

Weekly Sub Committee Memos

Week: 1.2.2024

Academic Affairs

Item / Action / task	Description	Noting / Discussion / Approval
Class Rep Stats	AST-69% BST-83% CQ-72% EQ-57% Blanch- 92% Tallaght- 57%	Noting
Campaign Planning	VP AA has been planning upcoming campaigns with AA and Representation Lead	Noting
Motion on upcoming referenda	VP AA worked with VP Comms& Media on motion for upcoming council	Discussion
AQAEC	Academic Affairs VP and Blanchardstown Campus VP attended AQAEC	Noting

Events and Campaigns

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n/a	ECWG was moved to Wednesday to facilitate student council recruitment	Noting
RAG	Rag week comms for was submitted.	Noting

Campus & Facilities

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Blanchardstown: Accessibility	Lifts are now open access across the Blanchardstown Campus (C,D,E,F Blocks)	Noting

Green Campus	Blanchardstown, City and Tallaght CVPs attended	Noting
EUT+	Tallaght CVP attended EUT+ in Troyes, Full Report Provided, Update sent to Council	Noting
City: PPP+SU	SU President and I met with the new PPP manager to talk about noticeboards, seating, vaping and overall issues in GG.	Noting
City: Student Gym Usage	SU President and CVP City met with sports to get free gym hours on three campuses	Noting
City: Culture week	Supported Welfare in culture week with live music performance	Noting
City: BST Repair	Document was sent to our repair person to fix up a lot of the damage and peeling paint around BST	Noting
City: Water Fountain Repair	Sent an email for the repair of the newly damaged water fountains in BST not to be confused with the old broken ones	Noting
Blanchardstown: Common Room	Blanchardstown CVP met with the Operations, Health and Safety Lead to ensure CCTV Screen is on and visible	Noting
Litter Picking	Blanchardstown, City and Tallaght CVPs attended meeting to discuss feasibility of litter picking across TU Dublin	Noting
Blanchardstown Facilities	Blanchardstown CVP met with member of EDI to discuss facilities	Noting
Blanchardstown: Culture Week	Support the Welfare and Equality Campaign through events	Noting
Blanchardstown: Furniture	New furniture coming to Common Room, Sensory Space and F Block	Noting

Communications and Media

Item / Action / task	Description	Noting / Discussion / Approval
Student Media Outlet Updates	Meeting with stakeholders to discuss work to date	Noting
Student Council	Supporting representation team electing Student Council Members	Noting
Governing Body Strategy Day	Half day event representing students in Governing Body	Noting
Filming/comms work	Supporting welfare event Queer Careers	Noting

Events and Engagement

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RAG Week		

Welfare & Equality

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Pride Week	This is ongoing. Not much uptake though.	Noting
Motions	Motion on Anti-racism sensitization has been finished and ready from submission	Noting
SHAG Week	Prizes were sourced and delivered.	Noting
Student Sex worker support	Attended a meeting at the NCW on support for students in sex work organized by USI This will be a one-day event purely online for March 25, subject to approval	Noting
Draft W&E Working Group	This has been finished and submitted to the W&E Lead for feedback	Noting
Postgraduate research students	Two rooms have been identified on BST for potential use as a lounge for PhD students and the Research & Innovation VP has been roped in to facilitate conversation with the University for possible uptake	Noting

National and USI Affairs

Item / Action / task	Description	Noting / Discussion / Approval
Power of Disability	7-8 th February Online Collaboration with Ahead and USI. Graphics shared on socials.	Noting
Empower	16 th to 17 th Feb Queens Belfast, Promotion on socials	Noting
Next National Council	22/23 February in SETU Carlow.	Noting

USI Officer Nominations Open	Any member of USI can be nominated for an officer role in USI. 2 mo president nomination required. Nominations must be submitted to elections@usi.ie by 4pm on Monday 19th February 2024.	Noting
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President

