



Manifesto for VP for Welfare & Equality

Please read and follow the following **guidelines** cautiously.

1. Answer each question with a maximum of 150 words per question.
2. Don't delete any question.
3. Feel free to include colours, graphics, images, links, etc.
4. Submit completed form in both Word and PDF format to elections@tudublinsu.ie before Nominations close.

1. Please introduce yourself. What would you like students to know about you?

My name is Immanuella Oba, I am a 24-year old final-year law student at the Technological University Dublin. I am also currently the Access Part-Time Officer for the TU Dublin for the rest of the academic year. In addition to that, I am a Student Leader for first-year access students and the FLAC society's Chairperson within my academic institution.

I have occupied committee seats within the law and debate societies in my junior academic years such as, Treasurer for the Tu Dublin's law society as well as the Health Officer for the debate society.

2. How would you ensure that the student voice is heard? What does it mean to you?

The student's ability to be heard is crucial to me personally as I have first-hand experience as a student in TU Dublin, not just a student but one who comes from an underrepresented background e.g. being black and from a low-income household. My main strategy which will be used to achieve this will be by conducting in-person visits to the various campuses as well conducting events which encourage feedback from the students themselves that can be used to build more effective ways to combat the specific and general issues.



3. What do you think is the largest issue in regard to Student Welfare in TU Dublin?

I think the biggest issue is the lack of affordability of basic but essential items for students. There is an active living crisis in the country which is heavily impacting student's ability to effectively go through the educational journey. Students cannot be expected to perform well in such a high-demanding degree if they cannot reach their classes due to expensive transportation or high cost in rent.

4. How do you intend to balance the policy and advocacy portion of the role, with the practicalities of planning campaigns?

Due to my advanced knowledge which has been garnered through the course I study (law), I understand the importance of organised campaigns which follow the relevant legal measures. I will therefore only conduct campaigns which involve a clear policy objective. Any campaign I am involved with will align with the appropriate current political objective. Each campaign will only be organised through extensive research of what is permitted and beneficial for all parties.

5. What will be your main focus when delivering the SHAG campaign?

My focus will be on consent for and from all genders. However, I will conduct it in a way that is engaging as I believe the best way to effectively render sexual awareness is by considering experiences from the students themselves as there can be topics that have not been discussed before (or at least not regularly). These campaigns will also promote the destigmatisation of STI's and current medical care available for said STI. These campaigns will involve intense research as I am aware of how sensitive such topics are.



6. What advocacy work areas would you like to prioritise during your time in the role of VP for Welfare and Equality?

I would like to lay priority to areas involving immigrant students and/or students from diverse backgrounds who face discrimination/racism on and off campus.

This will be of priority due to the current rise in anti-immigration culture that has recently developed in Ireland. In addition to this, I will be prioritising LGBTQ+ rights as it is always under attack by societal and political communities. Every student, no matter where they from or who they are should feel safe and heard.

7. What would you like your legacy to be as VP for Welfare & Equality?

I would like my legacy to be a woman who served through example and kindness. I understand that being in a leadership position requires me to serve, not rule. I am always aware that at the end of the day I am a black woman who has experienced the trials and tribulations of being a university student, I want that to be emulated in my work as vp. I want my legacy to be a Vice-President who was relatable to the students, a woman who at the very least tried her best through her professional ability to achieve all goals set, and lastly, to be a woman who pushed representation.

8. Is there anything that you would like to add?

I am confident that I am the right person for this role, as I am not only out-spoken, well-spoken, passionate, and relatable, I am also innovative. I love looking for new ways to achieve things especially if I believe the former ways do not work. One of the ways I have been innovative and creative is by creating and releasing a magazine which promotes black people, and their culture. I will use this skill to the benefit of third-level students as I will also look to find new ways to combat issues students face in TUD.