>Events and Engagement</u></p> <p>Taken as read.</p>	
<p><u>National and USI Affairs</u></p>	

<p>National Council</p> <p>The USI National Council will run from the 25-26th of January in Magee Derry. Agenda items are to be sent to relevant work areas, and officer reports ready to view by close of business Friday 19th January.</p>	
<p><u>President</u></p> <p>Taken as read.</p>	
<p><u>Welfare and Equality</u></p> <p>Taken as read.</p>	