Item / Action / task	Description	Noting / Discussion / Approval
USI Affiliation Referendum	Discussion & approval required for POA	Discussion + Approval
Plebiscite	Discussion required to decide if stance required	Discussion
Council Nominations / Update	All nominations successfully achieved; next steps include ensuring attendance at CRM's to proceed with elections	Noting
USI Trans Healthcare Motion	Discussion on POA required based on last week's NC	Discussion
Schedule I Amendment	Minor Schedule Amendment to align with Board Constitution	Noting
BDS Mandate	BDS list going live next week, followed by further actions (including demanding University adopt BDS + formal stance)	Noting
HEA Meeting	Meeting to occur between SU + HEA regarding Student Charge Review	Noting
Common Room Furniture (GG)	Nearing Completion	Noting
USI Constitutional Review	Create WG to review + provide feedback	Discussion + Approval

Executive Meeting Minutes

1st February 2024

Time: 4pm

Via: Teams

Present:

Brian Jordan	President (Chair)
Louise Kavanagh	Deputy President & Vice President for Communications & Media
Sauna 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)

Action	Note
<u>Matters Arising 23/1/2024</u>	N/A
Academic Affairs	

The VP for AA proposed and presented their motion on supporting the YES YES Campaign for the upcoming referenda on family and care on March 8th, 2024.

Events and Campaigns

Taken as read.

Campus and Facilities

Blanchardstown

Open Access Elevators have been activated in Blanchardstown. This development has now allowed free access to all to the elevators in the Campus.

City

An agreement has been struck with the Gym Facilitators in the free gym times for students. Now, students can access a free hour of the gym per day, everyday on every campus. This amounts to potentially 15 hours of free gym time per week for students.

The newly repaired water fountains in Bolton Street have broken again with the previously broken ones still out of function.

Tallaght

The City VP for Tallaght spoke to students on campus about misogyny on Campus, following up on the discussion item from the December Council.

<p>The VP further attended the EuT+ Conference in France and has submitted a report to Council corresponding the conference's material.</p>	
<p><u>Communications and Media</u></p> <p>Taken as read.</p>	
<p><u>Events and Engagement</u></p> <p>Taken as read.</p>	
<p><u>Welfare and Equality</u></p> <p>Taken as read.</p>	
<p><u>National and USI Affairs</u></p> <p>The Executive is to discuss a stance on the upcoming USI affiliation referendum. The stance will be decided by secret ballot and collective responsibility will be activated for the Executive on maintaining the majority-decided stance.</p>	
<p><u>The President</u></p> <p>USI Affiliation Referendum</p> <p>The Executive discussed their positions on the upcoming affiliation referendum taking place in March which will ask the Student Body whether they want the SU to remain in USI or to leave USI.</p> <p>The VP for Communications and Media commenced discussion noting their reluctance to create a "Leave" stance. Asking where TUD SU can do better without USI, the VP recommended exhausting all options before deciding to leave USI.</p>	

The VP for Academic Affairs insisted that the SU must reevaluate membership due to the in-praxis service USI actually gives.

The VP for Welfare and Equality noted that outside of USI, TUD SU will not be capable of holding the national-level Union to account and that TUD SU representation is necessary to maintaining such an order. Noting succeeding Executives, the VP believes in giving future Executive's the opportunity to hold USI accountable on a national level.

The City VP for Tallaght noted TUD SU's large membership, amounting to nearly 30,000 students, believing that the student body is large enough for TUD SU to stand-alone, like UCD and UL do, outside of USI.

The President noted all above-concerns and commented on the organisational structure of USI. The President believes UCD receive more media attention due to their position outside of USI and if TUD SU follow suit, this would be effective and beneficial for TUD SU's media exposure.

TUD SU spend 140,000 euro per annum on USI membership with limited actions being taken on the national level.

The President believes this Referendum gives the Student Body the opportunity to acknowledge and recognise what USI actually is, and also gives USI the opportunity to display their Union to TUD students.

The VP for Events and Engagement sourced the argument that USI on a national level have limited powers and the President seconded that the student representation is ineffective.

The Executive voted by majority by Secret Ballot that the stance of the TUD SU is to Leave the USI.