Shauna O' Toole for President

Student Accommodation

It is no secret that student accommodation is completely unaffordable and companies like Yugo are trying to milk students and put them in contracts that put them under huge financial burdens. I want to add to the work done by the current president and ensure companies like these are aware that our union won't stand for our students to be taken to the bank by these leaches. The housing crisis has allowed these companies to take advantage I say no more no to 51-week contracts, no to extortionate prices, no top treating students as cash cows.

Academic Calendar

In my role as Academic Affairs, I have been working tirelessly with the president to improve the academic calendar for our student population. One of the changes proposed is to hold our examinations before Christmas break. This means you can enjoy Christmas with your families and not spend your time off studying. We are also one of the only universities that don't do this a present. The second change proposed is to hold the supplemental exams at an earlier date. It is complexly ridiculous that at present students are waiting in their classes when they return in September unsure if they have even progressed into the next year of study. I find this a huge failure and I will work to ensure these changes happen.

University accountability

We have seen in the newspapers that TU Dublin is completely unable to organize their finances. This means we need a strong SU President to ensure the senior staff in the university are held to account at all levels and that they are not only providing adequate facilities to you but are not squandering the money that you pay to receive a quality education. I believe the current president has started the motions on this but I am certain I can take it up a notch and put fear into the president of then university again when it comes to the Student Movement.

Direct Actions

I have been involved with direct actions since I was a young teen. As a young working-class woman, I am very well used to shouting to be heard. I want us as a Union to be more radical. Holding more sit-ins demands more from not only the university but also from the government. Young people are being failed left and right in this country. Many of our friends have left or are planning to. Allow me to lead you in taking direct action to make those who run both the university and the country scared of young people so that they will no longer be mistreated.

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